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WHY I AM A BAPTIST



By the late
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Author of
"WHY BE A
BAPTIST?"

T. T. Eaton used to say that if one Christian ought to be a Baptist every Christian ought to be a Baptist. He was right about it. The Bible ought to be the only and all-sufficient rule of faith for every child of God. A. T. Robertson is right in saying that given a new heart and an open Bible and everybody will be Baptists.

If it is in the Bible it is Baptist doctrine. If it is Baptist doctrine you can find it in the Bible. That is why every saved man and woman ought to be Baptists. Because Baptist doctrine is Bible doctrine and because Bible doctrine is Baptist doctrine, is God's

unanswerable reason why every child of God ought to be a Baptist. But says some one: "How am I to know that Baptist doctrine is Bible doctrine?" "What saith the Scriptures?" Test every doctrine by the Book. "Nothing beyond what is written." Here is the chapter and verse proving that fifty Baptist doctrines are Bible doctrines. If it is Baptist doctrine you can find it in the Bible.

1. The Bible alone is our only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

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

2. One God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." — Matt. 28:20.

3. Jesus the Son of God was very God of very God.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." — John 1:1.

4. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead and as truly God as God the Father and God the Son.

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." — II Cor. 3:17-18.

5. An inerrant Bible.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." — II Tim. 3:16-17.

6. The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ.

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive and shall bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel." — Isa. 7:14.

7. The personality of the Devil.

"Your adversary, the devil, goeth about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." — I Pet. 5:8.

8. The Genesis account of Creation.

"For by Him were all things created that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or

Please Note!

Be making your plans to attend the Labor Day Weekend Bible Conference in Tulsa, Okla. The Conference program will appear in a forthcoming issue of TBE.

powers: all things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things and by Him all things consist." — Col. 1:16-17.

9. The Fall of Man.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned . . . By one man's disobedience many were made sinners." — Rom. 5:12,19.

10. The Sovereignty of God.

"The Lord of Hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as

Halliman's Wonderful Visit To New England

FRED T. HALLIMAN
New Guinea Missionary

Dear friends:

This is my first report on my work here in the States since I returned to America on May 10. To date I have hardly stopped since returning. I arrived in Paducah, Kentucky on May 10 and on Saturday which was the 11th I had a funeral about 30 miles out of Paducah. On Sunday, I preached at the Southside Baptist Church in Paducah. On Monday I rested some and on Tuesday I left for Ashland, Kentucky to try to find us a place to move to in that area and I have hardly had a breathing spell since.

Regards the location in the Ashland area: After much searching I was finally led to the place that seemed to be just what I had been looking for all along, and it was the last place that I was going to look at. Normally, I would have had my family to look at the place before making any final decision, but I felt so sure of this one, that I secured the place and later brought my family to Ashland to see what we would be calling home from now on in the states. Every member of the family liked it, after seeing it, as well as I did.

The place that we have bought is a piece of property out in the country about 30 miles southwest of Ashland, far enough to be away from any sign of city life, yet not too far to drive to our church for services when we are living there. By the time you

read this we hope to be moved and settled in our new location. I write this on July 18 and we expect to get moved sometime about the first of August.

A Visit to the New England States and East Coast

Our first mission trip was to the New England states. My family and I spent the weekend in Ashland with our church and pastor, and then left on Monday having Coventry, Conn., in mind as our first mission stop. It was



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about mid-afternoon on Wednesday when we reached the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Knowles of Coventry. While visiting America in 1967, I met the mother of Mrs. Knowles in Maine but did not meet Mrs. Knowles at that time and this was the first time that I had met any of her family.

I have never met a finer family than the Knowles. From the time we walked into their house they seemed like people we had

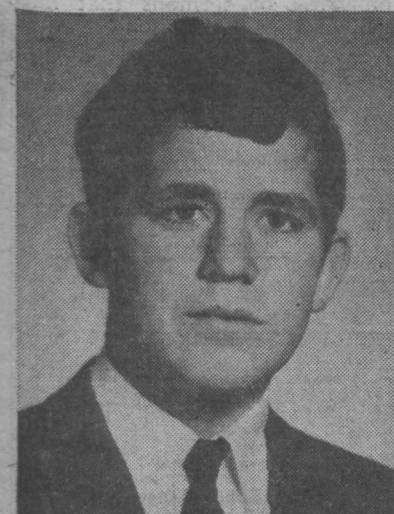
How Paul Always Preached Jesus' Death Everywhere

By "LITTLE JOE" WILSON
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"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2).

The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ was the Apostle Paul's main message wherever he went. He declares in the first chapter of this same epistle that he had been sent by Christ to preach the gospel. Paul wasn't preaching to please man. He did not care to impress his hearers with his eloquence. He simply preached a crucified Christ as the Saviour of sinners.

"For the Jews require a sign,



"LITTLE JOE"

and the Greeks seek after wisdom; But we preach Christ crucified unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness" (I Cor. 1:22,23).

Paul's message was not well received in many places that he preached. The message of the cross is not very pleasing to the natural man's ear. The Jews wanted to see a sign and the Greeks wanted to see a display of worldly wisdom. But this did not stop Paul from preaching the message of the cross that God had revealed unto him. Paul was determined to preach "Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" wheth-

er men liked it or not. He realized that the message of the cross was the only message that would save men from hell. It is the same way today. We preachers have no business whatsoever trying to impress our hearers with our wisdom or our great eloquence. Men don't need to hear impressive sermons. They need to hear the gospel simply preached in the power of the Holy Spirit. Yes, beloved friends, the message of the cross is to be our message to this lost world.

Are we then supposed to leave out every other doctrine in the Bible? This is what some will tell us, but this is not what Paul meant by his statement in our text. Surely we must admit that Paul preached many other things to the Corinthians. But Paul is saying that so far as the Corinthian's salvation was concerned, "Christ crucified" was all they needed to know. Unless a man has come to Christ, what will it profit him to learn other doctrines? I will not waste my time trying to prove to a lost man any doctrine in God's Word that is not essential to his salvation. I believe this is what Paul meant (Continued on page 7, column 2)

How Churches Ignore The Work Of The Holy Spirit

By ROY MASON
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The Holy Spirit was meant to be the chief Person in the world during this age. God the Father was the prominent one during all the Old Testament period. God the Son came to the forefront during the opening days of the new dispensation. The Holy Spirit came to occupy the prominent place during the present age of grace. Yet, despite some talk about the Holy Spirit, He is to many professing Christians and churches as if He did not exist. Jesus thought that the Spirit's presence and power was so needed that he forbade the disciples to stir out of Jerusalem until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. (See Acts 1:8).

How Do People Ignore The Holy Spirit Today?

1. Preachers and evangelists often ignore Him, by depending on psychology instead of the Holy Spirit. All sorts of "techniques" are used to elicit professions. Skillful propositions are made to entrap people into holding up their hands, then once they have done that they are begged, cajoled, and sometimes "bullied" into

coming forward, where a profession is extracted from them. No wonder such "converts" don't stick. Many evangelists have a whole repertoire of tricks and stunts. Take these away, and how many professions would they have? How many things happen in their meetings that cannot be explained on a naturalistic basis?

2. Churches often ignore the Holy Spirit in carrying on their work. When they get without a pastor what do they do? Pray and seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit? No. They send to Baptist State Headquarters and ask the "State Secretary" to send them



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a preacher. And when a man is recommended — on what basis is that recommendation? Often it is on the basis of the man's "loyalty" (or subservience) to the denominational program. Moreover, it is sometimes the case that when a church is considering some good preacher who is loyal to Christ and a real preacher of the Bible, other pastors who are sold on "the Program" seek to block the call, because they don't believe that the man in question can be dominated. They don't ask or care what the will of God or the leading of the Holy Spirit (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US"

"He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters; He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me; for they were too strong for me. They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me." — II Sam. 22:17-20.

I don't know of any passage of Scripture in all the Word of God that has been more of a

blessing to me than the passage that I have just read. It is taken out of David's song of deliverance. He had had some rather vicious experiences just prior to this. There was the battle of Mt. Ephraim, resulting in the slaying of Absalom, his son. There was the touching grief he had because of Absalom's death. Then following this, Joab, his nephew, his commander-in-chief, reproached him, speaking vehemently and viciously unto him. Then later on, there came three years of

famine, ending with the hanging of seven sons of Saul in order to appease the Gibeonites who had been abused in the days of Saul. Following this was the war with the Philistines, which was a constant matter. Finally, David got victory. When victory came after all of these experiences, and when the dark clouds passed away and the sun began to shine through, it was then that David sang this song of deliverance. My text is a part of the song that David sang. (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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A BUSY WEEKEND COMING UP

Labor Day weekend in prospect will be an exceedingly busy one in that your editor is attempting to make two Bible Conferences.

First of all, I will be with the Missionary Baptist Church of Hayward (San Francisco), Calif. on Thursday evening, August 30 to preach once. Then on Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1, I will be speaking twice daily. The five sermons will be relative to the doctrines of the church. Brother Lawrence Crawford is the gifted pastor of the church and I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the services.

Then on Sunday I plan to fly from San Francisco to Tulsa to preach for the one and only Joe Wilson in his Bible Conference. I understand he has me on the program for the last ("When men have well drunk") sermon Sunday night. This will also be a message on the church.

It will be a joy to have an opportunity to be with Bro. Crawford and Bro. Wilson and their churches. Please pray for me in view of the activities of this weekend.



"God . . . For Us"

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While it is primarily referring to David, who had been delivered, certainly it can be applied, without any violence or damage to the Word of God, to all of

God's children, for God has done for every one of us spiritually just exactly what God had done for David.

I

"HE SENT FROM ABOVE."

My text starts out by saying, "He sent from above." That is what God did for us in Jesus. He sent Jesus from above. Listen:

"For the Son of man IS COME to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

One question logically follows: "Where did He come from?" You and I, and those who know the Word of God, realize that Jesus was God in the flesh — God sent down from Heaven to this world. We read:

"But when the fulness of the time was come, GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."—Gal. 4:4,5.

When I turn to my text to read, "He sent from above," I am made to realize that the Lord Jesus Christ came from above. He came down to this world.

We are told this many, many times in the Word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ emphasized this Himself when He was dealing with the woman of Samaria, for He said:

"My meat is to do the WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME."—John 4:34.

Jesus had been sent — sent of God, and as David says in this testimony, in his song of deliverance, "He sent from above." So Jesus was sent from above.

I can't emphasize this enough. I would not in the least have you to believe that Jesus Christ was born just the same as you and I were born. I would not have you to think for one moment's time that Jesus Christ was anything other than God in the flesh. He was virgin born, conceived without a human father, and I say He was God in the flesh.

It says in my text, "He sent from above." Up yonder in Heaven God looked down upon this world to see all the sin and the depravity of humanity. Long before that became a reality, and back yonder in the council halls of eternity before this world began, God planned to send, and He did send, His Son to this world as a result of the depravity of humanity.

I remember reading years ago of the methods of torture that were used during the Dark Ages. One of the favorite methods was that of a movable wall wherein they would place the individual inside a box that had no top over it. After the individual had been in that box for twenty-four hours, he realized that the walls had suddenly gotten closer together. By the time he had been there for forty-eight hours, he realized that the walls were suddenly getting closer and closer together, and he knew that unless a friend-

Bro. Gerald Price Is Pastor In Lexington, Kentucky

The New Temple Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, is now pastored by Elder Gerald B. Price, formerly of Bristol, Tennessee. He is on the field, and



GERALD B. PRICE

apparently, the work is coming along well under his leadership.

Brother Price is a sound Baptist. I have known him for many years, and have considered him true to the faith. He has been standing like a stone wall for the doctrines of God's Word relative to grace and church truth for many years.

We certainly pray God's richest blessings upon him and upon the church which is composed of some of our dearest friends. Bro. Price's address is: Elder Gerald B. Price, 3040 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

ly hand reached down from above, and took hold of him, pretty soon his life would be crushed out.

I have often thought about that method of torture that was used during the Dark Ages. That is exactly true so far as you and I are spiritually, for sin was just moving in — depravity was squeezing us — iniquity was abounding, and if it hadn't been that a friendly hand — the hand of Jesus Christ — reached down from above, and if the Son of God hadn't come down from above, every one of us would have gone to a Devil's Hell.

I go back to the Old Testament and I read the story of Jeremiah being put down into a dungeon, in miry clay, and how he sank down in that miry clay. The Word of God tells us how Ebed-melech, a black man, came along and threw down some old cast clouts — some old rotten rags, to Jeremiah, that he might put them under his arms. Then he lowered him a rope that he might put that rope around those old cast clouts. Then Ebed-melech pulled Jeremiah out of the miry clay.

I think often as I read that story, and I see Jeremiah pulled out of the miry clay — I think how you and I have certainly sunk down into the mire of sin, and only as the One who came from above reached down and pulled us out, have any of us ever been saved. We each were like Jeremiah. We couldn't have gotten out of the miry clay. We were like Jeremiah in that we were helpless. But thanks be to God, as David said, "He sent from above," so God sent Jesus Christ from above, and Jesus lifted us out of the mire of sin and planted our feet on the solid Rock of Ages.

II

"HE TOOK ME."

My text also says, "He took me." Not only was Jesus sent from above, but Jesus took me.

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Not one of us was willing to be taken. Not one of us was willing to get out of sin. Not one of us was willing to make a change so far as we were concerned. Rather, the Lord took us. Just like David said, "The Lord took me," so you and I who are saved can say, "The Lord took me." If it had been left up to us, we would still be wallowing in sin, but the Lord took us out. Thank God, He took us.

We read: "Thy people shall be WILLING in the day of thy power."—Psa. 110:3.

Beloved, the only reason that we are willing, and the only reason that we would ever be willing, is because of the power of the Lord. If God had not manifested His power in our behalf, we would all be in sin today. David said, "The Lord took me," and only as the Lord took us were we able to get out of sin.

Listen again: "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness HAVE I DRAWN THEE."—Jer. 31:3.

We had to be drawn. We had to be made willing. Surely there isn't a one of us that would ever have been willing — there isn't a one of us that would ever have been coming out of sin if He had not drawn us with the loving cords of kindness.

Notice again: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me DRAW HIM."—John 6:44.

I read in my text how David said, "He took me," and I look backwards across my life's experience and I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ took me, He had to take me. He had to take you. No man would ever have come to Him. He had to take you. None of us would ever have come to Him.

Jesus said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, WILL DRAW all men unto me."—John 12:32.

The word for "draw" is the word for "drag." He said, "I will drag all men unto me." Did He mean all men, without exception? No, He meant the elect of God, that He would draw them, that they will come to Him. I tell you, beloved, a man can't resist the Lord Jesus Christ if he is one of God's elect.

Notice again: "Go out into the highways and hedges, and COMPEL them to come in, that my house may be filled."—Luke 14:23.

Our Lord doesn't give invitations. He doesn't say, "You go invite them." He doesn't say, "You go out and issue an invitation telling people to come." Rather, He said, "You go compel them to come, that my house may be filled." Beloved, that is the way the Lord deals with His elect. That is the way the Lord deals with saved people who are His

elect. He compels them to come to Him.

I look to my text and I read that it says, "He took me" — and He does. He took us; He compels us to come to Him.

I think of an incident in the Old Testament which is a remarkable experience by way of an illustration. Joab was commander-in-chief of David's army. David had a spoiled, rebellious son by the name of Absalom. Absalom had killed his half-brother, Ammon, and because of this, he had fled to Geshur and lived with the wild Bedoin people of his mother's family for two years' time. Finally, he was allowed to come back home but not to see David's face. For a long period of time he dwelt in his own house, and was never able to see his father's face. His father only half-heartedly — in a half-way manner, forgave him for his crime.

Finally, Absalom tired of this for he wanted to see his father. He wanted somebody to intercede with his father. He wanted Joab, who had more power with his father than anybody else, to act as his intercessor. He sent for Joab, but Joab paid no attention to it. He sent for him a second time and Joab paid no attention. Finally, Absalom went out into Joab's wheat field and set fire (Continued on page 3, column 1)

Has A New Tape Ministry

Kings Addition Baptist Church of South Shore, Kentucky, is starting a tape ministry.

For quite some time, this church has been conducting weekly



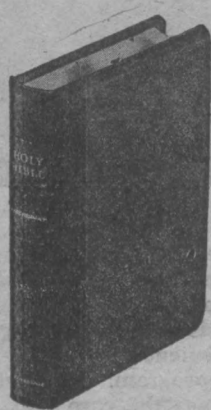
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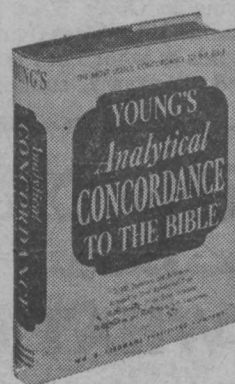
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to it and burned it up.

Then Joab came running and said, "Why are you burning my wheat field?" Absalom said, "I wanted an audience with you, that you in turn might get an audience with my father, that I might get out of this house, that I might see my father's face." Notice this: In order to get an audience with Joab, he had to burn up his wheat field.

I am of the opinion that God deals with unsaved people just exactly like that. God may invite and God may send to you and insist upon you coming, but after a while, He compels. Sometimes He has to "burn up your wheat field." Sometimes God does more than burn up one wheat field. As one man heard me preach one Sunday night on this subject years ago, he came forward and said, "Brother Gilpin, God has burned up every wheat field I ever had. I can't stand it any more." I had buried one of his sons. He had trouble after trouble come to his home. I knew that it was true that God had burned up wheat field after wheat field and finally he was compelled to come to Jesus Christ.

I tell you, beloved, I read this and I find that it says first of all, "He sent from above," and then it says, "He took me." Beloved, Jesus took us. We didn't turn to Him of our own accord, but He took us unto Himself.

III

"HE DREW ME OUT OF MANY WATERS."

Oh, how many different kinds of waters were you in! How many different kinds of waters are mentioned in the Word of God that illustrates your life and mine!

God says we are unstable as water.

When Jacob was pronouncing

a blessing upon his sons, when he came to Reuben, he said:

"Unstable as water." — Gen. 49:4.

And Reuben was. There wasn't a judge, there wasn't a single leader, there wasn't a single outstanding person who came from the tribe of Reuben. He was unstable as water.

Beloved, I am wondering about those of you who are here. Isn't it true of you and me that we were unstable. What you are, you are because of what the Lord's grace has done. You are unstable as water. David said, "He drew me out of many waters." One of those waters that He has drawn you out of is the water of instability.

Then the Word of God says that we are as **water spilt on the ground.** Listen:

"For we must needs die, and are as WATER SPILT on the ground." — II Sam. 14:14.

Beloved, you take a glass of water and throw it out upon the ground. You can't gather it up. It is water spilt upon the ground.

Talk about many waters. I tell you, beloved, one of the waters that He has drawn us out of is the water in that experience that is illustrated by water spilt upon the ground.

Oh, brother, sister, what are you in the sight of God? You are just like water spilt upon the ground. If you are ever saved, it takes God to pick you up. Man couldn't pick up water that is spilt on the ground, and if you are ever saved, it will have to be God to do it.

The Word of God also says something about **water compared to iniquity.** Listen:

"How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh INIQUITY LIKE WATER?" — Job 15:16.

You know how you drink water, especially on a hot summer day, how soothing, how quenching to the thirst, how ap-

pealing it is to your physical appetite to have a good cold glass of water every now and then through the day. God says that man drinks in iniquity to himself just the same as we drink water.

Beloved, David said, "He drew me out of many waters." Yes, the waters of instability, waters that are spilt on the ground, waters that are likened unto iniquity.

Then the Word of God talks about **stolen waters.** We read:

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and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." — Prov. 9:17.

If you will read closely the whole passage, you will find that it is talking about an harlot. Her appeal to her prospective customers is that stolen waters are sweet.

I tell you, beloved, God had to draw us out of many waters — all kinds of waters. Notice the different kinds of waters that He draws us out of.

Notice, also, that sometimes He talks about **wells without water:**

"These are WELLS WITHOUT WATER, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever."

— II Pet. 2:17.

Sometimes there are wells that have no water. You may go to the well to find that the well has run dry. You may go to the well, but the well doesn't produce any water. Many a man goes to church and he leaves because there is nothing for his soul: there is nothing there to quench his spiritual thirst — just a well without water.

I come to the words of David when he said, "He drew me out of many waters." Oh, the numberless waters that God has drawn us out of! If He hadn't drawn us, not a one of us would have turned to Him for salvation.

IV

"HE DELIVERED ME FROM MY STRONG ENEMY."

I don't know who David was referring to in particular, but in all probability he was thinking about his father-in-law, Saul. I don't know for sure that Saul was the strong enemy. It could be that he was thinking about Goliath. I just don't know. I do know that there was some particular enemy that David had in mind.

Beloved, I have a particular enemy. I have a lot of enemies as far as that is concerned here in this world, but they don't amount to much. But there is one strong enemy that I have, and that is the Devil himself.

The Word of God talks about him. Listen:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." — I Pet. 5:8.

I tell you, beloved, the Devil is our adversary. He is our enemy. I thank God that the Lord Jesus Christ gives us deliverance from this enemy. The same one that was sent from above — that one who drew me out of many waters, thank God He delivers me from my strong enemy, the

Devil.

Listen again:

"Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped." — Ps. 124:7.

Do you know what a snare is? It is a trap that you make with which to catch an unwary animal or an unwary bird. When I was a boy I used to snare rabbits, and I used to snare birds. The snare is a trap, and it says that "our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers."

Beloved, I thank God that my soul has escaped out of the snare of Satan. I rejoice because of this truth. It makes me happy to know that I have escaped out of His hands. He is my great adversary, but the snare is broken and we are escaped. Thank God, we have escaped from the Devil.

Sinner friend, do you know that you, too, can escape from that snare? There is just one way. Listen:

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." — Rev. 12:11.

Who is it talking about overcoming? It is the Devil himself! And how does it say that they overcame him? By the blood of the Lamb.

My text says that "he delivered me from my strong enemy." How do we get victory? How do we overcome this strong enemy? We overcome him by the blood of the Lamb.

I tell you, beloved, there isn't any other way whereby you can overcome him. There is no other way whereby you can be saved. There is no other way whereby you can get victory over your strong enemy, Satan, except as you get that victory through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Does Luke 19:45 and Matt. 21:12-13 teach that Christ lost his temper?"



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I believe our Lord became very angry when He saw men using the temple as a means of getting fleshly gain. Though I agree that He was angry, I do not believe that we should contend that His righteous indignation was a loss of temper. There is nothing wrong with temper, which we all have, but when one loses his temper, he becomes irrational and beside himself. The Son of Man never became irrational, thus I do not believe He lost His temper, or that He acted hastily or harshly in ridding the temple of that which did not honor the Father. Furthermore, His action was foretold and predestinated by God and revealed by the Holy Spirit many years before Christ's birth. Please read Jer. 7:8-16.

Brethren, the Lord is still angry when His house is used to gratify the flesh or used in such a way so that man's work is honored rather than His works. The Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation teach us (elect) that to God belongeth the praise and honor. Each time that Israel or the church offered sacrifices to gratify the fleshly man and to seek worldly fame, their action provoked the Lord to anger, and in holy indignation, He came down to rid His people of the sin of making merchandise of His house.

"Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them"—Ps. 106:29.

Notice it was their inventions which provoked Him to anger. Man was made upright, but he sought out many inventions which tended to glorify himself. God's house was not built for the purpose of buying and eating and the Lord said:

"Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price"—Isa. 55:1.

He also counseled the church at Laodicea to buy of him gold tried in the fire. Read Rev. 3:18. The water, wine, milk and gold are but emblems of the great doctrines of God's Word. These doctrines are the things that we Baptists are to buy and sell. When we invent new doctrines and buy and sell them, we make God's house a den of thieves by robbing the Lord of the praise that is due His holy name. Brethren, when Baptist churches teach that God can't do anything unless the sinner is willing, they preach that God stands by helpless to bring to pass His will of purpose until man exercises his free will.

When they deny the sovereignty of God, God's house ceases to be the house of prayer, and the Lord is provoked and threatens to remove the candlestick out of its place unless she (church) repents.

What our Lord did in the temple, He will do again, but on a much wider scale. There is coming the time when the Lord will drive from His field (world), Satan and all of his followers. This period of time is called the great tribulation. Then with the cords of His power, He will destroy the old whore (Roman Catholicism) and her harlot daughters (Protestantism) by taking the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet and casting them into the Lake of Fire and taking Satan and putting him in the bottomless pit. At this time the greatest display of God's anger will be in ridding His property (world) of sin and sinners by making His field a fit place for His bride and His elect to live in and reign over.

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name"—Rev. 14:10-11.

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When we think of persons losing their temper we usually think of their losing control of their feelings and exploding with anger. I recall a neighbor woman who was jealous of another woman. They had an encounter and the jealous woman screamed and yelled and became incoherent. She slapped the other woman down, and was so insane in her anger that she would readily have killed her. Now I do believe that Jesus became indignant though. I feel sorry for people who can never be moved to indignation — who can see any form of injustice perpetrated and not be moved to anger. Actually, the Bible tells us to be angry under certain circumstances. "Be ye angry and sin not" it says. The trouble is not with a person becoming angry under proper provocation, but with their throwing restraints to the winds and acting a fool. Jesus became angry according to Mark 3:5. It says, "And when he had looked about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their

hearts..." A bunch of critics were ready to criticize Him for healing a man on the Sabbath, and it angered and grieved Jesus.

The Scripture doesn't say that Jesus became angry concerning the mess He found the temple in, but my guess is that He did. But He didn't "lose His temper" in a wild burst of incoherence. He drove the whole gang of temple desecrators out of the temple, and there must have been something about His manner that caused the desecrators to think he meant business, for they evidently fled from before His face.

If there is anything that ought to cause us righteous indignation it is the way that places of worship are desecrated in this day. How can any one read about the cleansing of the temple, and approve of the way church buildings are turned into places for parties and eating and drinking. Surely the attitude of Jesus toward that sort of thing is made clear by his cleansing of the temple. Were He here today, I believe He would drive whole gangs of people out of church buildings and say to them, "It is written that mine house shall be called a place of prayer and you have turned it into a place of eating and drinking and revelry."

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The term "lost his temper" has the connotation that one has not controlled it. Let us examine it first with this in mind.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted as we are, YET WITHOUT SIN" (Heb. 4:15).

Christ asked the question in John 8:46, "Which of you convinces (convicts) me of sin?..." Paul said of Christ, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

If Christ lost control of Himself, then He sinned. We know that He did not sin, therefore He did not lose His temper. I did not say that He did not become angry. He was not happy with the money changers and the buying and selling in the temple. No, He was angry. There is nothing wrong with righteous anger. "God is angry with the wicked every day" (see Psalm 7:11). We are told to, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down on your wrath" (Eph. 4:26). According to Titus 1:7 a bishop must not be "soon angry." It doesn't mean we have nothing to be angry over but that we must be slow to wrath.

When Christ saw the house of prayer being used as a place of sin and turmoil, he was angry. You and I should so respect the house of God that we will not permit disrespect to enter in. I tell you brethren, there is so much disrespect for God's House and God's servants today that it makes me sick. We see people going into God's House in order to see what is being done or said wrong, rather than to worship God and rejoice in His truths. I have attended several conferences across the country and I have found that there is always some who are listening to see how many wrong things the preacher is saying instead of listening to rejoice over God's Word. If we listen close enough we will find something that we disagree with from anybody. Why not rejoice together over those things that we can agree with? Why not go

into God's house to pray together and worship together? God is able to take care of His servants. If a man is wrong on some doctrine, God can change him. Let's leave things like that in His hands. I don't think God has sent anybody for the sole purpose of correcting all His servants.

I get angry when people say things that are not true about our church. I do not believe that I am wrong in this. I'm sure that if anyone lies about your church you would become angry too. I tell you brethren, we should have such respect for the House of prayer that we would be afraid to say anything against one of them.

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If you mean to ask if our Lord lost control of Himself, the answer is a resounding no. He was in complete control of Himself at all times, and in every situation. What we have here is His righteous anger of our sovereign God.

Many Baptists in our day seem to have read between the lines in the precious Book, and to have come up with a little, puny god that is subject to the beck and call of mighty man. This little god is incapable of anger, wrath or hatred. And along with this little god these Baptists also find in the spaces between the lines a multitude of false doctrines that little god like a "bug's shirt."

If they would only read the lines instead of the spaces they would come up with a God who "doeth according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth." Dan. 4:35. They would come up with a God who says, "What His soul desireth, even that He doeth," Job 23:13. They would find a God who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will," Eph. 1:11. They would find a God who says, "Great is His anger and His FURY that the Lord hath pronounced against this people" Jer. 36:7. They would find a God who says, "As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you" Jer. 42:18. In Jer. 49:37, He says, "I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the Lord."

No doubt, this entire issue of TBE could be filled with references that speak plainly of God's anger, wrath, fury and hatred. But Baptists who are content to read between the lines would not believe them.

"God ... For Us"

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Nobody ever overcame the Devil by being baptized. Nobody ever overcame the Devil by taking the Lord's Supper. Nobody ever ov-

ercame the Devil by joining the church. The only way that you can overcome the Devil is through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"HE BROUGHT ME FORTH ALSO INTO A LARGE PLACE."

I am glad for the deliverance that I have in Christ Jesus, and I am glad to know that I have been delivered into a large place — a place where the eyes of the Lord run to and fro, day by day.

"The eyes of the Lord are in EVERY PLACE, beholding the evil and the good."—Prov. 15:3.

Beloved, He is in every place.

Thank God, we don't serve a "panty waist" god. We don't serve a god that you can shut up in a peanut shell. Some people have a god only big enough that you can put him into a peanut shell, and when you want to, you open up the shell and look at him and have a good time of visitation with your god. Our God, beloved, is a God of sovereignty. He is a God of absolute supremacy, to the extent that the eyes of the Lord are in every place. As it says here, "He brought me forth also into a large place."

Thank God for the fact that He is our hiding place. I am glad that we have a hiding place in the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"Thou art my HIDING PLACE and my shield: I hope in thy word."—Psa. 119:114.

I am glad that I have a hiding place, and that hiding place is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Hide me, O my Saviour hide, Till the storms of life are past; Safe unto the haven guide, O, receive my soul at last."

Thank God, He is our hiding place within this world.

I say to that man who is unsaved, you have no hiding place. There is no hiding place for the man who is outside of Jesus Christ. That grieves me. All the rest that I have said has been a thrill to my soul, but it is a grief to me when I stand here and tell you who are unsaved that there is no place for the unsaved. He has no place for you. He has brought me forth into a large place. He has brought every saved person forth into a large place — room enough to move around. The eyes of the Lord look down upon us and in that large place we are secure in Him. He is our hiding place, but there is no place for the unsaved. Listen:

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away: and there was found NO PLACE FOR THEM."—Rev. 20:11.

Beloved, listen, there is a place for the saved, but there is no place for that man who is outside of Jesus Christ.

Might it please God to help you to see this truth, that all that we have spiritually comes from God — that all we have comes because of what the Lord has done for us. We don't have anything in ourselves. I am not saved because of anything good in myself. You are not saved because of anything good in you. But we are what we are because of what God has done for us.

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"BATTLE STATIONS"

"And Saul and ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WERE WITH HIM assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfort. Moreover THE HEBREWS THAT WERE WITH THE PHILISTINES before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. Likewise ALL THE MEN OF ISRAEL WHICH HAD HID THEMSELVES IN MOUNT EPHRAIM, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle."

In the Scripture above, we see three kinds of people. Each of us will probably fit into one of these groups. The story is old and familiar. The Philistines (unbelievers) were fighting the Israelites (believers). First, there were all the people that were faithful to their king, Saul. They were in their place following their king into this battle against the enemy. They had left the world behind, counted the cost and followed the king. They counted not their own life dear to them. Are we that kind of believer? Can we be counted on when the battle begins? Can our King depend on us? It was these people that the king could rely on. When they came to the battle, they had their sword. And they used it against the enemy. The Word of God is the Christian's sword. How do we rate in using our sword? Can we handle it well? Are we familiar enough with it to defend ourselves with it? Can we thrust — parry — guard? Or do we find it heavy and burdensome? Are we awkward and unskilled with it? If so, we won't be much good in battle.

The second group mentioned here are the people who were with the Philistines. They were like Demas. Paul said, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica" (II Tim. 4:10). These Hebrews felt more comfortable with the Philistines. There were very few restrictions. No persecutions. They

could look, talk, smell, and act just like the Philistines. How often do we find ourselves in this camp? Do we enjoy the company of the ungodly more than that of believers? Do we find the things of this world pleasing and profitable in our lives? If so, we are like the seed sown among thorns. We hear the word but the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and we become unfruitful (Matt. 13).

Then there were those believers that were in Israel but they hid themselves in Mt. Ephraim. They were alright as long as everything was going well, but when trouble came, they hid. They are the ones who never want to "argue or discuss" the Scriptures. But have much to say about love, peace at any cost, and brotherhood. When there is prayer meeting, they are hiding. Visitation time finds them in Mt. Ephraim. Cleaning day they are camouflaged in the shadow of the Mount again. When they hear that the battle is going good, then they show themselves and join in for the victory. Is this the way we are? At the least sign of trouble do we run for Mt. Ephraim?

If you will read this complete story, you will find there were two other men mentioned, Jonathan and his armour-bearer in the very forefront of the battle. They didn't wait for the enemy to attack, but charged forward in the name of the Lord. Jonathan was a leader. He had an "out-going" personality and it was expected of him to do the courageous. But his armour-bearer was so insignificant that his name is not even mentioned. He was not a leader, prophet, teacher, or superior in any way. Yet he is faithful in battle. Jonathan was the man God had placed over him. In v. 6 of this chapter Jonathan suggests a plan and assures the young man that there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few. And the young man faithfully answers "Do all that is in thine heart, behold, I am with thee." Isn't that a beautiful attitude?

Which group are you in? Are you taking your place faithfully in the battle with your King? Or are you counted among the Philistines of this world? Or perhaps you are hiding in Mt. Ephraim? Wouldn't it be marvelous if you and I would be a Jonathan and an armour-bearer? May it please the Lord Jesus to stir us up and give us grace to take our place among the ranks of those who are faithful in the battle.

"God . . . For Us"

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What has He done? He sent from above His Son. He took me. If He hadn't, I would still be in sin. He delivered me out of many waters. He delivered me from a strong enemy. He has brought me forth into a large place. How I thank God for this blessed truth!

I found myself thinking of recent date in terms of an experience of long ago, back in World War I. I was a boy when World War I was fought, and one thing I remember about that war was the service flag that was put in the window. If a home had a son that had gone to war, they would put up a star and a service flag in the front window, or if they had two sons, they would have two stars, or three sons, they would have three stars and the flag. If a son had died in battle, they would have a gold star on that flag.

I remember a father walking along one evening at the close of the day with his little son holding him by the hand, and as they passed down the street the son would call attention to those service flags. He would say, "Father, there is a home that has given a son," and "There is a home that has given two sons," and "There is a home that has given three sons." When he saw a flag with a gold star, he would

say, "There is a home, where a son has died."

Then they came to a vacant space — a house on one side and a house on the other side of a vacant lot. The boy looked out in the distance and saw the evening star. He looked up and clenched his daddy's hand and said, "Daddy, God must have given His Son, too."

Beloved, that is what God did. God gave His Son too.

The man to whom that experience came was Harry Lauder, the famed singer. He had lost a son in the war. He had lost a son who had died in battle, and as he and his youngest child walked along the street together, Harry Lauder got the greatest comfort of his soul when that little boy said, "God must have given His Son too."

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for the hope that we have. It is all in Christ. We don't have anything in ourselves. There is not one thing that we can hope for in ourselves, but all of our hope is in what God has done for us. I magnify Him. I exalt Him. I rejoice to tell you that our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has done, and not in anything that we have done ourselves.

May God bless you!

Fred T. Halliman

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known all our life. For several months Mrs. Knowles and I had been corresponding and she was concerned in regard to her baptism. Before I got home she had made application to Calvary Baptist Church for membership and it was determined that she would have to be baptized. That evening we discussed the matter of baptism some more and made plans for a baptismal service for the next morning.

Mr. Knowles is much younger in the faith than his wife and had not until recently seen the need of being baptized into a Scriptural church. However, before the baptismal service the next morning he had decided that his baptism was no good and wanted to follow his Lord in Scriptural baptism also. On Thursday morning we went to a nice lake not too far from their home and there in a gentle rain, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles were baptized into the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky. I believe they were as happy as any people that I have ever baptized.

On Wednesday evening we had held a Bible study in their home and so again on Thursday evening we had another Bible study and after that we showed the slides on the New Guinea mission work. Friday morning early we were ready to leave the Knowles family, and we had had a most enriching experience in their home. Once again we were made to realize that God's people, wherever you find them, if they believe the truth, you can

have rich fellowship with them.

On Friday morning we left Coventry and drove on up to South Hadley, Massachusetts, and visited for a while with Bro. Earl H. Jackson, Jr. who is manager of the Bible Book Center there. This was my first time to meet Bro. Jackson and while our visit together was not very long it was most profitable. We discussed briefly at least most major Bible doctrines and there were none that we discussed but what we agreed on. Bro. Jackson has not been in touch with The Baptist Examiner too long but I noted in his bookshop that he had a bundle of TBE's to pass out to folk who visited the store. If any of our readers get around South Hadley, I would urge you to stop in at the Bible Book Center located at 136 College Street, and visit with Bro. Jackson.

When we left there, we went on up the eastern seaboard and we spent Friday night along the way and Saturday we drove on until we came to Dennysville, Maine where we spent the night again. While there, we visited Mrs. Freda Blackwood, a longtime reader of The Baptist Examiner. We discussed with Mrs. Blackwood, but while she does not agree with the church where her membership is, she was not prepared to be baptized.

On Sunday we drove on over to Milo, Maine and there had a wonderful visit with Mrs. D. G. Currie. In 1967, while in America, I met Mrs. Currie for the first time and spent the night in her home. Mrs. Currie is the mother of Mrs. Knowles down in Coventry, Conn. Mrs. Currie has been receiving The Baptist Examiner for a long time and, is herself, a strong contender of the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

We did not spend the night in Milo but drove on over into New Hampshire and spent the night and then on Monday we drove on over into Vermont and headed South. We worked our way back down the eastern seaboard on through New York City and on down to Baltimore, Maryland.

In Baltimore we visited with Elder J. D. Wishon and wife and with the New Testament Baptist Church of which Brother Wishon is the pastor. We had some fine fellowship with this church and pastor, staying in the home of Brother Wishon while there. Bro. Wishon is an old-time Baptist that strongly contends for the faith. There are few preachers left that still hold to, and preach, as well as put into practice, the truths of God's Word as this brother does.

When we had finished our ministry in Baltimore we drove on over to be with Bro. Dale Fisher and the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church which he pastors in Camp Spring, Maryland. This is not too far from Baltimore and quite close to Washington, D.C. We ar-

rived there just after noon and Sister Fisher took us on a cook's tour of the Capitol. This was very interesting and very much appreciated by all.

While we were in Baltimore, Bro. Fisher came over to the services and brought his entire church with him except one member, and so instead of showing the slides and making a report of the work, we had a regular preaching service. Brother Wishon, his wife and Brother McGhee from his church came over to fellowship with us again on this occasion. The Lord gave us a good time of fellowship together.

When we left Brother Fisher's house the following morning, we were headed for Courtland, Va., to visit with Brother and Sister Frank Parrish. Brother and Sister Parrish are members of our church in Ashland and while I had seen them once before at a Bible Conference, I had forgotten what they looked like, and knew little about them. I have never met a finer couple than Brother and Sister Parrish.

We were to have services in their home that night and Sister James and another lady from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, came over to fellowship with us that afternoon and be with us in the services that night. After the preaching services Mrs. James and her companion drove on back to Rocky Mount and we showed the slides out in the back yard at the Parrish home. When it was time for bed, Brother and Sister Parrish turned their home over to us, and they went to spend the night with a friend.

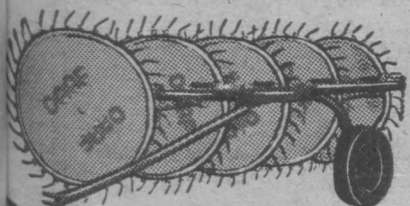
The next morning, we drove on down to Rocky Mount and spent the rest of the day and night with the James family and showed the slides in their home that night. The James family always makes you feel so comfortable in their home you just sort of kick off your shoes and completely unwind. What a blessing it is to be able to visit in a home like this.

The next day was Sunday again and we drove on down to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to be with Brother Joe Wilson, Jr., and the Grace Baptist Church. It's always good to be able to fellowship with this church and pastor. This is the first time I have been able to visit with Brother Joe as pastor. The last time I was there they had not called him as pastor though he was preaching for them. I appreciated the time of fellowship with Brother Joe and the church there and believe he is God's man in God's place doing God's work. The Lord has seen fit to bless this preacher with an unusually fine wife, and I know that she will be a great asset to his ministry.

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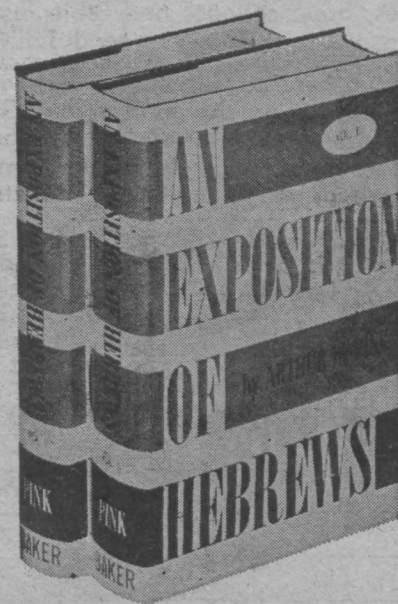
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"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." — Matthew 1:21.

V. Lastly, He shall save His people from falling into sin so as to perish eternally.

Those who are saved by Jesus are so saved that they can never be lost. They who are the children of God, are the children of God forever. They are eternally dear to the heart of the Father, and accepted through the well-beloved Son.

I never can understand how a man can be a child of God one day and a child of the devil the next. This I do know that, whatever my children may do, so long as they are alive, they will have a right to call me father, and I believe it will be utterly impossible for them, by any means whatever, to lose the rights of childhood. So, let a man be a child of God, and he is, he shall be, and he must be, everlastingly, a child of God, and an heir of the heavenly inheritance.

Is God less loving than an earthly parent? I believe that God has more love in His heart than the fondest mothers have for their children; they may forget, but God will never forget His children. They shall be kept by His power through faith unto salvation. They shall hold on their way through flood or flame; they shall still be led through life; and they shall be safely guided through the iron gates of death; and at last they shall sing a loud triumphant song of hallelujah unto Him who hath loved them, and who hath borne them safely home. Jesus Christ does not half save His people, He saves them from their sins wholly, completely, entirely. They shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of their Saviour's hands.

Now, my hearers, having described the salvation of Jesus, I have to urge you to lay hold on Him, who is the sinner's only hope and refuge. Jesus Christ alone is the Saviour of His people from their sins. He alone can save.

Am I this day addressing one man, or one woman, who is conscious of the weight of great guilt? Art thou saying, "I am too guilty to be forgiven, I have gone too far astray ever to find mercy?" Come, I beseech thee, and hear words of comfort. Jesus

Christ is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. No sinner can be too great a sinner for the sovereign grace of God in Christ Jesus to save him. Christ Jesus is able to save the Devil's castaways. There are people in the world that some persons would not touch with a



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pair of tongs, but Jesus Christ will take them to His heart. There are sinners so black, and so deep down in the kennel of sin, that one would scarcely look at them, yet Jesus Christ will stretch forth His hand, and draw them up out of the horrible pit, and make them His children here and throughout eternity. Can any one of you say—

"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all, But Jesus Christ is my all in all?"

There is the whole gospel in those two lines; you must first feel that you are a poor sinner, and nothing at all, and then you must believe and receive Jesus Christ as your all, and in all.

May God give you grace that you may feel your impotence, your helplessness, your nothingness, and may He then, by His Spirit, help you to lay hold on Christ Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Believe on our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of every empty sinner, and the life of every dead soul. He will forever blot out all thy sins, and say unto thee, "Go, and sin no more."

His name is called Jesus, for He is the Saviour, and He saves His people from their sins.

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I have purposed, so shall it stand." — Isa. 14:24.

11. Unconditional Election.

"For the children not being yet born, neither having done any good or evil, the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth; it was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger." — Rom. 9:11-12.

12. Limited Atonement.

"This is my blood . . . which is shed for many for the remission of sins." — Matt. 26:28.

13. Baptists are individualists. No proxies in religion.

"So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." — Rom. 14:12.

14. Free church in a free state.

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." — Matt. 22:21.

15. Salvation by grace.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." — Eph. 2:8-10.

16. Justification by faith.

"To him that worketh not but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is imputed for righteousness." — Rom. 4:5.

17. Sanctification by blood.

"Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate." — Heb. 13:12.

18. Repentance before faith.

"But the publicans and harlots believed Him: and ye, when ye heard it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him." — Matt. 21:32.

19. Only the blood-washed in Heaven.

"These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." — Rev. 7:14.

20. Only one way to be saved.

"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.

21. Just one Gospel.

"And the Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith preached beforehand the gospel unto Abraham." — Gal. 3:8.

22. No new birth without the Gospel.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. — And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." — I Pet. 1:23-25.

23. The new birth of the Word and the Holy Spirit.

"Because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and the 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.

24. Eternal life a present possession.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." — John 3:36.

25. Children of God by faith.

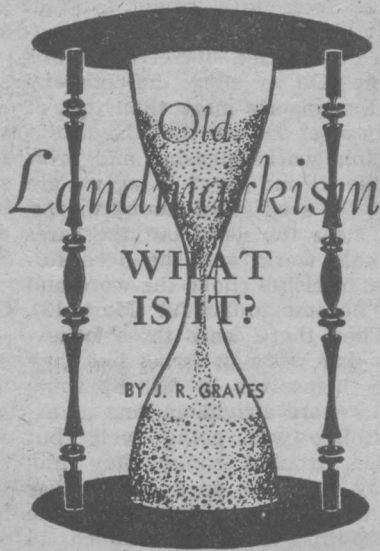
"Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." — Gal. 3:26.

26. Salvation before baptism.

"Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" — Acts 10:47.

27. Once-for-all Salvation.

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to



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come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39.

28. Democratic church government.

"One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." — Matt. 23:8.

29. Church receives members.

"Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, yet not to doubtful disputations." — Rom. 14:1.

30. Church excludes members.

"And if he neglect to hear them tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." — Matt. 18:17.

31. First church founded by Christ.

"And God hath set some in the church, first the apostles." — I Cor. 12:28. "And when it was day, He (Jesus) called unto Him His disciples, and of them he chose twelve, whom also He named apostles." — Luke 6:12-13.

32. The Lord's Supper a church ordinance.

"For first of all when ye come together in the church." — I Cor. 11:18.

33. Immersion of the saved.

"Much water." — John 3:23. "Went down into the water." — Acts 8:38. "Buried with Him by baptism" — Rom. 6:4. "Risen with Him." — I Cor. 12:12. "Straightway coming up out of the water." — Mark 1:10.

"The Lord added to them daily the saved." — Acts 2:47. (Campbell's translation).

34. Baptist baptism from Heaven.

"And all the people that heard him and the publicans justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." — Luke 7:29-30.

35. Bishops and deacons the two church officers.

"To all the saints in Christ Jesus in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." — Phil. 1:1.

36. An ordained ministry.

"That thou shouldst set in order the things which are wanting and ordain elders in every city." — Titus 1:5.

37. World-wide missions.

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.

38. This commission was given to the churches, which will be here until Jesus comes.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." — Matt. 28:19-20.

39. Heathen lost without the Gospel.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God." — Psal. 9:17.

"He that believeth not shall be damned." — Mark 16:16.

40. The Lord's Day, the day of worship.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no collections when I come." — I Cor. 16:2.

41. Degrees in Heaven.

"If any man's work abide, which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." — I Cor. 3:14-15.

42. The final judgment.

"For the hour is coming, in which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of

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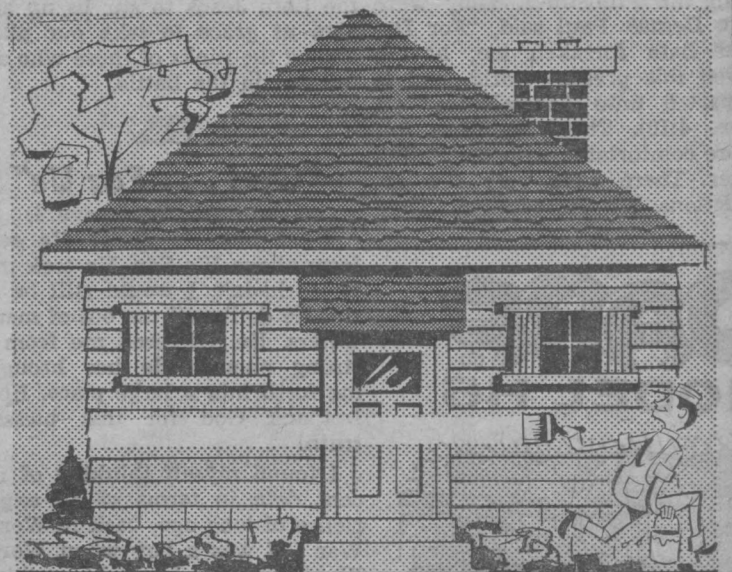
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drive over 300 miles round trip at least once a month to get to hear sound preaching and then over 160 miles the other three Sundays to get to be in the services with Bro. Parrish at Courtland, Va., it makes me wonder about many folk who live within 10 to 20 miles of their church and give the excuse that it is too far away.

Brother Joe preached at the 10:00 o'clock hour and I preached at 11:00. Then we met over at the pastor's home for the noon meal and about 2:00 p.m. we assembled at the church again for another service. Just before 4:00 p.m. we had finished our ministry and fellowship at Grace Baptist Church and were on our way west once again, this time headed for Paducah, Kentucky. We arrived in Paducah about 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning.

On Tuesday I left again for Ashland to attend to some business matters and after that was attended to I went to see Brother Gilpin and learned that he and I would be going to Somerset, Pa., to pick up a Camper Trailer from the Coleman Company. Through

arrangements between our church and the Coleman Company this trailer had been provided so that we could use it in our travels across the country this year in visiting the various churches. I arrived back in Paducah on Saturday afternoon and started a revival meeting at the Southside Baptist Church on Sunday morning there in Paducah. Bro. Tilden Garner is the pastor of this church. This meeting lasted through Friday night.

May the Lord bless you all.

Jesus' Death

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in I Cor. 2:2.

I believe that every doctrine taught in God's Word can be traced to the cross of Jesus Christ. All Bible doctrine centers around the cross. If you take the doctrine of the cross of Christ from Christianity, you will have a vain religion. Christianity would be no more profitable than the rest of the world's religions without the cross. Were it not for the glorious cross of Christ, there could be no salvation for any sinner. If Jesus had not died on the tree, the whole human race would have gone to hell! The day that Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross was the most important day in the history of the universe. Beloved, let us meditate for a while upon this glorious event. I believe that every believer ought to relive the crucifixion daily! If we would, I am sure that it would do something for our lives. I agree with the preacher who said that if we would only spend five minutes a day in meditation upon the cross, it would be impossible to backslide. I fear that there are many Christians who don't even spend that much time each day in thinking of their Saviour. It is a marvel to me that we are not constantly thinking about this event. There is no sweeter subject for meditation.

"Near the cross, O Lamb of God: Bring its scenes before me.

Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me."

May the Lord enable us just now to forget the things of earth and "survey that wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died." If we will, I am sure that it will be very profitable for us.

THE SHOCKING ELEMENT OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

The death of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most shocking and amazing event that ever took place. The cross is the wonder of the world! As we witness this event, the supernatural signs that accompany it assure us that this is not any ordinary death. There is something special about the death of this man. The earthquake, the rending of the rocks, the darkness over the land, all of these things make this an amazing event.

One amazing thing about the

death of Christ is this: The only one who ever walked this earth and didn't deserve to die is dying! Death comes to a man because that man is a sinner.

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4).

It is nothing extraordinary to see people dying. We see death all around us every day of our lives. Every one of us must die unless we are caught up in the rapture. Our death will not be anything amazing or unusual. We are sinners and we all therefore deserve to die. But here is one on a cross who is painfully dying who is absolutely sinless. In his whole life, he has never committed one act of transgression against his heavenly Father. It is not amazing to see two sinful thieves beside him dying, but beloved, is it not an amazing thing that the only man who ever lived a spotless, sinless life must die?

There are many other things that amaze us as we survey this cross. This One who is dying is not just a man, but He is God. Here at the cross, God is being murdered by man!

It is an amazing thing to see just how wicked man is. We can see the wickedness of man all around us. We often look at someone who has gone deep into sin and exclaim, "How low can you get?" It is certainly true that we

he will have no choice but to die. It wasn't so with Christ. He did not have to die. He had power enough to destroy the whole human race if it had been His will. Beloved, it is amazing that the Son of God, who didn't have to die, was willing to lay down His life!

I will tell you now what I think the most amazing thing about Christ's death is. The most shocking thing about the death of Christ is that it was for me—a filthy worm like me! Brethren, is it not the same way with all of you who know Christ? Surely it never ceases to amaze you that Jesus Christ suffered this awful death for your sake.

"Alas, and did my Saviour bleed, and did my sovereign die?"

Would He devote that sacred head, for such a worm as I? Was it for crimes that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!"

Let us who know Christ stand in amazement beneath the cross of Jesus Christ. What love He must have had for us! "Amazing love; how can it be? That thou my God shouldst die for me."

THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

How badly do believers today need a vision of the suffering that the Lord Jesus went through for us on the cross. We will never understand it all, but we need to consider as much as these feeble minds can comprehend. I feel that we could not bear it if we knew the whole of what Christ suffered!

The physical sufferings of Christ were great. I guess there was never anyone who suffered physically as Christ did on the cross. The scourging, the crown of thorns, the nails, the spear, and all of the other physical afflictions that He suffered are greater than any sufferings that man ever endured.

But do not for one moment believe the only sufferings of this "man of sorrows" were His physical sufferings. I say to you that the physical sufferings of Jesus Christ were but a small portion of what He suffered at Calvary. The sufferings that tormented Christ most were His spiritual sufferings. The worst agonies were not those that man inflicted upon Him, but those that Almighty God inflicted upon Him!

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief" (Isa. 53:10).

Beloved, God is a holy God! He cannot look upon any sin with favor. His justice demands that He punish all sin. That is why it pleased the Lord to "bruise" His own Son whom He loved so dearly. When God looked down to the cross on His Son, He no longer saw His Son as the perfect sinless one. Instead He looked upon Jesus Christ as though He Himself had committed the hideous sins that you and

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I have committed. This is why the sinless Christ had to die. Because "God hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Here is the wonder of all wonders! God put His own Son to grief that we might be saved from our sins. Listen to Jesus cry from the cross:

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46).

No martyr ever screamed out words like these. No saint can ever truly testify that his God forsook him. Yet in the hour that the Son of God needed His Father most, His Father turned His back on Him! Jesus Christ suffered hell on the cross! Surely it was hell for Jesus Christ to be separated from His Father, the One with whom He had constant fellowship from all eternity.

No one ever suffered like Christ suffered! The sinner in hell will never suffer like Jesus suffered. The sinner in hell will suffer for his own sins. Jesus Christ suffered the hell for a multitude of sinners that can't be numbered. Therefore, the sufferings of the vilest sinner in hell cannot match the sufferings of my Saviour.

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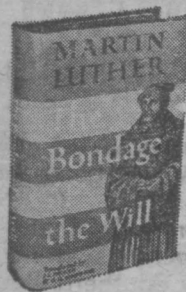
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can find many examples of man's total depravity in this world today, but you have never seen how utterly wicked man is until you have witnessed this scene that took place at Calvary. The Lord of glory comes down from heaven to dwell in the flesh among His own creatures, and how do those creatures treat Him? Do they reverence Him as the King of the universe that He is? Do they fall down at His feet and worship Him? No, dear friends, they despise Him and reject Him. Man is so wicked that he cannot be content until he has murdered the Son of God! So as we survey the cross of Christ, we are amazed at the absolute wickedness of sinful man.

Here is another amazing thing: Since Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, He did not have to die! The death of Jesus Christ was a voluntary death.

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17,18).

No one was able to take Christ's life from Him, but He laid it down of Himself. All of Christ's tormentors could have had no power whatsoever against Him if it had not been His desire. When Pilate threatened the Lord's life because Jesus didn't answer him, Jesus said, "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." John 19:11. Other men die because they have to. When man's appointed time to die comes, then



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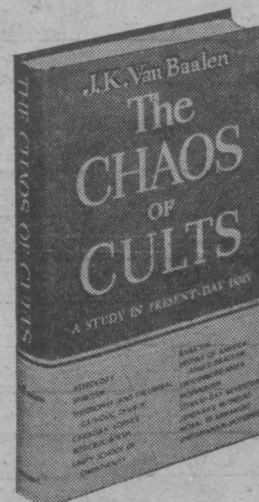
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DEATH.

The cross was the way of execution that was reserved for the lowest of criminals. God Himself told Moses, "He that is hanged is accursed of God." It was no easy thing for the Lord Jesus to bear the shame for the wicked deeds that you and I have committed. "He endured the cross, **DESPISING THE SHAME.**" What shame for the one who "loved righteousness and hated iniquity" to take our sins on Himself. Christ hated our sins as much as God the Father did, yet He must have all of them laid on Himself before He could save us. Every filthy sin that our mind can imagine was charged to Him. He was declared guilty by God the Father, of adultery, murder, homosexuality, robbery, and thousands of other sins even more hideous than these. Though He was innocent, He bore the shame as though He had committed

them all.

There was also the shame of being rejected and despised by His own creatures! You would think that in his dying hours, His enemies would have a little compassion on Him. But instead they mocked Him more than ever. It looked to them as though all of His claims to be the Messiah, the Son of God, were false. His disciples had forsaken Him. His God had forsaken Him! It looked to the natural eye as though this man on the cross was a total failure! The death of Jesus Christ is the most shameful death there has ever been.

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THE SUCCESS OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

No matter how the death of Jesus Christ looked to the natural eye like a failure, it was not. His death was a success. Jesus Christ came into this world on a mission, and He accomplished that mission on the cross, despite all the efforts of men and Satan to stop Him. Here at the

cross, what looked like Christ's defeat was His victory. Listen to the message declared even before His birth:

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus: FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS" (Matt. 1:21).

Christ Jesus came into the world to save His people from their sins, and every one of them shall be saved. Beloved, that is success! Don't tell me that my Lord failed to do what He wanted to do. "He shall not fail." Though the suffering and shame of the cross were great, I rejoice to know that Jesus accomplished His purpose.

This is my only hope of salvation. I know that I am saved, not because of anything I can do, but all because of what Jesus did on the cross. I say with the song writer, "Hallelujah for the cross!" Sinner, this is also your only hope. I urge you now to turn to the cross and "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you are saved forevermore.

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

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life: and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." — John 5:28-29.

43. The resurrection of the body.

"Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen: He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him." — Mark 16:6.

44. Resurrection of saints.

"Christ the first-fruits: afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." — I Cor. 15:23.

45. The second coming of our Lord.

"And behold I come quickly: and My reward is with Me to give unto every man according as his work shall be." — Rev. 22:12.

46. A never-ending Heaven of bliss.

"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also." — John 14:3.

47. An unending Hell of fire and brimstone.

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night." — Rev. 14:11.

48. No second chance.

"As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." — Heb. 9:27.

49. No annihilation.

"It is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched; where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." — Mark 9:45-46.

50. The end of all who believe in salvation by works.

"Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." — Matt. 7:22-23.

The proof is abundant that if it is Baptist doctrine, you can find it in the Bible. Why ought you to be a Baptist then? You ought not to be, unless you take the Bible as your only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. If you should be a Baptist for any other reason than that, you would be a hypocrite. Love to Christ and love for the Bible are the only reasons why anybody should be a Baptist. The mightiest preach-

er of the ages said: "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be accursed when Jesus comes." If he has been born again he will love the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus Himself said: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." You can not keep His commandments without being a Baptist. That is why you ought to be a Baptist. Love for the Lord Jesus and love for the truth will make every born-again man in the world a Baptist, if he will obey the Book. That has been tried in every country in this world today, where the Bible is read and loved and obeyed. In India and Burma and Germany and Russia and Persia and Bulgaria and Brazil and Cuba and any number of other countries around this world, before there were any Baptists in those lands, the reading of God's Word made Baptists out of folk who were not Baptists, and they went sometimes half way around the world to get Baptist baptism. In that they are following their Lord. He walked 60 miles or more to get Baptist baptism. Now (1932) in Peru, where there are no Baptists, two different groups of believers, made believers through the distribution of Bible by the colporters of the British and Foreign Bible Society; right now I say these two groups of believers, widely scattered, are waiting and begging for some Baptist missionary to come and give them New Testament baptism. The New Testament was written to make men disciples and then make them Baptists. You can't obey the Book without being a Baptist: and you can't be an informed and obedient Baptist without being a Missionary Baptist. Love to Christ and loyalty to His Word will make every saved man in the world a Baptist. That is why you ought to be a Baptist.

The Holy Spirit

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is, they want a man put in who will do exactly as is prescribed by the denomination.

And — all too often, preachers don't really seek the Spirit's guidance. They look to ecclesiastical leaders, to whom they have rendered their supreme loyalty, to provide them with a pastorate. Or, they let money or other considerations dominate rather than how the Spirit would have them go.

In Apostolic times the Spirit's leadership was sought and followed.

ed. Read Acts 13:1-3 and 16:6-10 for instances.

The Baptist Sunday School Board gets out a magazine, "Church Administration" in which "experts" tell how to administer the affairs of a church. But did not the Lord design that the Holy Spirit should be the Administrator of a church?

Instead of looking to the Holy Spirit, churches organize to accomplish the Lord's work. The whole list of church auxiliaries are of man's devising, and wholly without divine leading or sanction. Moreover, they are an insult to Jesus Christ, for they change the organization of the church He started, and exist upon the assumption that He didn't know how to organize His church as He wanted it. Someone will exclaim

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in amazement, "What would you have a church do?" The answer is, **THROW OUT EVERY AUXILIARY** and go back to the simple New Testament plan of organization. Throw away all every member canvasses, and depend upon God for the financing of a church. "But a church can't be run that way!" screams a chorus of voices. **CAN'T IT?** The author of these lines says that **IT CAN!** and backs the statement with his own church as one example. We have run successfully for nearly a quarter of a century without auxiliaries and with never a canvas of pledge and with a substantial surplus in the church treasury most of the time.

Do you know what Jesus, the risen Lord says to the churches? Here it is: "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Rev. 2:11).

3. Too often we as individuals ignore the leading of the Holy Spirit, and "lean unto our own understanding." We "quench the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19) and go according to our own scheming. Much of our trouble and many of our sorrows grow out of this. Above all things, Christians need to be led by the Spirit and filled with the Spirit.

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