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THE CROSS

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"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."—Gal. 6:14.

The death of the cross has always been, in contrast to all other deaths, the death of shame. Governments of the world have used various forms of execution. They have used the ax, hanging, fire, sword, drowning, electric chair, gas and others, but the cross has always stood above all others as being the most shameful kind of death.

The victim being crucified, was nailed to the rough wood of the cross. This, of course, resulted in deep agony from the nails and rough wood. The cross with its victim was then lifted from the ground and the cross placed, perhaps dropped, into the hole that had been dug for it. The crowd watched as the naked and torn body of the culprit was displayed

before them. It was possible for the victim to hang on the cross for as many as three days before he died from total exhaustion. There was no vital organ of the body effected by the nails, therefore, death was very slow in coming. The person hanging on the cross was held there by nails in his hands and feet and we can be sure that the pull of the nails was very painful. The victim, no doubt, would try to shift the weight of his body from one foot to the other and from one hand to the other in an effort to relieve the pain and discomfort, but there was no escape for him. You will recall that they broke the legs (pulverized their legs) of the two men who died beside our Lord. This caused the weight of their bodies to be held up only by their hands, causing great pressure on the chest and lungs so that they died quickly. We can be sure that flies, ants and other things (cold and heat) added untold misery to the victim.

The victim who was nailed to the cross was shown no pity. All

were to mock him and add as much misery as possible to his already miserable body. He was to be considered as the scum of the earth and not worthy to live as a member of earth's society. Thus the depth of the curse and not the blessing was always connected to the cross.

One may wonder why God the Father chose such a shameful death for His beloved Son. Why not the ax or the sword, or why not drown Him? Why a place of shame? Why a place lower than all others? The answer to this mystery can only be found by looking at ourselves, in view of



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Exposure Of The Religion Of The Fanatical Holiness Nuts

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The cause of Christ is not forwarded by the useless risk of life, or by a disgusting and repellent fondling of snakes. To the contrary, people are disgusted and are caused to back off from religion. The general public looks on and says, "These people are crazy, fanatical nuts!"

We once published a tract against the vagaries of the holi-



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we will concede that you win. If, however, you fall to the floor and expire, it will be evident that you have lost the debate."

That was like casting a bucket of cold water on the holiness brother. He cooled down immediately, and said that after all he didn't think that we had better have the debate. It was evident that what he held to in theory, he was not willing to put to the test in fact.

All faith exhibitions, engaged in just to show what WE can do, are not in accord with the example of Jesus. He had the power to perform miracles, but He would not perform a miracle to merely show off, or to please the devil. A lot of the so-called faith healers of today are exhibitionists. They get notoriety out of it. They make their names known, and incidentally they line their pockets with some much coveted cash. We think of one prominent healer who had an article in his magazine on, "I Touch Neither the Gold Nor the Glory." That same issue of the magazine had six different pictures of him, and it is known that he rakes in thousands of dollars.

the fact that He died the death that we should have died. He became our substitute. He went into the pit where I should have been cast. He burned in the furnace that I should have burned in; yea, He suffered my eternal hell. My reply is, thanks, thanks and thanks again.

The cross had always been referred to in the lowest terms. It was the worst place that men could consign their victim. Men spit when they thought and talked about the cross; however, the Apostle Paul went squarely against the thinking of his day. He did not look at the cross as other men did. He, in fact, said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." — Galatians 6:14. We can be sure that this statement by the Apostle Paul caused many eyebrows to be raised. His statement, as far as society was concerned, would be similar to a person saying the same regarding the electric chair, or any other form of execution.

We, today, even sing about the old rugged cross. The "cross of Christ," in fact, has become a mighty power in the earth. The

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A Message On Fruit, More Fruit, Much Fruit, No Fruit

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In John, chapter 15, verses 1 to 8, is the great discourse by Christ on the subject of fruit-bearing. It was spoken while He and the eleven were going from the paschal supper to the Mount of Olives. The eleven had just finished the Lord's Supper. This involved their drinking the fruit of the vine — wine. Christ seized upon this similitude to set forth a great spiritual truth. He used this familiar figure to show the disciples the need of fellowship with Him, the oneness between His people and Himself, and that He is the source of all the spiritual life of His people.

The Vine

The land of Palestine abounds in vineyards. Christ therefore used this figure to picture Himself. He declared: "I am the vine." He is the real and genuine vine, one which will not deceive (II Kings 4:39). He truly gives what is emblematically represented by a vine. A vine yields proper juice and nourishment to all of the branches, whether large or small. The nourishment of each branch comes only from the vine. Even so Jesus Christ is the real source of strength to His people. He imparts to them grace to bear the fruit of holiness.

Christ is like a vine in some other ways. A vine is planted. It is not a spontaneous product. This is true of Christ and His earthly life. I John 4:14 reads: "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." A vine

looks unpromising outside. Christ had no form nor comeliness (Isa. 53:2). It is a spreading plant. Even so the news of Christ's salvation is spread to the ends of the earth. The fruit of the vine cheers man (Judges 9:13), so does the fruit of Christ's mediation for the saints in Heaven.

Christ was typified by Judah's vine which enriched him with the



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blood of grapes in Genesis 49:11. Joseph's vine which ran over the wall in Genesis 49:22 was a figure of "the true vine." Christ was pictured as a vine under which Israel dwelt safely in I Kings 4:25.

The Husbandman

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Three Good Reasons Why Baptists Are Not Protestants

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In our country, people are put in one of three religious groups. If you are not a Jew or a Roman Catholic, then automatically you are a Protestant. Consequently, Baptists are usually called "Protestants." However, this does not match the facts. Baptists never have been Protestants.

The Protestant Reformation is usually dated from October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. However, this was only one of a series of acts that led to the open rupture with Rome.

An event of utmost importance but often unnoticed is the Second Diet (or Council) of Speier, April 25, 1529. This was a Roman Catholic Council for the purpose of taking action against the Turks and checking the progress of Lutherans and others who were not cooperating with the Pope. Certain Lutheran princes appeared before this Roman Catholic Diet

with a formal written protest against those matters in which the Diet went contrary to the Word of God as they understood it. This protest was signed by Elector John of Saxony, Margrave George of Brandenburg, Dukes Ernest and Francis of Braunschweig-Luneburg, Landgrave Philip of Hesse, Prince Wolfgang of Anhalt and the representatives of fourteen imperial cities. The protest was designed



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to protect them from the decisions of this Council. It was a defensive measure. The celebrated church historian, Philip Schaff, makes the noteworthy statement "From this protest and appeal, the Lutherans were called Protestants." (History of the Christian Church, Volume VII, p. 692). The same facts are stated in the Catholic Encyclopedia (Volume XII p. 495).

These Lutheran leaders, and a few reformed, who made this appeal and protest at the famous Diet of Speier were speaking for themselves and not for Baptists, of whom they themselves said in their written statement "All Ana-

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE FOUR WOMEN OF REVELATION"

ness movement. A holiness preacher came to see us about it, and challenged us to a public debate. He wanted to take the position that Mark 16:18 is God's order for this age. He wanted to affirm and seek to prove publicly that real Christians can handle snakes and drink poison without hurt or harm. Our reply was this: "Certainly we will debate you on this question, but it is only fair to you to tell you how we will proceed. We will bring a bottle of strychnine to the platform and challenge you to drink it down. If it doesn't harm you, it will be evident that you are right, and

I remember several years ago of reading a book entitled, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." The writer took the sixth chapter of the book of Revelation and gave a discussion of the four horses — the white horse, the red horse, the black horse, and the pale horse. If I am not badly mistaken, about that time I think there was a movie entitled "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." I am not talking about those horsemen, but I am talking to you about the four

women of the Apocalypse. I sincerely trust that what I have to say about these four women will be a blessing to each of you.

JEZEBEL.

The first of these women is the woman Jezebel. We read:

"And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass:

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman JEZEBEL, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

But unto you I say, and unto the

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rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. — Rev. 2:18-25.

In this passage of Scripture we find that the Lord Jesus Christ REVEALS Himself to this church at Thyatira in an unusual way. He says that He has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like fine brass. In other words, He reveals Himself as having X-ray vision, and as having feet like brass to trample out that which He finds is wrong.

Every time I read this passage of Scripture I am impressed by the fact that we serve the same God — the same Christ, today. He has X-ray vision today. He can look upon us. He can look through us. He can see what is in everyone of us — the good, the bad, the evil, the indifference. He can see it all. He has feet like brass to stomp, or to trample underfoot, that which He finds wrong.

It is interesting also to notice how He COMMENDS this church. There are several things He commends them for — their works, their love, their service, their faith, their patience and their works. He says their last works were more than the first. He started out with commending their works and He ends up by commending their works. He says, "Your last works are more than your first works."

That surely couldn't be said of very many Baptist churches today, because the last works of the majority of Baptist churches don't begin to compare with their first works. Certainly neither the first works, nor the last works, are what they ought to be. But in this church, He commends them for these various things, es-

pecially for their last works, which He said was more than their first.

While He commended them for what He found was good about them, He also CONDEMNED them. He condemned them particularly for one woman by the name of Jezebel. I rather imagine that was not her name. I suspect that the name that was used here was a figure, or was used as a parable.

Jezebel, in the Old Testament, was a bad woman. She hated the prophets of God and she loved her idols. She had 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Ash-toreth, which is the female goddess to correspond with Baal. Actually, she had 850 false preachers. I rather imagine in view of the fact that we read of the much evil of Jezebel in the Old Testament, that that is the reason why He calls this woman Jezebel in this particular passage.

What was wrong with this church especially was this woman Jezebel was leader of the church, and she was running the church. She was teaching in the church. She was a prophetess, so the Word of God says, and she was teaching and seducing by her teaching. What is wrong with the church? Just one thing: it was run by a woman.

Our Lord had already given to us a woman's place in the church. He had already given us everything so far as a woman's place in the church is concerned, to reveal to us that it is not one of taking an active forefront — not one of teaching; not one of preaching; not one of praying. This woman was out of her place and was teaching and seducing "my servants."

The thing that was wrong with this church was it was run by a woman, and He refers to this as "the depths of Satan." In other words, He says concerning this church of Thyatira that if a church is run by the women, that the church has sunk so low that she has sunk to the depths of Satan.

A lot of people say that it is a small thing for a woman to speak out, or to pray, or to preach; that it is a small thing for a woman to take an active forefront or position in the church. I don't know how many people have written me and said, "Brother Gilpin, I think it is right, the position that you take on women being silent in the church, but I certainly don't agree with you in that you think it is a terrible sin."

Beloved, I say this, that it is a terrible sin from the standpoint that it says here that the persons of this church have sunk to the very depths of Satan.

This woman, Jezebel, who was a real woman in this church of Thyatira, but probably by a different name — I like to think that she represents the corrupt doctrine that came into the church.

When our Lord established His church, that church was made up of good men, and the number of them increased so that in a little over three years, at the time of

Jesus' death, there were around 120 names of those who were affiliated with this church that Jesus had established. I am satisfied at that time, that that church was not a corrupt church—that there was no doctrine in it that was false. I am satisfied that that church was a pure church from the standpoint of the truth.

I think this passage of Scripture that tells us about Jezebel is a warning to us, and has been given to us to tell us that there is going to be corruption that will continue until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Listen:

"Another parable spake he unto them: The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."—Mt. 13:33.

I think the woman here represents the false teachers and preachers in this world. It says that she hid the leaven. She did not outwardly put in the leaven, but she hid subtly. In a scheming manner, she hid the leaven in the measures of meal until the whole was leavened.

I am satisfied that false preachers are hiding their false doctrines, their falsehoods, and their false teachings in the true Gospel, which is the meal, and everything so far as the doctrines of God are concerned will be corrupted. I believe when the Lord Jesus Christ comes and catches away His saints from this world

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and there is nothing left but the unsaved of this world, there will be plenty of unsaved preachers and unsaved church members who will carry on just the same as they have. I believe it is then that this passage will be completely fulfilled and that in that day the whole will be corrupted.

I don't expect it to be completely corrupted here in this life. Until Jesus comes back to take His saints out of this world, there are always going to be some few who are going to stand for the Word of God, all over the world. Jesus said:

"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mt. 16:18.

We have His promise that the church is not going to become fully corrupted until the Lord Jesus Christ catches away His own unto Himself. Then this passage will be completely fulfilled, for it says that the whole is going to be leavened. There is a day coming that the leavening process is going to be complete and everybody in this world — all the churches and all the preachers in the world are going to be completely given over to false doctrine and false teachings.

I think that is the teaching of this passage here in Revelation.

I think it is a prophecy to us. It represents the corrupt doctrine that came into the church, and it tells us that it is going to continue until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

When the Apostle Paul was visiting with the elders at Mile-tus, he gave them a similar warning. He said:

"For I know this, that after my

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The Rope Holders

Down beneath the mighty ocean
Divers plunge for treasures rare.
But men hold the ropes above them
So they breathe the upper air.
Seeking pearls of richest value,
Braver hearts have dared to go.
But our hands must every moment
Hold the ropes that reach below.

So, amid the heathen darkness
There are heroes true and brave
Shrinking not from death and danger,
Bearing all to help and save.
But they cry, "Oh, do not leave us
'Mid these dreadful depths to drown.
Let us feel your prayers around us;
Hold the ropes while we go down."

—Anonymous

departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."—Acts 20:29,30.

Paul warned them that there was going to be a time when there were going to be false preachers that would rise up and lead the church into heresy and into error.

Paul gave another warning, for we read:

"Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first."—II Thess. 2:3.

This is talking about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. He says that the day of Christ is at hand, but don't be deceived; the day of Christ is not going to come, except there be a falling away first. There will be no world-wide revival, no world-wide awakening and turning back to God, but rather, things will be just the opposite. There will be a falling away until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This first woman in Revelation, Jezebel, is a pretentious woman. She pretends to be a prophetess and she is a teacher. She is running the church and she has led that church to the place that John refers to it as "the depths of Satan."

I say to you, this first woman tells us about the corruption that is going to be in our churches. I don't expect our churches to be pure. I expect corruption and more corruption. I expect filth and more filth. I expect false teaching and more false teaching to go on and continue right down to the time when Jesus comes again.

That ought to be a warning to us to stand firm. That ought to be an encouragement to us that we should look about and see

everyone we can find who does stand for the truth and try to affiliate and have fellowship with such individuals as we look forward to the time when Jesus is coming. At that time, He will take away the saints out of this world and we will be rid of this corruption, but until that day, we can expect corruption. We can expect corrupt doctrine. We can expect false teachings. We can expect heresies of all kinds to abound.

Of recent date, I read how a prominent individual said that whatever a man thinks in his mind, that is his God. I ask you, can it be possible that God can be equal to whatever a man has in his mind about God? Is it possible that we have come to the place that teachers are saying that whatever a man thinks about God, that is his God?

No, no, beloved. This Bible is a revelation from God, and this Bible is God Almighty's Book. What this Bible teaches is the God that you and I need to worship and preach today.

I say then that this woman in the second chapter of Revelation represents the false teachings that we can expect to find that are going to exist and continue and grow and increase until Jesus comes again.

II

THE WOMAN WITH THE MAN CHILD.

We read:

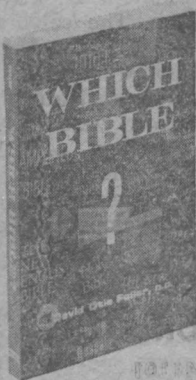
"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered."

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."—Rev. 12: 1-6.

Who is this second woman in the book of Revelation? I look upon her as being a picture of Israel — the nation of Israel itself. Of course it does not represent Israel in its redemption, but it speaks of Israel as she appears in God's purpose.

Look at her how she is described. A woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet. Upon her head there was a crown of twelve stars. Certainly this is as God sees Israel today — not as she is in her rejection, because God knows that Israel is anything else but what she is pictured here today. Beloved, in the mind and purpose of God, this is Israel.

It says concerning her: "And she being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered."

Beloved, those birth pains that this woman had, those birth pains that Israel had, were birth pains relative to the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every time you read a passage in the Old Testament that talks about the coming of the Lord Jesus — every time you read a prophecy of the coming of Jesus, you find one of these birth pains.

For example, we read:

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, UNTIL SHILOH COME; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."—Gen. 49:10.

Judah was the fourth son of Jacob and this tells us that Jesus is going to be born of the tribe of Judah, that He is going to prevail, and there shall be a gathering of the people to Him, which means the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is one of the birth pains of the coming of the Son of God.

Notice again:

"I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a STAR OUT OF JACOB, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."—Num. 24:17.

This was at the time when Balaam was giving his prophecies, and the Word of God tells us that instead of cursing the children of Israel, as Balak wanted him to do, he gave a marvelous prophecy concerning the birth of Christ. That is another birth pain of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have another prophecy concerning the birth of Christ. Listen:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and HIS NAME shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isa. 9:6.

This is a prophecy concerning

the birth of Christ, and it is nothing else but a birth pain this

how that Christ ascended unto the Father. This woman had a helper, for woman is Israel, and all these prophecies were written by Jewish men. As these Jewish men gave us these prophecies, they picture to us the birth pains this woman was experiencing in bringing forth the child Jesus.

Notice another prophecy:

"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephraim, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting."—Micah 5:2.

This tells us that Jesus was going to be born in Bethlehem. It tells us the exact place where Jesus Christ was going to be born. I say to you, it is one of the birth pains that this woman was experiencing, for it says that she "pained to be delivered." All through the Old Testament the writers gave forth one prophecy after another about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and how He would be born of this woman.

You will notice that it says "there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon." That dragon is the Devil. He is called great because he is powerful. He is called red because he is a murderer.

It says concerning him that "his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth."

The stars of heaven are the angels, and when the Devil fell, it appears from this passage that a third of the angels of God fell with him. Can you imagine the power that he had over the angels in Heaven, to the extent that when he fell and was kicked out of Heaven as a result of his sins, that a third of the angels of God fell with him and came down to this earth:

It also talks about the child. It says, "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

This is talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. The child that this woman produced was the Christ-child. It says that He was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. There is only one spoken of in the Bible as being a ruler, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. It says of Him that He is going to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

Some of these days, He who was insulted at the time of His death by having a sceptre of reed put into His hand, is going to hold a sceptre of iron within His hand, and He is going to rule the nations of this world.

I say, beloved, there is a day coming when Jesus Christ is going to live in Jerusalem. He is going to reign from Jerusalem, and from Jerusalem His power is to go out into all nations of the world, and He is going to reign over the nations of the world with a rod of iron in His hand.

It says that this child "was caught up unto God, and to His throne." Of course that is talking about the ascension of Christ,

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This is talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. The child that this woman produced was the Christ-child. It says that He was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. There is only one spoken of in the Bible as being a ruler, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. It says of Him that He is going to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

Some of these days, He who was insulted at the time of His death by having a sceptre of reed put into His hand, is going to hold a sceptre of iron within His hand, and He is going to rule the nations of this world.

I say, beloved, there is a day coming when Jesus Christ is going to live in Jerusalem. He is going to reign from Jerusalem, and from Jerusalem His power is to go out into all nations of the world, and He is going to reign over the nations of the world with a rod of iron in His hand.

It says that this child "was caught up unto God, and to His throne." Of course that is talking about the ascension of Christ,

into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."—Rev. 17:1-8.

Who is this woman who is spoken of under the picture of an impure woman, a fallen woman, a whore? I never like to get out of the Word of God for my identifications. I never like to get out of the Word of God to prove what I believe. Beloved, this woman represents Roman Catholicism. We read:

"The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."—Rev. 17:9,18.

There wasn't but one city in the days of John that reigned over the kings of the earth and that was the city of Rome. Rome controlled the nations of the world in the days of Jesus and in the time of the Apostle John. John is talking here about Roman Catholicism, and he says that Roman Catholicism can be described as an impure woman, as a corrupt woman, and he even used the term of "the old whore."

In the Bible, a true church was called or pictured by the word "bride" or "virgin." For example, the Apostle Paul tells us that the church is a bride. Listen:

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—II Cor. 11:2.

In view of the fact that in the Bible a pure church is described as a pure woman, isn't it logical that this vile, impure woman that is spoken of in Revelation 17 is a picture of an impure church? I think so, and I think that impure church, in the light of these verses, is nothing else but Roman Catholicism.

Notice her influence over the nations, for it says, "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication." In other words, the nations of this world have all been seduced by Roman Catholicism. You can't go to any nation of the world but what you will find people who are mixed up with Roman Catholicism. Any place you go you will find that Rome has had a tremendous sweep as far as her power and authority is concerned. Right here in America the majority of people think that Catholicism is the church, but Roman Catholicism in the sight of God is nothing but a whore. The teachings of Roman Catholicism is nothing but the acts of harlotry so far as Rome is concerned.

Notice this golden cup that she has in her hand. It says, "Having

a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." You can't see what is in the cup. When you look at it on the outside, it appears as a golden cup, but it is full of abominations and filthiness.

Beloved, it is the outside of that cup that has deceived the world today. It is the outside of that golden cup that is so deceptive. But what is on the inside? You don't see very much, but once in a while this old whore stumbles, and she spills just a little bit of what is in the cup.

Talk about abomination, it is inside that cup. You see the outside as though it looks good, but when she stumbles and a little bit of the inside spills, you can see something of the abomination of Rome. Talk about blasphemy, there is no church in this world that is more blasphemous than Roman Catholicism. Let me read to you just one statement taken from the New York Catechism:

"The Pope takes the place of Jesus Christ on earth by divine right. The Pope has supreme and full power in faith and morals over each and every pastor, and his flock. He is the 'Vicar of Christ,' and head of the entire church, the father and the teacher of all christendom. He is the infallible ruler and founder of the dogmas. He is the arbitrator of, and the judge of councils, the universal ruler of truth, the arbitrator of the New World, and the supreme judge of heaven and earth, the judge of all being, being judged by no one; God himself on earth."

Talk about blasphemy, here it is when it says that the Pope is the supreme judge of heaven and earth. Beloved, if he were the supreme judge of heaven and earth, he would realize what a "little potato" he is in the sight of God. He would realize that there is nothing to him. When it says that he is judged by no one, if he were really what he claims to be, he would realize that the Pope has to be judged by God. He says that he is judged by no one. In other words, he is God Himself on earth.

Did you know that was what the Catholics teach? Did you know that they taught that he was judged by no one — that he was God Himself on earth? This is copied from the New York Catechism. Talk about a cup full of abominations, this is one of them. Ordinarily, they don't let you know, but it is only when they stumble that the contents of that cup become available. Otherwise, it looks beautiful — a golden cup.

That is only one of the many blasphemies that we find inside that cup. Rome teaches the virgin birth, but that is about as far as they go when it comes to the teaching of the Word of God. I go along with Rome in regard to the teaching of the virgin (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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create a storm to drown the Son of God.

Another time, he even had Simon Peter to oppose Him for Simon Peter said, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." Jesus had to rebuke him by saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." Jesus knew that it was the Devil speaking through Simon Peter on that particular occasion.

A little later on, you can see the Lord Jesus Christ as He went to Calvary, for the Devil had his tail wrapped all around the cross of Calvary. He thought he had succeeded. To him it was a success, but it wasn't. God caught away Jesus Christ into the sky and into Heaven itself. The woman, His mother Israel, fled into the wilderness. I tell you, we have a God that is wondrously protecting His own.

III

THE OLD WHORE.

The third woman that is spoken of in the book of Revelation is that of the old whore. We read:

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit

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No, there is no hope of all nations becoming united, or as one, before Jesus comes for His saints, or with them, but this does not mean that there shall not be an effort put forth to accomplish the goal of unity among the nations politically and religiously. This is the goal of the United Nations, but they have not achieved their goal, and they shall never succeed for there will not be unity among all nations until the Lord sets up His kingdom which we are admonished to pray for it to come.

"And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."—Luke 11:2.

The last great attempt to unite all nations politically and religiously will be under the reign of the Anti-Christ. He begins this task by making a covenant with Israel. Thinking that by making peace with Israel, He will be able to secure the goal of political and religious unity. This treaty is to be made for seven years, but in the middle of the seven years, he breaks his covenant. Realizing that Israel will not follow his leadership, he then will seek by force to make Israel bow to his demands.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."—Dan. 9:27.

This will be the darkest days of Israel's history politically. Though their persecution will be greater than the persecution under Hitler, yet God will save a remnant to show forth that there cannot be political unity among nations until the Son of God, who is our peace, rules all nations with a rod of iron:

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman (Israel) and went to make WAR with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."—Rev. 12:17.

Thus, Israel shall be the stumbling block for political unity among the nations, and at the judgment of nations, the Lord will manifest his wrath upon the nations who join with the Anti-Christ to make Israel bow to his demands.

Not only will this be true politically, but religiously as well. The Holy Spirit has prophesied

(predestinated) that a false prophet shall arise to assist the man of sin in uniting the world under one religious head. Read Rev. 13. But, his effort will also be thwarted by Israel (not the church). After causing the sacrifices to cease in the temple, the false prophet will set up the image of the Anti-Christ commanding that Israel bow to it as God.

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."—II Thess. 2:4.

Since Israel will not bow, then that which Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were but types will be fulfilled. These three Hebrew children would not bow to Nebuchadnezzar's command and were thrown into a furnace. Read Dan. 3. When the Anti-Christ gives the command to bow, Israel, like the three Israelites of Dan. 3, will not bow, and they will be thrown into the fiery furnace of persecution.

Though Israel returns to her homeland in unbelief, yet through the preaching of the 144,000 (Rev. 7), the two witnesses (Rev. 11) and the angels (Rev. 14), Israel believes in Jesus Christ as her true Messiah. Therefore, she will not bow to the Anti-Christ politically or religiously, for she will honor only one king, Jesus Christ. Israel's refusal to bow will lead to the invasion of Palestine by armies of the nations under the banner of the man of sin. Their purpose is to force Israel to become a member of the nations bringing in political and religious unity. When it seems that all hope for Israel's survival is gone, their king (Jesus) will come to fight for them. This battle, called the Battle of Armageddon, shall be fought approximately 50 miles north of Jerusalem. The Anti-Christ and false prophet are taken captive and thrown into the Lake of Fire. The Lord then subdues their armies and sets up His own government. Thus, my answer is "No," there will not be political and religious unity until after the Lord comes.

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The Bible seems to so teach. We find this in Rev. 13. Jesus has not come at this time, in the sense of His coming to rule this earth, for we do not have the picture of his visible coming with His people until Rev. 20. As I understand it, He has come for His people, and has called them away.

Now let us examine a portion of Rev. 13:

1—Note that Anti-Christ becomes defiant against God. V.6 says, "He opened his mouth in blasphemy against God."

2—Power (authority) is given him "OVER ALL KINDREDS AND TRIBES AND NATIONS." (v.7) This certainly indicates that he is allowed to have complete POLITICAL POWER over the earth. That indicates political unity.

3—RELIGIOUS UNITY is indicated in v.8, which says, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him."

But note that I did not quote all the verse. It says, "WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE OF THE LAMB." The correct translation of this passage tells us that their names were written from the "foundation of the world." Be sure and get the right translation of this passage for it is one of the most precious passages in the Bible. Scofield gives the right translation on the margin of his edition of the Bible. The Amplified Version translates it correctly, and even the Revised Standard Version does the same. This one verse ruins Arminianism completely and forever.

Before anti-Christ comes to full power there is a great Northern Power that partly dominates the world. Read and study Ezekiel 38 and 39 and you will find that Russia meets her Waterloo when she invades Palestine, with the result that only one out of six of her soldiers ever get out and return home alive. That ruins Russia as a political power, and anti-Christ then comes to dominate the earth both politically and religiously. (Don't make the mistake of identifying Russia's invasion of Palestine with Armageddon, for the two are not the same).

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We hear much about a one world government, and about a world church. And much of this talk is done by those who seem to be, and in many ways are, of our persuasion. Then too, we can look around us and see things taking place that might very well cause us to reason out for ourselves that such a thing is taking place. But it is of eternal importance that we remember that no man's reasoning, and that includes our own reasoning, will ever, or in fact, can ever coincide with the information found in the blessed Book.

So with that in mind may we look for some of that information that we can always rely upon. In Rev. 16:13-14 John saw three frog-like spirits which "go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." This of course is the battle of Armageddon which I am persuaded will take place at the end of the great tribulation. Here we see plainly that all nations are not united at that time. If they were these frog-like spirits would not need to go to but one king. Then in Mt. 25:31-32 we see that when our Lord comes back and sits "upon the throne of His glory" all nations are to be gathered before Him. This is further proof that there will be nations rather than just a nation when that time comes. There are many other references that could be given, but these two should be enough it seems to me.

It would appear that among the so-called Christian nations christendom will be united, or

Hell: What Is It?

A lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).
A bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1).
A horrible tempest (Ps. 11:6).
A devouring fire (Isa. 33:14).
A place of sorrows (Ps. 18:5).
Where they wail (Matt. 13:42).
A place of weeping (Matt. 8:12).
A furnace of fire (Matt. 13:41,42).
A place of torments (Luke 16:23).
Everlasting burnings (Isa. 33:14).
A place of filthiness (Rev. 22:10, 11).
Where they curse God (Rev. 16:11).
Everlasting destruction (II Thess. 1:9).
A place of outer darkness (Matt. 25:30).
Where they have no rest (Luke 16:27).
A place where people pray (Luke 16:27).
A place where they can never repent (Matt. 12:32).
A place where they scream for mercy (Luke 16:24).
A place of everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46).
A place where they gnaw their tongues (Rev. 16:10).
A place of blackness and darkness forever (Jude 13).
A place prepared for the Devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41).
A place where they scream for one drop of water (Luke 16:24).
A place where they will be tormented with brimstone (Rev. 14:10).
A place where they are dogs, sorcerers and whoremongers (Rev. 22:15).
Where they will drink the wine of the wrath of God (Rev. 14:10).
Where their worm died not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:48).
Where they do not want their loved ones to come (Luke 16:28).
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very nearly so. The National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches are deeply concerned about numerical strength and dollars. And though they do not seem to ride the scarlet colored beast themselves still I am persuaded they will use their great numerical strength to help the old whore (the Catholic Church) to get up on that beast Rev. 17. But our Lord's true churches will not be any part of that. Still other nations have their own god such as Buddha, Mohammed or Joseph Smith. So all nations will not be united in either way.

Fruit

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Christ went on to add: "My Father is the husbandman." So we see the vine-dresser or land-worker represents God the Father. Though the earth is the Lord's, it yields Him no fruit unless He works it. Never has there been a husbandman so wise and so watchful about His vineyard as God the Father is of Christ and His people. The Father plants, waters and gives the increase in this vineyard.

This figure suggests the care which the Father took of Christ. He made Him flourish out of dry ground as a tender plant (Isa. 53:2). He appointed His Son to be the source of all our blessings. The Father has a loving and tender care not only for the vine, but also for the branches as well. He is concerned for Christ and all who are united by faith to Him.

The Branches

In verse 5 of the text Christ declared: "Ye are the branches." Then I see believers are represented by the branches of the vine. This supposes Christ is the root of the vine. The root is unseen, so our life is hid with Christ in God. The root bears the tree or vine (Rom. 11:18). It diffuses sap to the branches. Likewise, Christ is the supporter and supplier of spiritual life in believers. Colossians 3:4 tells us Christ is our life.
The branches of a vine are

many, yet they all meet in the vine. This points to the oneness between all believers in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:28 says: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." David said: "I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts." (Ps. 119:63).

All true believers, though in places and opinions distant from each other, are one in Christ Jesus.

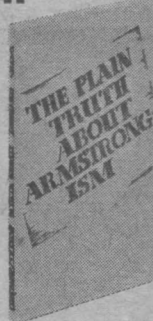
The Conditions of Fruitbearing

The key to understanding this text is the expression, "Every branch in me," found in verse 2. Christ speaks in this discourse about every true disciple, every one united to Him by faith, every one who derives grace and strength from Him as a branch does the vine. Christ sustains the relation to believers as a parent stalk does the branches. We are united to Him in our interests. We have common aims, common desires and a common destiny with Him. It is a union of love, of friendship and of dependence upon Him. It is a union of imperfection with perfection, of weakness with strength, of mortal with immortal, of a dying creature with a living Saviour, of a sinner with an unchanging Redeemer.

Christ is dealing with people who are in union with Him by faith. Only these can bear fruit. He is not prescribing the manner in which nothing becomes a branch. He is not telling how the alien sinner can get into Christ. It is a great religious error to tell lost sinners to become a branch, to bear fruit, to do good works in order to get into Christ. Anyone knows a branch must be in the vine before it can bear fruit. Likewise, a man must be already saved before he can maintain good works. Fruit bearing is that which follows salvation; it does not precede it.

The secret of fruit bearing is in obeying Christ's command to "Abide in me." This means to be in fellowship with Him. We are to be in constant dependence upon Christ; we must habitually be in communion with Him by prayer. We must walk in the light (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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"HIS EYES — HIS VOICE — HIS HANDS"

"And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God." — (Luke 13:10-13).

Luke's Gospel is the only one of the four that relates this incident. Isn't it just like the Holy Spirit to give Luke the privilege of recording a story that he, as a doctor, would be vitally interested in? Before we see what happened, let's get a closer view of this woman that we may appreciate this miracle even more. This woman was no doubt a believer in Jehovah. A saved person. Jesus in v. 16 calls her a daughter of Abraham. I don't believe that Jesus called her a daughter of Abraham just because she was a Jewess. John tells of some Jews who were claiming Abraham as their father, and Christ very emphatically told them that if Abraham were their father, they would do the works of Abraham. And then He said that they were of their father, the devil. "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." (Gal. 3:7).

This woman had faith. We see it in her faithfulness to the Lord's house. Picture this woman, if you will. This woman was a severe cripple. She was "bowed together." Nestle's Greek says "bent double." Her chest practically touched her knees. In that position, one cannot lift up his head. And she had been like this for 18 long years. Add 18 years to your present age and it will bring home to you how long 18 years really is. How difficult her daily living must have been. Simple pleasures would be agony for her. Routine household tasks an impossibility. The ridicule and stares of the multitude. Luke doesn't mention pain but anyone who has ever had back trouble can testify to the extreme pain involved. And yet, in spite of pain, jeers, and stares, she is in the synagogue on the Sabbath. What if she had been absent that particular day?

Then we are told that Jesus saw her. Oh, those wonderful, penetrating eyes. Eyes that look way down deep. Divine eyes. And when He saw her, He called her to Him. She didn't seek Him. It was not her voice that was heard, but the deep compassionate voice of the Son of God. He called her to Him. "My sheep hear My voice,

and I know them, and they follow Me." (John 10:27). She immediately responds. There is no hesitation. No inner battle. The Shepherd calls and she obeys. Then He places His hands on her. Those strong gentle hands. And He says those miraculous words, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." Before she had time to wonder what He means, she can feel her body begin to straighten. When the God of Heaven speaks, the body obeys also. Oh, the wonder, the glorious joy that must have filled her soul as she looked up into the face of her Saviour. Glory! Glory! Was this woman included in the prophecy of Isaiah perhaps? "I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, AND CROOKED THINGS STRAIGHT. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." (Isa. 42:16).

What comfort and exhortation there is for us here. What ever our infirmity is that bows us down, His eyes, His voice, His hands are near. Let us not use our infirmities as excuses not to serve the Lord. Even as this woman would have missed a tremendous blessing had she been absent that day, we too miss much blessing each service that we miss. The preaching of the Word of God is spiritual food for us and is comparable to our physical food. Many of us are suffering from spiritual malnutrition because we miss so many spiritual meals.

Let us follow the example set forth by this nameless woman of the Scriptures. It may be that we, too, will be loosed from our infirmity and look unashamedly into the face of Jesus. "The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous." (Ps. 146:8).



Fruit

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as He is in the light. It is our duty to walk in the Spirit. It is our concern to abide in His Word. It is our business to plead His merits as our righteousness. This must be so for the sap of the vine must flow to the branches. Christ said in verse 5 in the literal Greek: "Severed from me ye can do nothing."

Different Kinds of Branches

On a vine there are branches of different sizes and shapes. Some are big and strong. Some are medium size. Others are small and fruitless. This is true of God's children. Some are little children. Others are young men. Still others are old men (I John 2:12-23). There are lambs and sheep in the Lord's flock (John 21:15-16). There are carnal and spiritual Christians (I Cor. 3:1). Some are babes and others of full age (Heb. 5:12-14).

There is also different degrees of fruitfulness in proportion to the size of the branches. Some bear "fruit" and others "more fruit" and some "much fruit." There is a class which bears "no fruit."

The Fruitful Branch

God expects fruit from all believers. Romans 7:4 tells us "that we should bring forth fruit unto God." A vine-dresser expects grapes from his vineyard (Isa. 5:2). From Christians the Father expects Christianity. He looks for "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22), "the fruit of the righteous" (Prov. 11:30), and "the fruit of righteousness" (Phil. 1:11). He wants to see in each child a Christian life and disposition. We are to honor God and do good. We are duty bound to exemplify the purity and power we profess. The greatest fruit we can bear is another Christian.

Notice the care which God takes of fruitful branches. Verse 2 tells us: "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." Every fruitful branch, every child of God, needs purging or pruning in order to greater productivity. This refers to God's chastisement of His children. Hebrews 12:11 says: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

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The Unfruitful Branch

In verse 2 Christ speaks of another kind of a branch: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." Then He added in verse 6: "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

Two religious errors are commonly taught from these words. Arminians hold that these words of Christ teach falling from grace and that the one who so falls is cast into Hell fire. Calvinists, in an attempt to escape the error of apostasy, make the unfruitful branch a nominal believer, a mere professor of religion but not a possessor of salvation.

I am not in agreement with either school of thought. The Arminian is wrong in teaching that God cast off His children. The Bible denies such a doctrine. Christ said in John 6:37: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." In Romans 11:1 Paul asked the question: "Hath God cast away his people which he foreknew?" Who are these foreknown who are not cast away? I Peter 1:2 tells us they are those "elect according to the foreknowledge of God." There is no possibility of God casting away one of His elect to whom He has given eternal life.

Christ never mentioned Hell at all in John 15. Arminians suppose that the fire in this chapter is

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If you're seeking a wife — is one as good as another?
If you're calling a doctor — is one as good as another?
If you're getting a prescription, or catching a bus — is one as good as another?
Why be so particular about material things, yet so careless about spiritual matters?

Hell fire because they have a dogma to defend, a dogma which has no defense from John 15 or any other verse of Scripture.

Calvinists err in making this unfruitful branch a hypocrite. Christ plainly said in verse two that the unfruitful branch was in Him. It is in union with Christ; it is accepted in the Beloved. The only difference in it and the fruitful branch is just fruit. The unfruitful branch is the rebellious child of God, a backslider, a carnal Christian, an unfruitful believer. II Peter 1:8 speaks of a believer who is "barren" and "unfruitful."

But what about the taking away of the branch by the Father? The cutting off of a branch from the vine ends its natural life. This shows God taking a rebellious saint by physical death. I John 5:16 reveals that a spiritual brother can sin unto death.

But what about the casting into the fire? This refers to the Judgment Seat of Christ, the fiery judgment of I Corinthians 3. I Corinthians 3 deals with two groups. Some receive a reward for their labors. Others have their works burned up though they are saved, yet so as by fire. Paul expressly says: "The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (I Cor. 3:13). On this day some believers will discover they are fruitless branches.

How awful! How pitiful! What a tragedy! to stand before our Saviour with all our works burned up! With no crowns to cast at His feet! no sheaves to bring! Are you bearing much fruit? Are you abounding always in the work of the Lord? If not, you will be a fruitless branch at the judgment seat of Christ.

The way to escape this dreaded tragedy is to abide in Christ and bear much fruit. To encourage us in this Christ has promised a present blessing. In verse seven He said: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." In the heart where Christ's word dwells He dwells. If Christ and His word be in us, we will not ask for anything which is not according to God's will. If we pray in this manner, our prayers will always be answered, for Christ hears the prayers of those who keep His commandments.

Dear fellow believer, let us be productive. Our religion should cause us to devote our talents and time to glorifying the Lord. In our fruitfulness we give the evidence that we are Christ's disciples. The real test of discipleship is not a loud profession but a dedicated life in Christ's service.

Conclusion

Notice again the statement in

verse 5: "Without me ye can do nothing." Out of fellowship with Christ we can perform no good work, we can produce no fruit unto holiness. To Christ is due all the praise for our good works, for He works in us both to will and do His good pleasure. We perform good works in proportion to our dependence on Christ. The reason why some are unfruitful is because they do not seek the grace and strength which Christ alone is able to give.

Sinner, this is a true picture of your condition. Without Christ you can do nothing towards your regeneration or justification. Apart from Him and His Spirit you can do nothing toward your sanctification. Apart from God's grace you can produce no fruit which will please God. You are as dependent upon Christ for salvation as a branch is upon the root for sap. Paul said: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (II Cor. 3:5).



Protestants

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baptists and rebaptized persons, male or female, of mature age, shall be judged and brought from natural life to death, by fire, or sword or otherwise, as may befit the persons, without preceding trial by spiritual judges." The Baptists then did not share in this protest and consequently cannot bear the name "Protestant." I shall now further explain why Baptists are not Protestants giving three basic reasons.

Historically Baptists Are Not Protestants.

Protestants date from the sixteenth century. They are the Lutherans, the Reformed and others who were once Roman Catholics and left the Roman Catholic faith to start churches or denominations of their own. The Baptists never left the Roman Catholic church as did Luther, Calvin and Zwingli. They never left because they were never in. They did not begin their existence at the time of the Reformation but hundreds of years prior to the Reformation.

Baptists make no effort to trace a historical succession back to the age of the Apostles. Their only claim is that at every age in church history there have been groups that have held to the same doctrines that Baptists hold today. These groups may or may not have been connected and they have been known by various names. There were the Montanists (150 A.D.), the Novatians (240 A.D.), Donatists (305 A.D.), Paulicians (650 A.D.), Albigenses (1,022 A.D.), Waldensians (1170 A.D.) and the name Anabaptists came into prominence just before the time of the Protestant Reformation. Full historical data immediately refutes the view that there was only one religious group — the Roman Catholic church until the time of Martin Luther. Anyone who claims this simply has not done his homework.

At this point I wish to purposely introduce non-Baptist testimony to the great antiquity of (Continued on page 6, column 1)



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Baptist people. Cardinal Hosius (1504-1579) was a Roman Catholic prelate who had as his life work the investigation and suppression of non-Catholic groups. By Pope Paul IV he was designated one of the three papal presidents of the famous Council of Trent. Hosius carried on vigorously the work of the counter-reformation. If anyone in post-reformation times knew the doctrines and history of non-Catholic groups, it was Hosius. Cardinal Hosius says "Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past 1,200 years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers" (Letters Apud Opera pp. 112, 113). Note carefully that this knowledgeable Catholic scholar has spoken of the vicious persecution Baptists have endured, that he clearly distinguishes them from the Reformers and that he dates them 1,200 years before the Protestant Reformation.

It is also evident that the Baptists were not Protestants because they were fiercely persecuted by the Protestant Reformers and their followers. Uncounted thousands of them lost their goods, their lands and their lives in these persecutions. Konrad Grebel died in prison in 1526. Felix Manz was drowned by the authorities at Zurich 1527. Noted Baptist leader Balthauser Hubmaier was burned alive at the stake in Vienna March 10, 1528. Three days later his wife was drowned by being thrown over the Danube bridge with a stone tied to her neck. The facts abundantly attest that historically Baptists are not Protestants.

Doctrinally Baptists Are Not Protestants

The viewpoint that Baptists share common doctrinal ground with Protestant groups is not an accurate reporting of the facts. There are striking differences. We will list six.

(1) Baptists believe with all their hearts that God's Word alone is sufficient for faith and practice. We read "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine..." (II Timothy 3:16). Various Protestant denominations have creeds and catechisms and assorted doctrinally standards. Baptists hold to the Bible alone.

(2) Baptists believe that Christ and only Christ is the head of the Church even as the Scripture says "Christ is the Head of the Church" (Ephesians 5:23). There is no man who has the oversight

of Baptist churches. Baptists have no denomination in the sense of an organization that controls local congregations. Each local church is autonomous and accountable only to Christ, who is its Head. The Ashburn Baptist church, while fellowshiping with congregations of like faith and practice, has no headquarters in St. Louis, Nashville or New York City. Our headquarters is in Heaven.

(3) Baptists believe from their hearts in a free church in a free state. Christ plainly taught that the state and the church each had their own realm when he said "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Baptists are vigorously opposed to union of state and church and believe that a state controlled church is a wretched excuse for Christianity and a plain departure from Scripture. All of the Protestant Reformers fastened state churches upon their followers! Today Americans enjoy separation of church and state because of the vigor and vigilance of Baptists in the early days of our national history.

(4) Baptists believe strongly in individual accountability to God because the Scriptures clearly teach that "everyone of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). A priest cannot answer for you, a church cannot answer for you to God. God-parents cannot answer for you. No one is saved because of what his parents believe. No one is saved because of his identification with any religion. He will account for himself to God. Protestants generally do not hold this Scriptural doctrine.

(5) Baptist people furthermore have always held to believers' baptism. None of the Protestant Reformers held this Bible teaching. In the Scriptures faith and repentance always preceded baptism. On the day of Pentecost Peter plainly told the people "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). This obviously means that there is no infant baptism since infants are incapable of repenting. No unbelievers are to be baptized. The Reformers followed Rome in their teaching on baptism. Baptists have held steadfastly to the doctrine of Christ and His Apostles on this point.

(6) Baptists on the basis of Scripture have always held to a regenerate church membership, that is a membership that is made up only of people who give a credible profession of faith in Christ. In the Apostolic church only those who became believers, those who received the Word of

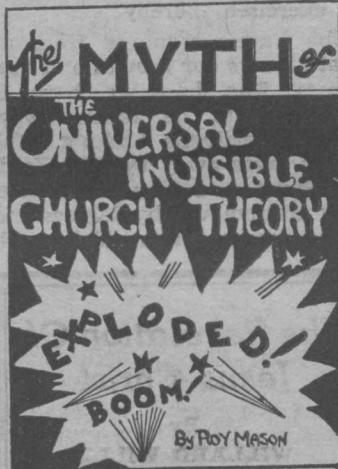
God and who had repented of their sins, were baptized and received as church members (Acts 2:41). There was no automatic or formalistic membership in apostolic churches nor in Baptist churches today.

From the review of these simple points it is more than clear that doctrinally Baptists are not Protestants.

Practically Baptists Are Not Protestants

A few simple observations indicate that the Baptists differ radically from Protestants on a number of points. The Protestant groups look to some human being as their founder, often even taking their name from a man. The Lutherans hark back to Luther. The Reformed look to John Calvin. The Presbyterians were founded by John Knox. The Methodists openly acknowledge John Wesley as their founder. Who founded the Baptist churches? Here is a historical question worthy of serious investigation. It is impossible to find any one man who gave rise to Baptist

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churches. Rather, if we would name human founders, we must look back to Peter, Paul, James and John.

We differ from Protestants in our birthplace. Lutherans come from Germany, the Reformed from Switzerland and the Netherlands, the Presbyterians from Scotland, Episcopalians from England but Baptists would have to give Palestine as their place of origin. Furthermore the creed of Baptists is not the Augsburg Confession, the Canons of Dort or the Westminster Confession but the simple Word of God. So it is impossible to identify Baptists as Protestants.

Baptists have never linked with Protestants and have never been identified with the Roman Catholic church. Through the years before and after the Reformation, they have maintained their identity and been faithful to the Scriptures. Real Baptists hold to the plain teaching of Christ and the Apostles. For these God-given doctrines they have been willing to die. Hanz Denk, a sixteenth century Baptist said "Faith means obedience to the Word of God, whether it be unto life or unto death." For many it was death.

In Rottenburg in Reformation times there were 900 executions of Baptists in less than ten years. These deaths were often vicious and cruel. The sentence for one Baptist believer, Michael Sateler read "Michael Sateler shall be delivered to the hangman, who shall take him to the place of execution and cut out his tongue; he shall then throw him on a cart and twice tare his flesh with hot tongs; then he shall bring him to the city gate and there torture his flesh in the same manner." This was the way Sateler died in Rottenburg on May 21, 1527. His

wife and other women were drowned and a number of the men were beheaded.

Baptists are not Protestants but hold tenaciously to the original precepts and practices of Christ and the Apostles. Baptists believe the pure Word of God to be sufficient authority in all matters. Baptists reject all human religious traditions and practices that have originated since the time of the Apostles.

"Four Women"

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birth, but actually, they have corrupted the virgin birth so that it is hardly what we believe.

For example, they say that Mary never did have any other children except Jesus, which is a lie. They say that Mary was a pure woman, that she never had relations with Joseph in any wise at all, which is a lie. They say that Mary was eventually assumed up into Heaven, just like the body of Jesus when He rose from the dead. That is a lie.

Oh, beloved, look inside that cup! Rome stumbles once in a while and they publish something which gives rise to what they believe. Only when she stumbles do you find the abominations that are inside that golden cup. On the outside, Rome looks beautiful. Rome is pictured by a golden cup, but, oh, the abominations and the filthiness that are inside that cup!

This harlot has some daughters, for it says that was "the mother of harlots." I contend that every Protestant church that has come out of Rome is one of the harlot daughters of Rome. Baptists did not come out of Rome. Baptists have been here from the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptists have always existed, from the time of the Son of God down to now, and true Baptists will always exist. There have been churches that have come out of Rome, and those churches that have come out of Rome are the harlot daughters of Rome.

It says that this woman was "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." Better than 50 million Baptists alone have died in defense of the faith at the hands of Rome in the days gone by. Can you imagine what it has been like for Baptists to be persecuted? For women to have their breasts cut off their body? For women who were soon to be delivered of a child to have their body ripped open with a sickle and the off-spring taken out of the body and fed to hogs in the presence of the ex-

pectant father? Can you imagine what it is like for people to have their belly ripped open with a sickle and have their stomachs filled with corn and wild, hungry hogs turned loose to devour the corn and the entrails of the human body? Can you imagine what it is like for people to have their ears or their boots filled with lead, or for them to have hot oil poured down their throat? Can you imagine what it is like for individuals to suffer as they have at the hands of Rome. I tell you, whenever I think of this, I say, "God, deliver us from the ecumenical hands that would cause the Baptists and Rome and Protestants to be united. Deliver us from anything like that!"

I remember when Cardinal Spellman went to Toronto, Canada, a few years ago and made a speech, in which he said, "Let's forget about history." Beloved, if I had the history that Rome had, I would say to forget it too. If I had the history of Rome, I would want people to forget about it. If I had done what they have done during the Dark Ages, I would want everybody to forget about it. I wouldn't want anybody to remember it today. No wonder he said, "Let's forget about history."

I tell you, I can't forget about it. The Word of God teaches us of the persecution of Rome. History tells us how Rome has destroyed Christians by the multiplied thousands, to the extent that the old whore is drunken with the blood of the saints and the blood of martyrs.

Persecution at the hands of Rome has been great, but thank God, there will be a final judgment so far as she is concerned. There is a day coming when Rome is going to be destroyed. It says:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."—Rev. 17:16.

That day hasn't come yet. Rome is riding high today. Rome is in the saddle now. But mark it down, the day is coming when the Anti-Christ is going to turn on Rome, to the extent that she is going to be completely destroyed.

When that time comes, I am going to be one of those who sing about her destruction. We read how that four times they shouted Alleluia. Listen:

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia."—Rev. 19:1.

"And again they said, Alleluia." (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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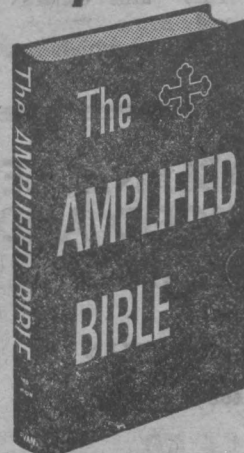
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—Rev. 19:3.

"And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen: alleluia."—Rev. 19:4.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."—Rev. 19:6.

These verses tell us that when that time comes, when this old whore and her harlot daughters are destroyed, true Baptists are going to shout, "Amen; Alleluia; praise the Lord." When that time comes, I am going to be up there in the sky. I plan to be in the sky with my Lord, and I plan to have a part in that singing, when we shout over the damnation of these individuals.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, can you shout over the damnation of humanity?" No, I couldn't now, but then I'll be just like God. I'll see how God judges. I'll see how God has vindicated His people. Then I'll shout with the redeemed of all ages over the damnation of these that are lost.

IV

THE BRIDE.

We read about this fourth woman. Listen:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."—Rev. 19:7-9.

This is the one I want to see—the bride. Don't you like the idea of a bride? I have married between eleven and twelve thousand couples in the years gone by, and I am so thankful for the privilege I have had in marrying folk. It has helped me to appreciate the bride of Christ all the more. A wedding is wonderful. Marriage is wonderful. But there is going to be a marriage one of these days more wonderful than anything I have ever seen, or thought of, or can imagine. That time is when the marriage of the Lamb takes place—when a Baptist bride is married to the Lamb.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you believe that is a Baptist bride?" I certainly do. When the Lord Jesus Christ was here in this world, He started out with Baptists. He was baptized by a Baptist Himself, and all the people that were members of His church, or went into His church, were Baptists, because they were baptized by John the Baptist. That first church that Jesus established wasn't anything but a Baptist church, because it had a man for a pastor that was baptized by a Baptist and all the members were baptized by a Baptist, so it couldn't have been anything but a Baptist church.

That church that Jesus established is going to continue. Jesus said:

"I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mt. 16:18.

Thank God, that church is going to last, and last, and last. It may be feeble; it may be weak; it may have a hard time; but it is going to last through all ages, right down to the time when Jesus comes back and catches His saints away.

Notice it says that His wife had made herself ready. This is something that the bride does that wasn't done before by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ clothes us with His righteousness the day He saves us, but there is something this woman does. It says that she has made herself ready.

What is to be done? Listen:

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."—Rev. 19:8.

This is not the righteousness

we get when Jesus saves us. This is something that the woman has done herself. What is it, beloved?

Go back to the day when John the Baptist was getting ready to baptize the Lord Jesus Christ. John objected, but Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

Beloved, Baptist baptism is a righteous act. This woman had made herself ready. What had she done? She had Baptist baptism.

I contend that there will not be a person in the bride of Christ except the individuals who have had Baptist baptism. I contend that not all Baptists will be in the bride. I am satisfied that there will be lots of Baptists who won't be in the bride—ornery Baptists; Baptists who have spent their money on lodges instead of giving their money or tithes to the cause of Christ; Baptists who didn't attend the services in God's house; Baptists who compromised with all other denominations; Baptists who were a shame and a disgrace to the name of Baptist. They are not going to be in the bride.

I'll tell you who is going to be in the bride. It will be nobody but Baptists—those who have had Baptist baptism, and who have been true to the Book, and true to the faith when Jesus Christ comes back to this world again.

It says that when that marriage takes place, there are going to be some called. The word "called" means "invited." There will be some guests there. I say that all the saved people who are not Baptists and all the Baptists who haven't been true Baptists are going to be guests at the wedding.

The bride is going to be made up of a mighty select number. I don't know whether I'll be in it, and I don't know whether you will be in it. But I know one thing, there won't be anyone in it but Baptists, and there won't be anybody in it except Baptists who have been true to the faith and true to the Word of God at all times.

Some of the others are going to be guests at the wedding. It is better to be a guest than it is not to be at the wedding at all. I tell you though, I would a whole lot rather be a part of the bride. I want to be a part of the bride. I would like to be a part of the bride, and I hope you will be in that bride. I hope you are saved and true to the Book, and that you shall stand true to God until He comes, with the assurance that you will be in the bride of Christ when Jesus comes again.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I ask you, are you saved? Thank God, if you are. If you aren't, then trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. If you are not saved, how can you be saved? Paul said:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."—Acts 16:31.

If you are not saved, then trust the Son of God as your Saviour now, right where you are. Trust Jesus Christ and commit yourself to Him as your Saviour.

If you are saved, then get into a Baptist church and live in a Baptist church, to be a part of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope the study of these four women have been a blessing and encouragement to you. I hope it has helped you who are saved to rejoice and know what you have to thank God for. I hope it has been a means of encouraging those of you who are Baptists to try to be better Baptists in the days to come, that you might be a part of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are not saved, my prayer to God is, right where you sit or right where you are today, that God will save you for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Long ago, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said:

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

I point you to Him this morning, sinner friend, and I say, "Behold Him today—Jesus, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world. Be saved, come out on God's side, and live for the Lord Jesus Christ, that you might be a part of the bride of Christ."

May God bless you!



The Cross

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reason being that He who died there for you and me was none other than God Himself. Thus the shame of the cross has been, in Christ Jesus, cast far away. He changed the place of shame to the place of glory; therefore, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We, when thinking of the cross, think of how it speaks of man's total depravity, for it was at the old rugged cross that man revealed how much he hates God. Man, at the cross, declared in boisterous tones that he would not be governed by the Almighty. He spit on the Lord's law and trampled it, under his feet, even as a man does the butt of a used up cigarette. He even spit on God and tried to trample upon Him by placing him in a tomb.

Keep in mind that death by way of the cross was the worst place that man could consign a person; therefore, man consigned God to the very worst that his depraved heart could conceive of. We may say, then, without any

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reservation, that man, by nature, is a God hater; furthermore, man was proud of what he did. He did not try to hide his crime, but cried out loud and clear, "Crucify Him, crucify Him."

It becomes very obvious that the cross unmasked man. It pulled the veil from his heart and showed that God was certainly right when He spoke Jeremiah 17:9:

"The heart is deceitful above all things (not some things), and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

There may be those of you who may say, "I don't hate God." Then what does the cross mean? Does it mean that man loves, hates, or is indifferent toward God? Does love demand the death of a loved one? Did indifference crucify the Lord from glory? Look at your hands. Are they not red with blood? Whose blood is that? It is the blood of the Lord, and since love or indifference did not shed His blood, then it must have been shed as a result of your hatred toward God.

Beloved, the elect nailed the Lord to the cross, in view of the fact that He died for and only for the elect. You, if you are one of the elect, cannot say that you are not guilty; therefore, bow your knee to Him; yea, bow your will to Him. This is the only way that we can say "thanks."

We, when we think of the cross, are reminded of how much God loves us.

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us."—I John 3:16.

The cross declares in boisterous tones that God loves us. Those who would think otherwise are completely deaf so that they cannot hear the cry of love from the cross.

Some of you who are reading these lines are bedfast and others

of you are very old. Some of you have troubles so heavy that you are wondering how much farther you can go. May you, at this moment, incline your ear to the cry of love from the cross—the cry which says, "I love you."

We, when we think of the cross, are also reminded of God's exacting righteousness. We are reminded of the fact that God "will by no means clear the guilty." The cross, in fact, declares that God is not indifferent toward right or wrong. He loves us beyond words, yet there is no weakness in His love.

Man, Satan, the Lord, Jesus Christ and God the Father all did a work at the cross. Man revealed his total depravity when he took the perfect one and with "wicked hands" nailed Him to the cross. Satan did a work in that he revealed his enmity against the woman's seed by bruising His heel. The Lord Jesus Christ did a work in that He died the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God. God did a work in that He exhibited His holiness and satisfied His justice by pouring out His wrath on the one who was made sin for us.

One of the very interesting occurrences at the cross was the gross darkness that invaded that place. It was darkness that began about the "sixth hour" (noon) and continued until the ninth hour or 3:00 p.m. The darkness obviously fell suddenly over the earth rather than slowly, since the darkness was "from the sixth hour." I doubt that a person could have seen his hand before his face. One can be sure that many throughout the land, especially children, were asking, "Why is it dark at noon?" The answer, of course, was that God, in Christ Jesus, was dying for sinners. The chickens, no doubt, went to roost and the animals turned to their shelters, thinking that night had fallen. We may add that it was truly night, for it was the night of God's wrath against sin; yea, it was the night when God's wrath was vent upon His Son. We can be sure that the darkness caused all activities to cease. The man in the field, no doubt, tried to find his way home through the darkness and the traveler was made to stop by the side of the road while our Lord traveled into the region of death by way of the death of the cross. We know from the record that the darkness had a frightening effect on the Roman Centurion and the vulgar crowd who had gathered at the cross. The Centurion, in fact, "feared greatly" and "many of the people smote their breasts."

We can be sure that the gross darkness from God was a message for us poor mortals. The message spoke loud and clear regarding the depth of sin to which we have fallen. The message also declared that our Lord went into that gross darkness and brought us out to light and peace. The darkness was a place of ignorance and fear, but He brought us to the glorious place of light and trust in Him, for in Him is no darkness at all.

It was after the darkness of the cross had passed that our Lord cried from the cross those words that have been heard around the world. Those words were, "It is finished." These words meant that the Lord had finished His work and that I had finished my work as far as my salvation is concerned. "It is finished" meant that the sacrificial types were fulfilled, the prophecies of His sufferings were fulfilled; yea, the work given Him by the Father had been completed with a perfect mark. We may add that a sure foundation had been laid on which a righteous God could pardon us vile and wretched sinners.

Beloved, do we wonder why Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ?"

The gross darkness that invaded this earth at our Lord's death lasted three hours, but the gross darkness that awaits the lost will be, according to Jude 13, "blackness of darkness forever." The "blackness of darkness forever"

means that there will be no hope forever. Are you without hope, or have you believed that the work our Lord performed at Calvary was performed for you? Do you believe that when He hung there, you hung there in Him; when He died, you died; when He was buried, you were buried; and when He arose, you arose?

Beloved, the cross showed that God will not trifle with sin. If there are those of you who hope to be excused from your sins aside from the blood of Christ, then you would be very wise to look at the cross. Look at the cross and observe how much God hates sin. May the Holy Spirit convince you that there is "no other name given among men whereby we must be saved."

The message from the cross is "the wages of sin is death" and "the soul that sinneth it shall surely die." May you know, dear friend, that the "wages of sin is death" and not good works; that is, the wages of sin is not good works, but death. May you, then, look to the cross where a debt was paid and the ransom given.

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One will also find the cross to be a revealer of Christian service. We, in fact, were crucified with Christ; therefore, we are to "walk in newness of life." It is not the Lord's cross we are to bear, for only He could bear that. We have a cross of our own in view of the fact that we are called to self-denial and world-denial. We have been called to walk in a path of humiliation, weakness, reproach and suffering. It is the path in which our Saviour walked.

The question that confronts all of us is what do we think of the cross of Christ? What does it mean to each of us? It is my prayer that we can all answer with Paul when he said:

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Christ..."

There were many things that Paul might have gloried in, if he had thought as many think today. He might have gloried in the fact that he was a Jew by birth, or that he was "an Hebrew of the Hebrews." He might have even gloried in his own works, since none aside from our Lord ever worked as hard as he. He, in fact, was more abundant in labors than all the Apostles. Yet, with all of these stars in his crown, Paul counted them as nothing when compared to the "cross of Christ." We may go further and say that Paul was so self-denying that he often times suffered hunger and thirst. He also suffered from the heat and the cold. He was also very humble in that he thought more highly of others than he did himself. He, in fact, considered himself to be "the least of the saints" "and the chief of sinners;" yet he only gloried in the cross of Christ. Why was the cross so precious to Paul? It was because the Lord from glory made a complete and everlasting sacrifice there for him.

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