

Shall We Follow Seminary Leaders Or God's Bible?

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In these days of the "God is dead," and "Jesus freak" movements, it behooves Baptists to take stock of what is going on.

While the world is busy taking stock of its monetary assets, and its political creeds, and "Aunt Madeline" is busy with her ousting of the Bible, and everything



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that goes with it, from our society; what are we as Baptists, doing?

"Billy" and his "crusades" are trying to update and conform. He admits to attending "Rock festivals" and using a false beard. In fact, he has hair down on his back below the level of his shoulders.

Southern Baptists (?) are also updating or "downgrading" their programs to attract the long hair bunch. Even the Seminary students are growing long hair so as (Continued on page 6, column 3)

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

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Further Exposition Of Epistle Of James

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"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty . . ." — James 1:25.

The "law of liberty" is found in the Word of God. Those who fail to look into the Word (law of liberty) will remain in ignorance. They will never be liberated from superstition and the doctrines of men.

We should look into the Word and search for the treasures that are hidden there even as a person looks into the hill in search of gold — gold that will liberate from the bondage brought upon one because of poverty.

"If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."—John 8:36.

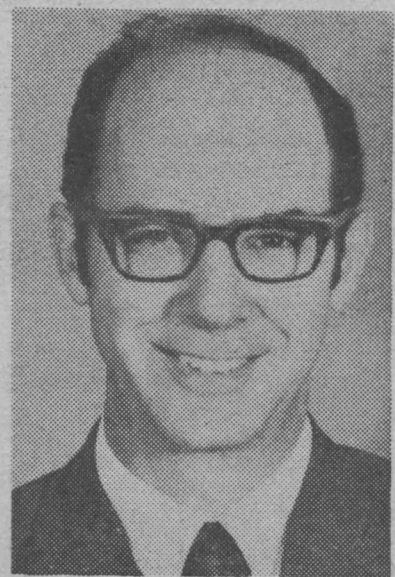
" . . . and continueth therein . . ." — James 1:25.

"If a task is once begun, Never leave it till its done, Be the labor great or small, Do it well, or not at all."

We are to continue in the Apostle's doctrine. There is no place this side of death where we can say that we have done enough. Our work is to "continue" until our Lord returns.

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

I understand that Babe Ruth struck out more times than any other ball player, but this did not cause him to quit. We, too, may encounter many trials in our Christian experience, but don't be a quitter, but "continue therein."



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"He being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work" — James 1:25.

We are not forgetful hearers when we remember what it cost to save us, yea, when we remember the bitter cup our Lord drank for us. The road from Heaven to

our fallen abode was rough and steep. It was filled with every kind of obstacle so as to try to keep the Saviour from reaching us, but He overcame all, even death, and came to where we were. May we not be forgetful hearers. May we also remember the precious doctrines we have heard from His Word; yea, may we not forget that the earth is God's creation and that He upholdeth it with the word of His power. May we not forget God the Spirit and the precious Word. May we not forget the Lord's church.

" . . . but a doer of the work . . ." — James 1:25.

The Lord, by way of His Word, has laid out work for us to do. Dad, for example, is going away for a few days, but he lays out work for all to do while he is away. The Lord, in like manner, has gone away, but He has also laid out a program for us to follow until He returns. He has laid out before us the "work of faith" and the "labor of love."

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" — Heb. 6:10.

" . . . this man shall be blessed in his deed" — James 1:25.

A person who plants a garden and continues therein can expect (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Place Of Children In Relation To Parents And Home

By MILBURN COCKRELL
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In many homes in our country children are "dogs not wanted." They are conceived in lust and born into the world unwanted. Our orphanages are filled with unwanted children. Babies are left in rooming houses, bus and railway depots, or on the doorsteps of houses. They are neglect-



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ed and forgotten because they are in the way of worldly pleasures.

The juvenile problem which confronts us is additional proof that children are "dogs not wanted." When I see these spineless, luxury-loving, cursing, smoking, dancing, theater-going, non-church-going youth, I realize that I see some "dogs not wanted." When I see these ducktailed, booted, sideburned, unwashed, leather jacketed slobs, I know there are some parents some- (Continued on page 7, column 5)

Shall We Call The Bible Infallible In The Matter Of The Choosing Of Our Deacons

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In the December 16, 1972 edition of The Western Recorder, I read an article entitled, "Crescent Hill Elects Three Women Deacons." The members of that congregation attempted to justify their decision by making the following statement: "The election



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of the three women came after a lengthy study of the office of deacon and Scripture related to the role."

I would appreciate the pastor, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, or a spokesman for the Crescent Hill congregation to publish an article in the Western Recorder documented by Scripture proving that the New Testament authorizes the election and ordination of women as deacons.

The former pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church is John R. Claypool, who served as President of the Kentucky

Baptist Convention. One of the leading members of the Church is Dean William E. Hull of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. The Crescent Hill Church for years has been pastored by men with earned degrees from some of the leading colleges and seminaries, and several of the faculty members of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary hold membership in this congregation. The question I want to forward is: "How can people who hold claims to being educated, and informed in the Scriptures, completely misinterpret, twist, or ignore the writing of the Apostle Paul as stated in the third chapter of first Timothy?"

"Did not Jesus Himself say that the Scripture cannot be broken in John 10:35?"

"Did not the Apostle Peter teach that there are those who

wrest the Scriptures unto their own destruction in II Peter 3:16?"

If an individual or a group of individuals will not accept the Word of God as our rule of faith and order, then what can we accept? If the Book ceases to be our guide and standard, then every man will be left to do that which is right in his own eyes, and the human race will come to resemble the generation of mankind that God destroyed with the flood.

Indeed I was saddened and disappointed to read about the heresy that the Crescent Hill Baptist Church has fallen into. For the sake of the Crescent Hill Church, and the three ladies who are to be ordained, I hope and pray that all concerned will turn from this unscriptural decision for cause of Christ and His Church.

In closing this article I want to (Continued on page 8, column 5)

THREE WOMEN DEACONS ARE CHOSEN BY A LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY CHURCH

By JOE WILSON
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I have before me a copy of The Western Recorder, a paper published by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. I quote part of an article therein:

"Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville became the second Kentucky Baptist Church to elect women deacons when three ladies were selected recently . . . to serve in this role. The election of the three women came after a lengthy study of the office of deacon and Scripture related to the role. The congregation amended its constitution to allow women to serve in this capacity. They will be ordained during the Sunday Morning Worship hour January 7."

I place in conjunction with this quote, two quotes from the Word of God.

"Let your women keep silence in the churches." (I Cor. 14:34).

"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." I Tim. 2:12.

Now my question is this: How can the action of Crescent Hill Baptist Church be reconciled with the teaching of the Word of God? I await an answer from the world of Southern Baptists.



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I understand that this church is the church attended by most of the teachers in the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. Therefore, this action not only represents the action of the church itself, but shows us the attitude of many of the seminary teachers on this subject. In noting this, we note how far Southern Baptists have traveled since their early history. There was a day when the seminary professors stood forth against feminism. Some of their leaders wrote and preached the truth (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"SALVATION"

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you." — I Pet. 1:10.

"And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." — Rev. 7:10.

Here are two verses, one of which relates itself to the Old Testament, and the other refers to the end of the tribulation period, both of which make mention in a very definite way to salva-

tion. The first text says that the prophets inquired and searched diligently to understand salvation. I dare say that many of these prophets in the Old Testament didn't understand what they wrote. I dare say that many of them had no knowledge at all as to their own writings, and after they had written them, they had to pray and study, and learn, and inquire, and search diligently as to what they had written. Particularly was that true of the doctrine of salvation. I am satis-

fied that this was true of many things, but particularly was it true of salvation, because there were lots of things that God never revealed about salvation in the Old Testament, that He did reveal in the New Testament. So if you will take this text and go back to the beginning of the Bible and study the various prophets, and call the roll of them one by one, you will see that these prophets of the Old Testament all studied, and searched, and in- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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Now they need a new pastor, and if some of you brethren are inclined toward Eastern Missouri, and the Lord so leads you, then write to Arnold C. Wagner, Rt. 4, Box 107, DeSoto, Mo. 63020.



"Salvation"

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quired in a diligent manner as to the meaning of salvation.

Then in the future, when this church age has come to an end, and when all the Gentiles of this church age have been garnered off the earth, then shall come the tribulation period. In that period a great number of Jews shall be saved, and yea, a tremendous multitude of Gentiles shall be saved. At the end of the tribulation period, that crowd of Jews and Gentiles that have been saved during the tribulation period, shall all cry with a loud voice, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne."

I say, beloved, from beginning to ending, salvation has been a tremendous theme so far as the Word of God is concerned. A lot of people talk about being saved who don't know the meaning of salvation. For example, the Modernist, if you ask him what he means by the expression "being saved," will tell you that his idea

is to make this world a better place in which to live. He will tell you that soup, soap, and sunshine is his idea of salvation.

If you ask a Campbellite what is his idea of salvation, he will suggest that it is well for us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, be baptized and then hold out faithfully till the end — that we had better watch our step, or else we will lose out, and ultimately go to Hell.

If you ask a Catholic concerning his idea of salvation he may refer in a limited sense to Jesus, but in the main he is going to talk to you about the "blessed virgin Mary," and he will tell you that it is through the virgin Mary that salvation is ultimately achieved.

If you were to ask a Jew what he means by salvation and by being saved he would tell you that to be saved means that you are a loyal son of Abraham.

Now, beloved, when I speak about salvation — when I speak about the term the prophets studied about, and the term whereby folk are going to praise the Lord throughout a never-ending eternity — I am not talking as the Modernist, nor am I talking as a Catholic or a Jew. Rather, I am talking to you out of the Word of God, and I want you to see what the Word of God says about salvation.

I

SALVATION IS A PERSON.

We read:

"For mine eyes have seen THY SALVATION."—Luke 2:30.

This is a portion of the words of the old prophet Simeon. He came into the temple just at the time when the parents of the Lord Jesus Christ were presenting Him into the temple, and Simeon, led of the Holy Spirit, took the baby Jesus up into His arms, praised God, and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Beloved, salvation is a person — the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some folk think salvation is a creed. Some folk think salvation includes all the tenets that individuals believe. Some folk think that salvation has to do with making the world a better place in which to live. Some folk think that salvation has to do with the way in which you live, whether or not you hold out faithful to the end. Some folk think salvation has to do with the virgin Mary. Some folk think that salvation has to do with being a loyal member of the seed of Abraham. May I remind you, beloved, that salvation is none of these, but rather salvation is a person — the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For a corroborating Scripture, we read:

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be SAVED."—Acts 4:12.

This is following the first persecution on the part of the Christians. Then Simon Peter has been arrested. They had laid hands upon him. They had put him in jail. Now he is making an ad-

dress before the Sanhedrin, and he exalts the Lord Jesus Christ, for he says, "There is no salvation in any other. There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

I say then, first of all, salvation is a person — the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

II

SALVATION IS OF GOD.

Salvation is of God in every particular. The prophet says:

"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore HIS ARM BROUGHT SALVATION unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him."—Isa. 59:16.

How did salvation become a reality? Through the arm of God; His arm wrought salvation. How did salvation become an actuality? It came from God.

Jonah likewise taught us the same truth, for he said:

"Salvation IS of the Lord." — Jonah 2:9.

Of course, Jonah didn't say that when he was fleeing from the Lord. He didn't say it when he was on board the ship, sound asleep. He didn't say it when the folk on board the ship called him up on deck and asked him if it were true that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord. But, beloved, when they tossed

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Jonah overboard and that Scriptural fish came along (I say humorously he was Scriptural; the Bible says, "I was a stranger, and ye took me in"—well, Jonah was a stranger, and the old fish just opened up his mouth and took him in), when Jonah got down there in the belly of that fish, the first thing we find him doing is starting to pray. He didn't pray when he started to leave God; he didn't pray when he started to run away from the Lord; he didn't pray when he started to flee from the place God wanted him to go, but now that he is in trouble, he prays. Jonah had a prayer meeting right there in the belly of the whale. There wasn't anybody there but Jonah, but, beloved, he prayed and he prayed earnestly, and he said, "Salvation is of the Lord."

I have often said that Jonah went to school as an Arminian, but he graduated as a Calvinist. He just took a 72-hour course, but he learned more in 72 hours than the majority of preachers learn that go to seminars for five years. When he got out of the belly of the fish (I don't know whether he had a diploma or not), there is one thing certain, he had Calvinism burned into him, and when he walked down the streets of Nineveh he just had one text to preach: "Salvation is of the Lord."

When we come to the New Testament, we find Paul saying: "For GOD hath not APPOINTED us to wrath, but to obtain SALVATION by our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Thess. 5:9.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because GOD hath from the beginning CHOSEN YOU to SALVATION through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

So, beloved, I have read to you four Scriptures — Isaiah 59:16 and Jonah 2:9 from the Old Testament, and I Thessalonians 5:9 and II Thessalonians 3:13 from the New Testament — which tell us that Salvation is of the Lord. I tell you, my brother, my sister, in all the six thousand years of earth's history, man never thought up, and man never could have devised, and man never could have conceived the marvelous plan of salvation that God wrought out for us in Jesus Christ.

III

SALVATION IS EVERLASTING.

God doesn't teach us in His Word that we are saved for just a few days, or for just a little while only. He doesn't teach us that we are saved as long as we are good, or as long as we are holy. Rather, He teaches us that we are saved with an everlasting salvation. Listen:

"But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an EVERLASTING SALVATION."—Isa. 45:17.

"And being made perfect, he became the author of ETERNAL SALVATION unto all them that obey him."—Heb. 5:9.

Notice, Isaiah calls it "everlasting salvation," whereas Paul refers to the same experience as "eternal salvation."

Notice again:

"Who are KEPT by the power of God through faith unto SALVATION ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Pet. 1:5.

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany SALVATION, though we thus speak." — Heb. 6:9.

In the preceding verses, the Apostle Paul has given an illustration. He says that if a man could fall away, and be lost after he had been saved, he never could be saved again. He says that if a man could be lost after having been saved that it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance. Then Paul goes on to say, "But, brethren, we are not expecting you to do that. We are persuaded better things of you. We are persuaded something better than that you should lose your salvation." Then he closes it by saying, "We are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak," as if to say, "Though I have used this illustration, and though I have spoken in an illustrative manner to show you how that if one could lose his salvation he could never again be saved, I want you to know that I am expecting something differently of you, for I am expecting that you who are saved, are saved for time and eternity."

So I say, beloved, that salvation is an everlasting experience. I can't understand how anybody could get any joy out of preaching Arminianism, or would get any joy out of talking about losing his salvation. I have said to several people in life who have told me that they believed in falling from grace, "Does it make you

No Papers For December 23 & 30

For a number of reasons, needless to mention, we are two weeks behind in the mailing of our paper.

In order to keep straight with "Uncle Whiskers" and to satisfy postal authorities, we have omitted the issues of December 23 and 30.

As you will note, this issue is dated January 6. Our readers need not worry over the loss of these two issues, as all our subscribers are given four extra copies at expiration of their subscription.

Please pray for us that God will enable us to keep the paper moving regularly throughout the new year of 1973.

happy?" and everyone of them have said, "No, there is no happiness about it, but I am afraid I am going to lose my salvation; I am afraid I am going to fall by the wayside."

Beloved, the most miserable individuals in this world are the individuals who believe that one can be saved today and lost tomorrow. I would to God that I could put a joy in your heart that would send you out of this place shouting the praises of God. If I could just help you realize that salvation is an everlasting experience, it would make you happy. It is that which comes to us eternally from God, and the man who is once saved will never be lost by sins that he may commit thereafter.

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JOY OF SALVATION MAY BE LOST.

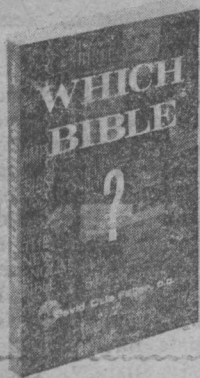
While one can never lose his salvation, he can lose the joy of that God-given experience. There is a joy, you know, in being saved. Some people are more emotional than others, and they show their sorrows more vociferously than others. Regardless of whether you are one of those emotional individuals who show very definitely his emotions, or whether you are a quiet person whose emotions rarely ever come to the surface — regardless of which you are, the fact remains that there is a definite joy that comes to the individual who is saved. Listen:

"Yet I will REJOICE in the Lord, I will JOY in the God of my salvation."—Hab. 3:18.

Beloved, what Habakkuk said is my experience, for I, too rejoice in the God of my salvation. There is a joy in being saved. There is a joy in knowing that your sins have been blotted out. There is a joy in knowing that you are on the road to Heaven. I want to tell you, beloved, when the Lord saved me, He set the music box in my soul echoing, and reverberating, and down through the years, since a boy in my teens when I was saved, there has never been a time that I haven't been happy so far as my salvation is (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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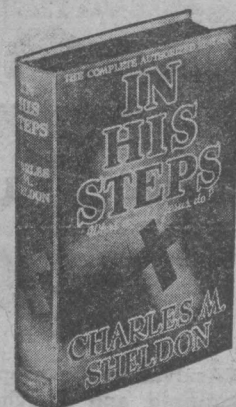
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concerned.

But, beloved, a person can lose that joy sometimes. Listen:

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."—Psa. 51:12.

Several years ago as a lad, I was a young ministerial student in Georgetown College and every Saturday afternoon I would catch a train that took me out to the community where I pastored a small church. Just south of Georgetown, Kentucky, on the same Southern Railroad, is a little town known as Wilmore, where there is a school by the name of Asbury College. There were some Methodist students who went to school at Wilmore, who also were on that train every Saturday, going out to their appointments to preach, and I got acquainted with them. In fact, there were some half dozen of us boys from Georgetown College and maybe a similar number from Asbury College who rode that train every Saturday afternoon. I remember one of those fellows and I became very close so far as talking about the Word of God. One day he told me how he had lost his salvation. He was on his way to preach, but he told me that he had lost his salvation. I said, "Why, how could you?" He said, "Well, my wife and I had a fuss before I left home, and I got furiously mad, and I have lost my salvation."

I said, "What does the Bible say about it? Does the Bible give you any grounds for saying that you can lose your salvation?" He said,

"Oh, yes," and he turned to Psalm 51:12 which says, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." I said to him, "Brother, it doesn't say one word about a man losing his salvation, because he gets mad at his wife; it merely says, 'Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.' I said to him, 'I'll ask you this, have you lost your wife?' He said, 'No, I haven't.' I said, 'What makes you feel as you do? You haven't lost your wife, you have only lost the joy of married life.' Then I said, 'That is exactly what the Psalmist is talking about when he said, 'Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.' He hadn't lost his salvation. He had only lost the joy of that God-given experience."

Beloved, I see Simon Peter on the night he had compromised and denied his Lord. I see him as he goes out, when the cock crew for the third time, and the Word of God says that Simon Peter wept bitterly. Don't tell me that Simon Peter has lost his salvation. No, but he surely had lost the joy of his salvation. A little while before Simon Peter had said, "If everybody else denies you, I will not do so. I'll stand by you to the end." A few minutes later here comes the crowd to arrest the Lord Jesus, and Simon Peter draws his sword. He starts out to make good in what he had said. "Though everybody else denies you, I won't," Simon Peter with his sword drawn, hit at a fellow, but the man somehow dodged, and instead of Simon Peter splitting his head wide open, he grazed his head and cut off his ear. Simon Peter really

meant business for the Lord. A little later I see Simon Peter standing up preaching to the thousands, and when the sermon is over, I see 3,000 people who have been saved. However, in between the time that Simon Peter boasted that he would not deny his Lord — in between the time that he struck off the ear of the servant of the high priest and the time that he preached to those 3,000 men who were saved on the day of Pentecost — in between that time, Simon Peter lost the joy of his God-given salvation, and he went out and wept bitterly.

I tell you, beloved, salvation is an everlasting experience, but the joy that goes with it — the joy that accompanies it fluctuates with our emotions. You can lose the joy of your salvation.

There is many a man who is saved that doesn't have any joy. Here is an individual, we'll say, who has been saved for years, and then he quits going to church. He quits worshipping. For some reason he just stays away from the house of the Lord. Beloved, he certainly is not a man of any joy.

I am thinking of one just now whom I used to know, who was happy in the Lord. Every time you would talk to him he was just overflowing with the joy of the Lord. But he quit going to church. For some reason he started staying away, and then he quit going to church altogether. I talked to him just a few days ago and he was as cold as "molasses in January." I tell you, beloved, that fellow had just

lost the joy of his salvation.

I tell you, you can't live worldly and be happy. You can't deny the teachings of God's Book and be happy. You can't know that God teaches something, and go contrary to it, and be happy. I say to you, an individual can lose the joy of his God-given experience in Christ.

V

THE GARMENT OF SALVATION IS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

We read:

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the GARMENTS of SALVATION, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness."—Isa. 61:10.

The man who is saved has on the clothing of the garments of salvation, which Isaiah declares is the robe of righteousness. I am glad that everybody who is saved has a new robe. The Negroes down South used to sing:

"All God's chil'un got shoes,
All God's chil'un got robes."

Beloved, that is true. Many an individual is very poorly dressed, and very shoddily attired, so far as this world's clothes are concerned, but if he is a child of God, he is clothed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. How it blesses my heart just to hold up to you the robe of righteousness, and to tell you that the man who is saved, is clothed in the garments of salvation.

I suppose the majority of us don't buy a new suit or a new dress often enough to be bored

thereby. It reminds me of the expression, "Money talks." Well, it never has bored me, for it never has talked that much to me, and I rather imagine that the same is true so far as clothes are concerned. The most of us don't buy enough clothes but that it is just a little thrill to us, when we

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Well, you know, beloved, I went shopping one day, and I came home with a new suit—the best suit I ever had in my life. Do you know what it cost? It didn't cost a penny. To tell you the truth, it was given to me. In fact, it came as a gift of an eternal God, and He gave it to me the day that He saved me. On that day He clothed me with the garments of salvation, which Isaiah says is the robe of Christ's righteousness.

I remember years ago seeing a Negro come into town one day from out in "Bucktown." It used to be that we had white people and we had "Bucktown," but today, of course, we have integration. This Negro came in from "Bucktown" one afternoon and walked all the way through town to the depot to watch the 5:00 o'clock train come in. That was a big event, and you could always count the citizenship of the town when the 5:00 o'clock train came in, because every masculine, feminine, canine, and feline came out to meet that train every afternoon. This Negro came up to the depot and since he occasionally worked on the farm for us, I knew him, and I remember my older brother speaking to him and asking him, "Where are you going?" "Oh," he said, "I'm all dressed up, and no place to go." Beloved, I want to tell you, I am all dressed up, but I have some place to go. I am dressed in the robe of Christ's righteousness, and I have someplace to go, for I am going to Heaven when I die. What a blessing to be clothed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ!

VI

THE BIBLE INSTRUCTS US AS TO SALVATION.

If it weren't for the Word of God, we never would know anything about salvation; we would never know how to be saved. It is the Word of God that brings us to salvation. Listen:

"Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the WORD OF THIS SALVATION sent."—Acts 13:26.

This Scripture is a part of Paul's sermon in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, where he preached on "Justification by Faith." As he preached this sermon, he said, "I want you to know, that to you, is the word of this salvation sent."

Beloved, salvation doesn't come as a knock-down experience apart from the Word of God. Some people think of salvation as something you get by rolling around in the sawdust of an altar. Some people think of salvation as something which comes in a miraculous manner without you knowing anything at all about the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, beloved, salvation comes as a result of the Word of God, and if the Word of God isn't preached, nobody will ever be saved. I am (Continued on page 5, column 3)

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"What is the distinction between the Holy Spirit's work in the following areas? (1) The regeneration of a spiritually dead person. (2) The "born again" process. (3) The baptism of the Holy Spirit. There is a question as to whether all regenerated and born again people actually possess the Spirit of God or whether He lives and works through the church and its members alone."

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There is much about the Holy Spirit that is not known or understood. This is partly because we spend much time studying about the Father and the Son. Some people think that the Holy Spirit is only in the church. This is not true.

He has a special place in the church, it is true. On the day of Pentecost He came into the church and empowered it. This was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4). This was fulfillment of the promise from Christ just before He ascended. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . ." (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit came on one other group in this way. He came on the Gentiles to show that He is come to them as well as Israel. (See Acts 10:44-48).

There is no such thing as the baptism of the Holy Spirit today. This was to show that He is in the church in a special way. He works through the church in dispensing the Gospel and calling men into service. He does not call men into service except through His church. "Now there was in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas . . . As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." (Acts 13:1,2). I want it understood that nobody is called into the service of the Lord outside of the church.

The Holy Spirit not only works in the church but He has a special work in the individual. He works in conjunction with the Word here. "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: whereunto He called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thess. 2:13,14). Christ said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." (John 5:25). The Spirit uses the word to quicken and save the lost. He does not work separate from the Word. The Word is the seed that is used to conceive in us and bring forth life. "Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures." (James 1:18).

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After conception comes birth and the word is used for that. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (I Pet. 1:23). I repeat, the Holy Spirit does not work apart from the word in any part of our salvation. We are quickened, born again, redeemed and anything else relative to salvation by the Spirit and the word.

Does the Spirit dwell in a person outside of the church? He dwells in any saved person whether he is in or out of the church. "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe no Him should receive . . .)" (John 7:38,39). "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba Father." (Gal. 4:6). Every believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit. "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." (Eph. 1:13,14).

The reason some who are saved and have the Holy Spirit do not learn from His teaching and join the Baptist church is because they grieve and quench the Spirit by disobedience. (Note: They do not lose Him, however). "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph. 4:30). "Quench not the Spirit." (I Thess. 5:19). Both Scriptures are admonitions to Christians to not grieve or quench the Holy Spirit which shows that it is possible. Those who stay outside the church have done this. They are the guests at the wedding but will not be in the bride.

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I wish I could give the distinctions that are called for, but I can't do it. Natural human birth is a mysterious thing, and something that I can't fully understand or explain. Much less can I understand and explain the workings of the Holy Spirit in bringing about the supernatural rebirth of a human being.

As to the baptism of the Holy Spirit there is difference of opinion and much confusion. Many Holiness people believe that one can get the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and they hold that speaking in tongues is the proof. They believe that it is tremendously important that one "receive the baptism" as they put it. Many, including a lot of Baptists, believe that one is strangely and mysteriously "baptized into the Body of Christ" which makes them a member of the Universal Church, often called the "true church." Then there is a movement on today that involves some Baptists, some Episcopalians and even some Catholics. They are supposed to go through some sort of spiritual gymnastics that finally leads to "the baptism" accredited by tongues.

The Scriptures seem to teach that there was a real Holy Spirit baptism on Pentecost — not to form the church, for it already existed. This baptism was to "empower" the infant church. (See Acts 1:8). It doesn't seem that such Spirit baptism was to characterize this age in which we live, for the Scriptures do not command us to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. Rather it says, "Be ye FILLED with the Spirit."

If God had meant for us to be baptized by the Holy Spirit, would he not have commanded it, and would He not told us exactly how to go about getting it?

If I get the teachings of the Scriptures correctly, each person receives the Holy Spirit in direct connection with his conversion to Christ. In I Cor. 12 we have instruction given concerning the various gifts bestowed on the saved. Beginning with verse four we read, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit . . . But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN to profit withal." That indicates that certain gifts are made to each saved person, sovereignly, according to the will of God. This certainly indicates that EVERY SAVED PERSON is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and Baptist though I am, I would not say that this is confined to Baptists or members of Baptist churches.

"But why isn't there more indication of the Spirit's presence in so many of those who claim to be Christians?" is the question often asked. I think the answer lies in the fact that so few surrender themselves to be led by the Spirit. When we give more of ourselves to the Spirit in surrender, we become more conscious of His presence.

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In John 5:21 our Lord says He quickens (saves) whom He will. But in 6:63 He says, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth." Then in II Thess. 2:13 Paul says, "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." God did the choosing back in the eternity past, but the Holy Spirit sanctifies, or sets us apart to believe the truth in time. God the Father gave His Son. The Son gave His life. And the Holy Spirit gives us the understanding of what the Father and the Son have done. He quickens us and then helps us to understand what has been done in our

behalf. All three of these gifts are absolutely essential to our salvation. The Father's gift, and the Son's gift are both absolutely worthless to us until the Holy Spirit quickens us and gives us that understanding. John says in I John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true." The Son quickens us and gives us an understanding, but He does it by means of the operation of the Holy Spirit. In John 10:18 speaking concerning His life. He says, "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." But that power He had was the Holy Spirit. Peter tells us in I Pet. 3:18 that Christ was "quickened (made alive) by the Spirit."

When we come to part (2) of our question, I am just too dumb to see any difference between it and the first part. To me, they are one and the same. And when we come to part (3) I want to hasten to say that the Holy Spirit has never baptized any thing or anyone. He is not a baptizing agent. In Mt. 3:11 John said, "He (Christ) shall baptize you with (should be in) the Holy Spirit, and with (in) fire." In Acts 2:1-4 we see this prophecy being fulfilled. Our Lord actually immersed His church there at Jerusalem in the Holy Spirit. This gave this church the power and authority to propagate. This church passed that power and authority on to other churches, and they to others until it reached the true churches in our day.

Many people try to have the Holy Spirit performing baptism in I Cor. 12:13, but to do that is not only foreign to the Scriptures, it is contrary to them. It is true that our authorized version says, "by one Spirit." But it is also true that while the little Greek word EN that is translated "by" here in this phrase is translated "by" 142 times in the New Testament, it is translated "in" 1863 times. Had our Episcopalian translators been concerned about making this verse coincide with other Scriptures like Eph. 4:5 instead of trying to convert it into a prop for their man-made mode of baptism, they would have put it "in one Spirit" just as the ASV of 1901 does. If I Cor. 12:13 in the original teaches that Christians are baptized by the Holy Spirit, then Eph. 4:5 teaches a false doctrine. Eph. 4:5 was written after our Lord immersed the church at Jerusalem in the Holy Spirit. So after that baptism in the Holy Spirit there is only "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

When we come to the last part of our question I am fearful that we can go overboard on this subject. I am fully convinced that our Lord works only through His churches when it comes to things in the spiritual realm. I refrain

from using the name Baptist to indicate His true churches for the simple reason I do not believe that all Baptist Churches are His true churches. I know of some independent Baptist churches that I wonder if old Satan himself would claim them.

I believe that all born-again Christians in this age have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. John 7:39 says, "But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive." Rom. 8:9b says, "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ (the Holy Spirit), he is none of His." This makes it impossible for any one to be a child of God without having the Holy Spirit.

I cannot believe there is any reward for the Christian who labors in a man-made church. But there are some Christians in those man-made churches. In Rev. 3:4, we read, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments." Even most Protestant writers that I have read after on this subject admit that Sardis represents Protestantism. And according to this verse, there are a few Christians even in the Protestant churches. But according to Rom. 8:9b they must have the Holy Spirit in order for them to be Christians. So I simply cannot go along with the teaching that the Holy Spirit dwells only in the true churches.

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The Spirit's work in regeneration is the giving of life to dead sinners whom God has elected unto salvation. Those who are spiritually dead must first be resurrected and made new creatures in Christ ere they can be born again or have communion with the Father. There is no activity among those who are dead. The dead cannot hear, see, will or walk with God for they are totally depraved. The Holy Spirit's work in regeneration is the initial work of God in bringing His children (elect) from a state of death to partakers of divine nature.

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins"—Eph. 2:1.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Pet. 1:4.

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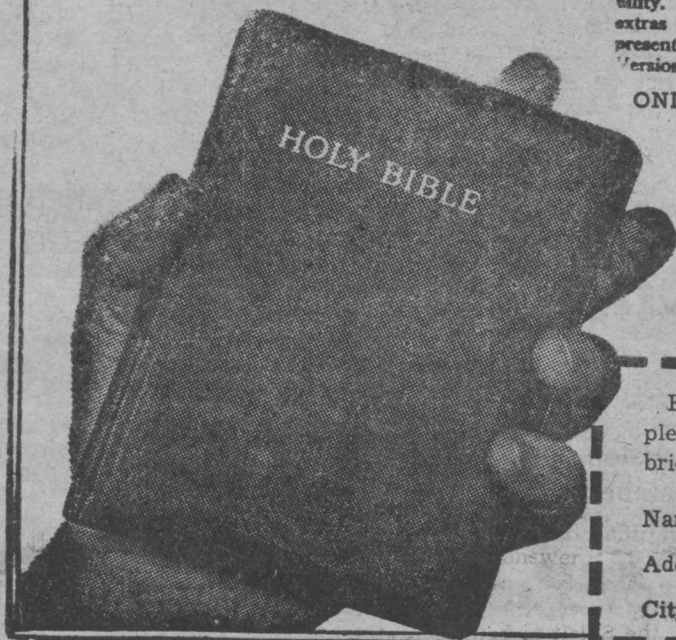
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"LITTLE SINS"

"How many are mine iniquities and sins?" (Job 13:23).

Beware of taking sins lightly, or thinking of them as "little." The world offers us many "little" things. There are mini-skirts, toy poodles, compact cars, petite dresses, etc. Sometimes we find ourselves thinking of "little" sins. There is no such thing. Do you remember when you were first saved? Each "little" sin grieved you. One might even wonder if she were saved when she found herself doing or thinking that thing that grieved her Saviour so much. Remember how you went to prayer immediately? But all too soon, we start getting callous to sin. We classify them as "small, medium and large." The large ones we immediately confess. The medium we hug to ourselves a little longer. The small ones we often forget altogether. Let us beware of our attitude toward "little" sins. They are deadly poison. It is the little foxes that spoil the vine. Sometimes we find ourselves making mock of sin. We laugh at sin in ourselves and others, cracking jokes and having a "fun" time. But then we think that it was our sin that was laid on the Lord Jesus. It was for our sin He died. And He wasn't laughing. It was a shameful thing to Him.

It is awesome to find the apostle Paul warning Christians against such sins as fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affections, evil concupiscence, and covetness which is idolatry. We immediately raise our feminine voices to say, "I don't do those things." But look again at those things just mentioned and honestly question if any have been in your thoughts. Our Lord said to think the unclean thought is to do it. Let's weigh ourselves and see how much dross is among the gold. Does not our proud rebellious spirit convict us that our heart is not right? We deplore the sin of David and think we would never do that. Yet, David was a giant in the faith. He was loved of God and greatly used of the Lord. God's testimony of David was this: "Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite" (I Kings 15:5). Could the Lord say the same of us —

that He was well pleased with everything in our life except one experience?

Have you ever pondered the mass of sin that was laid on our Lord? Consider your own life. All those loathsome sins of the past. (Jesus bore them in His own body on the tree). Add to them all the "little" sins of just today. Then multiply this by the number of the redeemed, (A number which no man can number) and we might have a small idea of the sin for which the Saviour died. No wonder He despised the shame. No wonder nothing less than the holy blood of the Son of God could wash it away. "Little" sins? No! "Little" sins would require "little" blood. In Prov. 6 we are told that the Lord hates even a proud look, a lie, a wicked thought, or one who starts discord among the brethren. The Lord speaks of these as abomination, not as little.

Let us not despair. Jesus has died for our sins and is raised again. He is right now at the Father's right hand interceding for us. One day, soon, He is coming back to receive us unto Himself. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Rom. 6:12-13).

The Forum

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In regeneration, the Spirit works alone; He uses no medium to implant God's nature within us. He speaks and it is done, even as He did in creating light. He spoke and there was light, and in like manner, He speaks and there is life. Gen. 1:2-3. A Biblical example of this fact is found in the implanting of Christ within the virgin Mary. When the Spirit put the nature of God within the body of Mary, He simply overshadowed, bred or moved upon her and she became pregnant with Christ. The Spirit, in like manner, overshadows God's elect, and they are then found with Christ.

They have the nature of Adam (human) and the nature of God (divine). This divine nature is conceived (regenerated) without sin. Whereas the Adamic nature is conceived in sin for the law of reproduction teaches us that like produces like.

Therefore in regeneration (resurrection), the Spirit creates a nature like unto Himself.

The Spirit's work in the new birth is bringing forth of those whom He has regenerated (quickened-resurrected) to the glorious light which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. The medium used by the Spirit in this area is the Gospel. The spiritual baby which has been conceived must be nourished and fed before it can come to the place of birth. May I remind you that there is always life before birth, and it is definitely true of spiritual babies for they are not conceived as fully developed soldiers, but they must grow into this state.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."—I Pet. 2:2.

Christ, in His last message to Peter and the First Baptist Church, gave them the orders to feed His lambs and His sheep. The purpose of this feeding is for the spiritual growth of His lambs and sheep (elect). Read John 21:15-17. What shall the church feed them? The answer to this question is the gospel. Through the revelation of the gospel, God's lambs and sheep are delivered from darkness (error) and brought to the light (new birth). These lambs and sheep will never be able to see and understand without this spiritual food (gospel). Some have charged me of not believing that the gospel is necessary in the new birth. This answer should make it clear that I most certainly believe the gospel is used by the Spirit to bring His children to the place of birth. But

they are not saved in view of God, for it is the Word of God that brings salvation.

brethren, I am a very firm believer in total depravity. Therefore, I know that the dead sinner must be quickened (resurrected-regenerated) ere he can hear the Gospel, which causes one to come to the place of birth.

The baptism with the Spirit is the immersion of the church with the Comforter on the Day of Pentecost. The Lord had promised that He would send the church another Comforter which would lead them into all Truth. He also told His church that the world could not receive this Comforter. This world is the world of Protestantism and error.

"Even the Spirit of truth; WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you"—John 14:17.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he

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speaks: and he will show you things to come"—John 16:13.

Upon being baptized with the Spirit, we find the church immediately witnessing of what Jesus did, speaking very pointedly on the sovereignty of God. Read Acts 2 through 4. Thus, the baptism of the Spirit was God empowering the church to go forth to feed His lambs and sheep. John 14:17 declares that they (members of the church) had the Spirit (regeneration) but did not have Him as the Comforter until they were baptized with Him at Pentecost. Therefore, the Spirit's work in regeneration is the implanting of divine life in the elect. His work in birth is taking the Gospel as the manna from Heaven, feeding those whom He regenerates, and leading them to repentance and faith. He then empowered the church (immersing her with Himself) to feed and care for those whom He added to the church.

"Salvation"

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as convinced of this, as I am that we are here, and there will never be a man go to Heaven — there will never be an individual saved except that he hears the Word of God which brings salvation unto him.

Notice again:

"In whom ye also trusted, after that YE HEARD THE WORDS OF TRUTH, the gospel of your salvation."—Eph. 1:13.

When did they trust? After they had heard "the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation."

Beloved, you have to hear the truth before you can be saved. That is why it is that I insist that a man should not be directed to an altar. That is why it is that I insist that a man could never be saved thru modernistic preaching. That is why it is that I insist that a man could never be saved in a Jewish synagogue, nor in a Catholic church. There are some organizations that may be saved, but

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they are not saved in view of God, for it is the Word of God that brings salvation.

Listen again: "And that from a child thou hast known the HOLY SCRIPTURES, which are able to make thee WISE UNTO SALVATION through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—II Tim. 3:15.

The word for "child" is the word for "infant," and he says that from an infant Timothy had known the Holy Scriptures which were able to make him wise unto salvation.

Brother, sister, nobody ever comes to salvation unless he hears the Word of God, for it is the Word of God that brings salvation to you. You can tell all the deathbed stories you want to — you can make people cry crocodile tears — you can have enough emotions in a revival meeting and enough tears that you need to wear rubber boots in order to get out of the building without getting your feet wet, but you will never have anybody saved on the basis of sob stories. It is the Word of God that brings salvation.

I remember several years ago that I was invited over into Ohio to preach one day. When I first went over there, I preached on "Why I am a Baptist," and they shouted all over the place. As a result of that invitation, I got invitations here and there to preach, but as time went by, I noticed my invitations grew less and less. One day I was preaching in one of these churches in Ohio, and after I had preached, the pastor gave what he called an "altar call." I think he got some half dozen people to the front, and got them down to pray. I sat back on the rostrum, and I guess I was about as bored as any individual could be with what was going on — the way in which he was closing the service. I sat there, and presently the pastor turned to me, after they had prayed some 10 or 15 minutes, and said, "There is something wrong here; these people are not getting through. Can you help us in any way?" "I think I can," I said to all this crowd, "Now you just get up from there, and quit that foolishness, and sit down here on the front seat, and let me read to you God's Word." Beloved, that was just about like a bombshell. You know I never got invited back to that church anymore; I don't have to tell you that that was my elimination sermon—I eliminated myself from that church right then. But I told them how to be saved. One of them professed to be saved. The other seven went out and said that I had ruined the service — that they were just about to get through when I stopped them from praying. I hope the one was saved. I know one thing, if anyone were ever saved, it will be on the basis of the Word of

VII

IF SAVED, WE OUGHT TO LIVE DAILY AS SAVED PEOPLE SHOULD.

If an individual is saved, he ought to live in the light of his experience every day. I will say even before I read to you a Scripture in this respect, that if anybody is saved, there will be a difference in his life. There will be a difference in his walk, in his talk, and in his bask. I say those are the three things that count — the way you walk, the way you talk and what you bask at. If an individual is saved, he will show forth that salvation in his living.

Now let's read from God's Word:

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."—Phil. 2:12,13.

Notice, Paul says that God has worked something into you namely, salvation, and then he says, "You work it out. God put it in; you work it out."

I am convinced, beloved, that if a man is saved he will work out his salvation. There will be a difference in his life. There will be a difference in his walk. There will be a difference in that individual in every respect, for this Scripture says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Notice again:

"For the GRACE OF GOD that bringeth SALVATION hath appeared to all men, TEACHING US that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY, in this present world: LOOKING for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and PURIFY unto himself a peculiar people, ZEALOUS of good works."—Titus 2:11-14.

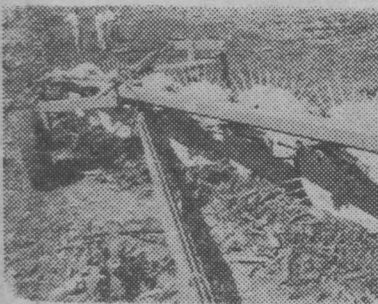
Notice, Paul says that the grace of God brings salvation, and he says that grace teaches us something. Now what does the grace of God teach us?

Here is a fellow who says, "Brother Gilpin, if I believed what you do, I sure would take my fill of sin. If I believed in salvation by grace, I'd just live most any kind of life I wanted to."

Beloved, salvation by grace doesn't teach a man that. When a man talks that way, he is talking about salvation by works, even though he may call it salvation by grace. Listen, the grace of God teaches us something, and what does it teach us? It teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts; it teaches us to live soberly, righteously, and godly — soberly as unto ourselves, and not

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to be blessed in his deed or blessed with a reward for his work. He will be able to place his feet under his table and enjoy fresh peas, green beans, new potatoes and corn on the cob. Those who continue in the Lord's doctrine will also reap a great reward for their work — a reward that will reach far beyond that of new potatoes and corn on the cob.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." —I Cor. 2:9.

We, of course, in the above are not having reference to salvation, but to the working out of our salvation. My old friend, Oliver Robinson (long gone to Glory) once said that a man must have a garden before he can work it out, and the same is true of salvation, said Mr. Robinson, "a man must have salvation before he can work it out."

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

The mouth is the fountain of the heart. That which comes from the mouth finds its source in the heart.

"... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." —Luke 6:45.

"... brideth not his tongue..." —James 1:26.

One, in order to have his tongue bridled, must have it under the control of God the Holy Spirit. One, in order to steer a horse, puts a bridle in his mouth. The horse can then be steered in the desired direction; otherwise, he will go where and when he pleases without any restraint. I have been on a horse in a pasture field without a bridle and I would much rather try to walk on water, or bail out of an airplane. I recall helping place my younger brother, Emerson, on the back of a cow. She proceeded to scrape him off by the use of a low hanging limb.

The natural man is like a wild ass's colt, therefore, he needs to be bridled.

"For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt" —Job 11:12.

We must never lean to our own understanding, but we should be bridled by the Spirit's use of the Word in our lives. We, like a horse or cow, will go our own way until God restrains us.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one

to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" —Isaiah 53:6.

"... but deceiveth his own heart..." —James 1:26.

A person who is not bridled by the Word in the hands of the Spirit thinks that he is free, but little does he know that Satan has his saddle on him, and the bit is in his mouth.

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father YE WILL DO..." —John 8:44.

"And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at will" —II Tim. 2:26.

I have had times when I had great difficulty getting a cow or horse into the barn so that I might feed such and give them shelter from the cold. They were deceived into thinking that they were better off outside. Man also deceives himself badly when he fails to enter into the Word and eat the food from heaven.

"... this man's religion is vain" —James 1:26.

The word "vain" means empty, unreal or deceitful. The meaning is that their religion is vain or empty in that there is no spiritual ability within them. They are like a water pump that stands in the desert sands and appears to be a place of refreshment, but it will produce no water. They are like the tares that grow in the wheat, but produce no fruit. Theirs is only an appearance. We, when we find these people, must not forget to remember them in our prayers.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" —James 1:27.

A glass of milk with flies in it would not be something that we would want to put in our stomach. God, in like manner, will not accept a religion with flies in it, that is, an empty religion — one that is not based upon His Word — one in which the recipient thereof will not be bridled by the Word.

"And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in OBEYING the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" —I Sam. 15:22.

"... before God and the Father..." —James 1:27.

The previous verse referred to those who seem to be religious. They seem to be religious before men, but "God and the Father" sees them as they really are. All things are open and naked be-

fore Him.

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" —Hebrews 4:13.

"... to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" —James 1:27.

Pure and undefiled religion is very active. It rejoices more in giving than in receiving. It is feet to the lame, eyes to the blind and ears to the deaf. It will not only help those who are obviously in need, but it will search for poor souls like a bee searches for nectar.

"I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out" —Job 29:15,16.

The Scriptural way to perform the above is to do so through the Lord's church. The church represents the Lord's body on the earth. We, when we give to the Lord's body and the Lord's body has given to those in need, have

veiled sort of way, (which is characteristic of him), that he is still an organizational advocate, but that there is room for "Individualism." He says, "Paul was not elected to his office, for his credentials were in the form of an experience on the Damascus Road." Here the learned Doctor seems to forget, or at least try to get around the fact that along with Paul's Damascus experience, the Holy Spirit directed the "organization," which consisted of the Antioch Baptist Church, to "Separate Saul (Paul) for the work." And they, (the church), "laid their hands on..." See Acts 13. This surely precludes, or excludes "Individualism." He is subtly advocating "Freelancism."

He goes on to say: "Now I expect to receive anguished letters, if not angry letters, from some of my friends who will be very unhappy with the suggestion that the New Testament does not provide neat packages and prescriptions and formulas which good men can label 'orthodox.'"

Oh, but venerable Doctor, what of the proofs of these "packages" given by such noble leaders as Carroll, Mullins, Graves and others, too numerous to mention?

He goes on to say: "I would not feel the necessity of attacking the Jesus-movement, or the Lutherans. I would just say, 'you serve our Lord Jesus Christ in the way which reflects your heritage and taste buds.'"

You know, I'm sure the "freaks" couldn't have said it better. But for a man who should know better, this is the height of wantonness. For the New Testament is full of commands to the Lord's Churches, to:

"Contend for the faith, once (once and for all time) delivered to the saints." See Jude 3.

Then, the venerable Doctor (?) goes on to apologize by saying: "I am not sure that I can communicate this message coherently because it is as much a way of feeling as of thinking, and the kind of person I am is as much emotional as rational."

Well, Doctor, you can rely on your feelings and/or your emotions if you like, but Bible believing Baptists must discount both feelings and emotions in view of the plain "Thus saith the Lord." Our God is a God of order, and is not the Author of confusion. Anarchism is the essence of all Satanic movements, and is surely and abundantly brought to the forefront in all movements outside New Testament Baptist Churches.

Luther was a renegade Catholic priest—"anarchist," who established his own movement, from which has come all the other movements of anarchism.

Today, we have all sorts of anarchists. Billy Grahams, Oral Roberts, (both are like peas in separate pods, but trying to get into one — world Church(?)).

The Jesus freaks, and we hesitate to use the name "Jesus" when speaking of them: Surely, it is another (HETEROS) Jesus, and not the same with our Lord Jesus, who called, instructed and commissioned His assemblies to carry on the business of "making disciples" and "teaching them to observe all things" which He has commanded them. He commanded that these assemblies "baptize" their disciples, and that surely does not mean that a "freak" or a "renegade" Catholic monk has an equal authority to do so.

Our God, of which the Lord Jesus manifested in His person, promised to be with His assemblies (True Baptist Churches), until He returns to take Her as His Bride. His presence with these assemblies (Baptists) was to be, and is now, and will be until He comes for Her, in the person of the Holy Spirit.

And right here, we could challenge all the Doctors to give us as much as one plain passage of Scripture which proves that the Holy Spirit was promised to individuals outside of the organization known as the "Church."

The Church is the "shrine" — or as the Greek word implies, the "habitation of Deity." It was never used to speak of a human body except in the case of the God-Man, Jesus. See John 2:19-22. And it was never used to speak of the Temple as a whole, but always as the Holy of Holies. But at the time of the death of our Lord Jesus, when the veil of the shrine was rent in twain, the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place became as one. Therefore, the NAOS or Holy Place is now where the person of Deity dwells — The Holy Spirit.

These advocates of "Individualism" suppose that they have found authority for their "freelance" activities in I Corinthians 6:19.

This text is their last resort, and due to unfortunate English translations, this verse seems to substantiate their claim.

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you" —I Cor. 6:19.

And Billy Graham's so-called Bible, which he offers to give to all his disciples, is even worse; it says:

"Haven't you learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that He lives within you."

For the benefit of those who read the Greek text, we would like to point out that the Bible says:

"OUK OIDATE OTI TO SOMA UMON NAOS TON EN UMIN AGIOU PNEUMATOS ESTIN."

You will notice that SOMA (body) is singular, but that UMON (your) is plural. So, the text is speaking to a group of people (plural) and that He speaks to them as one body (singular). Then, you will notice that (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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"... and to keep himself unspotted from the world" —James 1:27.

The world is made up of every thing which is contrary to holiness. This fact is evidenced most of all by false churches and their false doctrines, therefore, we must keep ourselves "unspotted from the world" by not joining and supporting their endeavors. May we also keep ourselves unspotted from the world by abstaining from every appearance of evil.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" —I Thess. 5:21,22.



Follow Leaders

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to be acceptable in this perverted society.

In the November issue of The Tie, the Southern Seminary official paper pictures of students and some professors are shown with the "Mod" appearance. They even show a picture and give an account of the life of a Seminary barber, Nick Winders. He still keeps a short hair style, but his customers for the past ten years have gone "Mod." The President, Duke K. McCall, in his usual editorial, which in years gone by, gave out some very sound and sensible admonitions, is given over to the new "conformity." The subject of his article is: Christianity vs. Conformity. He begins by saying, "This is the century of conformity." He goes on to say that, "As an organizational man who is as square as they come, I want to run up a flag in the name of creative individualism I find in the New Testament."

What he is trying to say, in a

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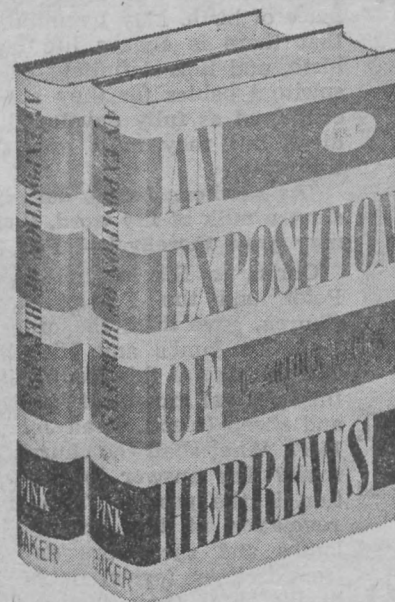
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"Salvation"

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acting foolishly all the time; righteously as unto one another; godly as unto Him who is in the skies above us, looking down and reigning over us day by day. It teaches us to look for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It teaches us to be a peculiar people. It teaches us to be a purified people. It teaches us to be zealous of good works. I say to you, if a man is saved, he ought to live a whole lot differently, to what he has ever lived before.

CONCLUSION

To sum it up, I say that the prophets were all interested in salvation, and in the days to come in the tribulation period, those that are saved will show that they are interested in salvation, because they will sing the praises of the One who saved them.

Now, let's sum up what I have said. Salvation is a person; salvation is of God; salvation is everlasting; there is a joy of salvation that can be lost even though the salvation can never be lost; there is a garment of salvation which is righteousness; it is the Bible that brings to us the knowledge of salvation; and if a person is saved, he ought to show the fact that he is saved, and he will show forth the fact by the way in which he lives.

In view of these facts, I have just one closing word. My conclusion is very brief. It is so brief that it is just a part of one little verse of Scripture. I have talked to you about salvation; now get my conclusion. Listen:

"Now is the day of salvation."
—II Cor. 6:2.

Might it please God that this hour might be the day of your salvation.

May God bless you!



Women Deacons

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about the woman's place in the church. Boyce Taylor, wrote a great booklet on "The Woman's Place." There was a time when Southern Baptists sought to abide by Scriptural teaching on feminism. The convention, in putting out B.T.U. literature in by-gone days, urged the churches to see that women did not go contrary

to the Bible in the B.T.U. So we can see that Southern Baptist leaders have traveled far down the path of open rebellion against the Word of God.

However, I am not surprised at this. The S.B.C. has no authority from God for its existence. It is an organization that usurps the authority which the Bible gives to the local church. Since the S.B.C. is without Scriptural authority, and contrary to Scripture to start with, it is also without Scriptural promise of power and blessing from God. There is therefore, no way that the S.B.C. can travel except downward. S. B.C. attitude toward "the woman's place" is simply another indication of the direction of convention travel.

You will notice that the quote from the Western Recorder tells us nothing of how this church regarded its past history on this subject, or how they answered the question of a different attitude in the past. Note that the church amended its constitution to allow women to hold this office. Now one of two things is certain. This church once took a stand against such a practice as women deacons. Their constitution was against it. They changed that constitution so that now they can practice women deacons. Therefore, it is certain that either they were unscriptural before the amendment, or that they are unscriptural now. These two conflicting attitudes and actions can not both be Scriptural. Pay close attention to this fact.

Now here is a church which has taken action which condemns the attitude and action of all its past history. This church stands today and says that all the men and women in its past history were wrong and unscriptural in their practice on this point. Brethren, I would surely want to be most sure, before I took such a stand. Were there no Bible students in the past history of this church? Were there no men in all its past who could utter a proper judgment on the meaning of God's Word? Were all past pastors of this church heretics on this subject? How is it that only now, after all the past years of this church's existence — only now at this late date, are they able to properly understand the Bible? What do the present members of the church know about the Bible that the members of yesterday did not know? Has the Holy Spirit written a new "Bible" which their forefathers did not have? Has the Holy Spirit revealed a new thing to the present church membership, which

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their forebears knew not? Do you see what a blanket condemnation this is of all the past history of this church? Do you see what a condemnation this is of all the officers, teachers, and preachers of bygone days in this church? They were all wrong. They were all blind. They could not understand like this new generation in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Now, brothers and sisters, I am suspicious of the present when it comes into conflict with the past. When I look at God's Word and read of the terribly evil days that are to come as days go by — when I see that men shall depart from the faith — when we see that the Bible prophesies darker days as the age progresses, then, we must be suspicious of the present, when it claims superior light to the past. We are in days of apostasy. We are in dark and evil days. We are in days when God is withdrawing His blessings and favors from the land. We are in the predicted days of famine for hearing the Word of God. Now, I submit to you, that in days like this, when the present is opposed to the past, that the past is more likely to be right.

Furthermore, it is a known fact that religious leaders in the S.B.C. are departing from the Bible. It is known that S.B.C. preachers used to believe in an inspired

Word of God. It is known that S.B.C. leaders are often skeptical of the accuracy of the Bible today. So, comparing men of the past with men of the present, we must side with the past and believe that Crescent Hill Church was more right than it is now.

The article in the Western Recorder tells us that this election of women deacons in this S.B.C. church took place after a "lengthy study of the office of deacon and Scripture related to the role." Now this is simply an heretical lie. No group of people can make such a study and conclude that they should have women deacons. These folk may have studied man-made ideas on the subject. They may have studied what some other groups were doing. They may have studied the convenience of the matter. They may have studied in the light of modern "women's Lib" movement. But they did not study the Word of God. I will tell you what they studied. They studied hard, long, and diligently to find some way of getting around the Word of God. They studied to find some way

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to justify their rebellion against the Bible. But I assure you that they did not study the Bible. It would be much more honest to admit that they were going contrary to the Bible. Let these so-called Baptists join with the Catholics who admit that what they teach is not in the Bible. Let them join with Calvin who admitted that the Bible taught immersion, but added that the church granted herself liberty to change this. Let them be honest men and women. Let the congregation of Crescent Hill Baptist Church stand up and admit before the world that they no longer pretend to believe and practice the Bible. But let them not rebel against the Bible — go contrary to the Word of God — and then pretend that they arrived at this by a lengthy study of the Word of God. What rank hypocrisy is this! This church has lost the right to a place of respect among men.

I would have you notice that the Western Recorder article does not tell us a word of how this church answered the arguments of its forefathers which led them to act differently from their present children. This church did not put forth one verse of the Scripture which it pretends led to this change in policy. Let them tell us why, and what arguments from the Bible prove the church wrong in its past policy of not having women deacons. Let this church tell us what Scriptures convinced them that they should now have women deacons. Beloved, they did not attempt this. They cannot do it. There are no portions in the Word of God, which they pretended to study at length, which will defend their recent action of electing women deacons. The testimony of the past history of their own church is against them. The testimony of a multitude of Bible students is against them. The Word of God is against them. The Crescent Hill Baptist Church is in open and undisguised

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where that have little or no concern for their children.

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First, I call attention to

What Children Are To Their Parents

The Bible reveals that children are gifts from God. We read in Gen. 4:1: "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and (Continued on page 8, column 1)



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Children

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bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord." When Esau and Jacob met, Esau saw Jacob's children and asked: "Who are those with thee?" Jacob's serious reply was: "The children which God hath graciously given thy servant." Then we read in Ruth 4:13: "So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife and when he went unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son." Then we read in Josh. 24:3: "And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac."

The birth of a child is a miracle. Man has made some wonderful achievements, but he has never been able to produce life. God alone has power to "kill" and to "make alive" (Deut. 32:39).

Our children are gifts sent down from Heaven. In Ps. 127:3 it is written: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

We do not own our children. They are property which God has lent to us for a while; they are given to us for an appointed time, and then, before we know it, they are gone from beneath our roof. One of the greatest blessings this side of Heaven is for God to entrust a father and mother with a baby.

Children are called in the Scriptures "a crown to old men." In Prov. 17:6 it is written: "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Children should be a crown to old men, and they conduct themselves worthily, they are so. Old men are blessed to be able to see their children's children growing up and treading in the steps of their virtues. Nothing brings more joy to the gray-headed person than their grandchildren.

Now let us consider the

Children's Duty To Their Parents

Boys and girls are commanded to obey their parents. In Prov. 6:20 we read: "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Then Eph. 6:2 says: "Children,

obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." The manner in which this obedience is to be yielded is "in the Lord." Children are to obey their parents, and especially in those things which pertain to the Lord. The reason enforcing this obedience is, "for this is right." That is, agreeable to the law and light of nature. Then again we read in Col. 3:20:

"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." I understand parents here to include grandmothers, grandfathers, stepfathers, stepmothers, guardians, school teachers, etc. The scope of their obedience to their parents has a limitation. Eph. 6:1 said that it was "in the Lord." They are to obey their parents only in those things which are well pleasing in the sight of the Lord. They are not commanded to obey the orders of a parent to sin against God. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

However, parents are to be obeyed in things which are neither commanded nor forbidden in the Scriptures. An instance of this is seen in the Rechabites whose filial observance was approved by the Lord. We read in Jer. 35:5-10: "And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever: Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; Nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us." Just what did the Lord think about this? We are told in verse 18-19: "And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever."

Children are to obey their parents in difficult things which are disagreeable to the flesh. Some of you are familiar with Jephthah who promised to offer up for a burnt offering "whatsoever cometh forth of the doors" of his house to meet him. His only daughter ended up being this person. This dear obedient child said to her father: "My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the Lord hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon." See Judges 11.

Boys and girls, obedience to parents assures you of a long, rich life. In Ex. 20:12 it is written: "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Now just what does God think of a disobedient child? I believe Deut. 21:18-21 tells us: "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; and they shall say unto the elders

of the city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of the city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear." We do not live under the Mosaic law now, but we can be certain that God has not changed His mind about a stubborn son or daughter in our day.

Boys and girls are enjoined to love their parents. Love prompts obedience; disobedience to parents is owing to a want of love for them. Although parents are to be loved, they are not to be loved more than Christ. "He that loveth father and mother more than me," said Christ, "is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37).

Children are to honor their parents. Eph. 6:2 says: "Honor thy father and mother." Children ought to think highly of their parents. They ought to speak honorable of them and to them. Cursing father and mother under the Levitical Code was punishable by death. Lev. 20:9 reads: "For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death." Boys and girls who call their parents disrespectful names like "old man" or "old woman" will not stand guiltless before God at the judgment. Children ought to honor their parents in gesture and behavior. Joseph is a good example of this. In Gen. 46:29 it is written: "And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while." Solomon is also a good example. In I Kings 2:19 it is written: "Bathsheba therefore went unto King Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand."

Parents are to be feared and revered. Lev. 19:3 says: "Ye

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shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God." Fear and reverence is shown to parents when children patiently bear their reproofs and corrections. Children ought to acknowledge their offenses to their parents and ask for their forgiveness.

Children owe their parents much gratitude. They should care for them in distress and in old age. Joseph nourished his father and his family in a time of famine (Gen. 47:12). Ruth gleaned for Naomi, though only her mother-in-law (Ruth 2:18). Even Ruth had a son, Obed, who was by prophecy to be a nourisher of her in her old age (Ruth 4:15). David, though in a state of exile himself, provided for his father and mother to be with the king of Moab until he knew how it would be with him (I Sam. 22:3-4). Sad to say, but many people seem to care little for their parents in their old age. In Prov. 23:22 we are urged to "despise not thy mother when she is old."

Parents should be respected in the multitude of years. Job 32:7 declares: "Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom." The multitude of years has taught them much wisdom. Their advice is worthy of consideration. Scornful children usually think themselves above and beyond the counsel of old people. Those who feel this way shall have much to answer for at the judgment.

In Lev. 19:32 there is a charge to young people to show respect to the aged. The verse says: "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord." It is the duty of aged men to receive honor, and it is the duty of younger men to give it. Not only

is a young person to rise up before an aged person, but also he is to "honor the face of the old man." Old people's credit and comfort must be carefully consulted, their experience and observations respected, and their counsels asked for and harkened to. There is great degeneracy and disorder in a society when "the child behaves himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honorable." (Isa. 3:5).

Young people, give earnest heed to the things which you have read in this sermon, lest at any time you let them slip. Why don't you go tell your parents what they mean to you right now? If you have wronged them in any way, confess it to them and to God.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Eccl. 12:1).

Follow Leaders

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the writer does not speak of this body as being the HEIRON (Temple) but as a NAOS (Shrine or habitation of Deity), and that Deity is the AGIOU PNEUMATOS (Holy Spirit). He also says that this is in the midst or among them. A more literal and correct translation would be:

"Do you not know that the body belonging to you all is a shrine of the Holy Spirit, (which) is among you."

So, we have definite and conclusive proof that the Local Assembly at Corinth was the habitation of the Holy Spirit, and that individuals, as separate entities, were not in the mind of the inspired writer, and must be excluded from our minds also.

Ephesians 2:20-22 is another proof of the shrine or habitation of the Holy Spirit, and here there is no doubt the assembly at Ephesus is representative of all other New Testament Assemblies (churches).

So, my dear Baptist brethren, we must not be so ready to "Follow the leader," but be admonished by the example of the Bereans, who searched the Scriptures daily in order that they might know the validity of the claims of the Leaders. See Acts 17:10-11.

There are so many errors being advocated by the "Leaders" today that it would take volumes to expose them, but these few lines have been written that you who read these lines may search your Bible and know the Truth; for the "Truth will make you free." And the Church (or churches) is the "Pillar and ground of the Truth."

Bible Infallible

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make one further observation. I am confident that the Crescent Hill Baptist Church will carry out their intention to ordain these three women as deacons, and I am equally confident that the Kentucky Baptist Convention will not take a stand on this important and crucial issue. I am just as confident that I will be criticized for stating my position on this matter. In the last decade I have come to the conclusion that a pastor or denominational leader or a church in the Convention can get by with the rankest sort of liberalism and modernism provided he is fully committed to the Program and the denominational system. A pastor or church in the Convention can go against the teachings of the Book and what Baptists have stood for down through the years, and be held in the highest esteem in the Convention provided he is out-and-out for the Program. Brethren, this ought not to be the case, but it is! If the Scriptures teach that a woman can qualify for the office of deacon, then pray tell me why it is that Baptists are just now getting to the place of knowing how to rightly divide and understand the Word of God?

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