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## THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

By WILLARD WILLIS  
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Pilate, according to John 19:12, tried to find a way whereby he could prevent the death of Christ. The Jews, however, put Pilate's feet to the fire in John 19:12 when they said:

"But the Jews cried out saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."

The Jews, by the use of this argument, had saved their strongest argument until the last. They said, in essence, that Jesus had exalted Himself above Caesar and that Pilate would not be honoring Caesar if he freed Christ. This argument by the Jews proved to be that which convinced Pilate of that which he must do. Pilate's hopes of releasing Christ were now in shambles, in view of the fact that he was too well established in his office to allow the man Jesus to ruin his future political hopes with Caesar. This fact is brought out clearly in John 19:13:

"When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in the place that is called the

pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha."

Pilate had weighed the matter on his tilted scales and determined that he had no choice but to mount the bench and pronounce sentence. He decided that his friendship with Caesar was far more weighty than his feelings toward this man Jesus. Beloved, who is the Caesar in your life — the Caesar that causes you to compromise the truth. He may be your wife, husband or even your dear mother.

Pilate, after having brought Christ before the people again, said, "behold your king" (John 19:14). The Jews, however, were not about to own Him as their king. They, therefore, "cried out, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him."

The Lord Jesus, before being brought before the people on this occasion, had received a severe beating. His precious body was covered with the deep marks of the whip. He, in fact, when returning to the people from Pilate's court, was still wearing the purple robe and crown of thorns.

It would appear that the Jews would have been satisfied with the torture that Christ had already been subjected to. It appears that

they would have dismissed their case against Him, but the sight of His blood only made them cry for more blood. This fact, of course, shows that man's feet are swift to shed blood—even innocent blood.

The Jews, according to John 19:16, took Jesus and led Him away. It is to be carefully noted that our Lord was led and not dragged. This fact bears out Isaiah 53:7:

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His



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mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth."

The depth of the Jewish hatred of Christ is clearly seen in John 19:17 where we are informed of the manner in which He was led to the "place of the skull," or "Golgotha." The Jews could not wait a minute longer, for they were filled with the lynching fever and would not be deterred until their evil desires were fulfilled. They considered the man Jesus as unfit to live in their society and to associate with them and their children. They feared that He would set a bad example for themselves and their children.

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "STREAKING"

"Preach the word"—II Tim. 4:2

When I was a boy, college boys used to wear coon-skin coats and drove junk-yard cars, which didn't cost much to begin with, but by the time they were decorated, they cost the "old man" at home a rather pretty penny. For a novelty, they used to stand around a fish fountain and pick up goldfish and swallow live goldfish. That was about the extent of the outstanding mischievous pranks that young peo-

ple did when in college in those days.

But we have seen things change as time has progressed, and quite a few years have elapsed since I was a boy. Today, conditions are quite a great deal different to what they were then. I was certainly amazed and also amused a few weeks ago with the opening statement on the part of one of the newscasters. He promised smilingly to show pictures of streak-

ing, or at least what part they were able to catch by way of streaking, on a certain college campus. Naturally, I sat up, took notice, stayed wide awake, and waited to see what was going to be presented on that TV program. Of course, the billing and the advance announcement were much more spectacular than what they were able to catch so far as the camera was concerned.

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## THE CHURCH

PREACHED PRIOR TO BRO. HALLIMAN'S GOING TO NEW GUINEA

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
Missionary To New Guinea

The only Divine and the grandest organization on this earth is a New Testament Church. No other organization has for its Head the Lord Jesus Christ, and none has such a glorious future awaiting, nor such a tremendous responsibility for the present. While many organizations lay claim to being the Church that Jesus built, a few simple tests will reveal the absurdity of such claims.

### Identifying "Marks"

To be a New Testament church, it must have been:

1. **Organized at the right time.** Jesus said: "Upon this rock I WILL build MY church" (Matt. 16:18). Therefore, none can lay claim to being the Lord's church, prior to Jesus' personal ministry upon the earth. If Jesus, "built His church," it had to be during His personal ministry, and, therefore, all that started at any time after His personal ministry are too late to be New Testament churches, including the Pentecost theory of the birth of the church.

2. **Organized at the right place.** The New Testament church had its origin in Jerusalem, not in Rome, England, or America. Therefore, all whose history does not reach back to Jerusalem, but had an origin some place else, cannot be the church of the Lord.

3. **Organized by the right Person.** Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build My church." The Lord did not leave this to Constantine or Gregory of the Roman Catholics, neither did He leave it to Luther, Henry the Eighth, Calvin,

Brown, Wesley, Campbell, and a host of others that have started organizations. But the Lord's church had its origin with the Lord and all others are man-made institutions, having no commission nor responsibility of preaching the Gospel. Hence all that they do is by usurpation, and not only will they receive no rewards and commendation from the Lord, but they shall receive severe condem-



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nation (judgment) for usurping authority and acting without any commission to do so.

4. **Organized out of the right material.** To build a frame house you must have lumber. To build a brick house you must have brick. Even so, to build "a spiritual house" (I Peter 2:5), one must use spiritual material, i.e., people that have been born of the Spirit and led of the Spirit to do His will. Roman Catholics, Campbellites, and all the balance take dead stones (spiritually "dead" sinners), and attempt to build them into a house in order to make them spiritual, but the Lord takes the "live- (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## The Church And Kingdom Of God Differentiated

By MILBURN COCKRELL  
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### PART I

"Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you" (I Cor. 4:8).

Paul rebuked the Corinthians for reigning as kings before the time



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appointed of God: "Ye have reigned as kings without us." He longed for the time when all the saints would reign together on earth for a thousand years: "I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you." If the kingdom had come, then Paul would have been reigning as a king instead of being persecuted as he was. This makes the future reign of the saints impossible so long as there are suffering saints on earth.

The Apostle knew nothing about reigning with Christ in a sense like some believe. He died without ever reigning with Christ. If the reign takes place before Christ re-

turns, then it will take place before Paul is raised from the dead. This would rob him of his desire and hope. Post-millennialists would cheat Paul and all the dead saints out of their reign with Christ.

A-millennialists teach that the saints go to Heaven at death, and there begin their thousand years reign. They never give any Scripture for this. The reason is that there is none to give. The Bible puts the reign of Christ and the saints in the future on earth after the First Resurrection.

It would be interesting to hear an A-millennialist explain I Corinthians 4:8. He would probably say, "You start your reign with Christ at death, and, in the words of Paul I say to you, I would to God that ye did reign." He would in reality be saying, "I would that ye were dead, and that we were dead also." This is offensive and absurd as is the entire non-millennial tradition. Would it not make more sense to take the Pre-millennial (Continued on page 5, column 5)

## A Call To Return To The Standards Of The Bible

By ROY MASON  
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"But times have changed!" By many this expression is supposed to furnish adequate excuse for throwing aside beliefs and practices of the past which have been considered right and good. What about this notion that we are to revise our theology, revise our behaviour, revise our ideals to suit "the times?" It is one of the most delusive and wicked fallacies that one can conceive of. To assume that a thing is right because it has become the popular thing to do it, is to make some further idiotic assumptions, as follows:

1. **It is to assume that right is not absolute but relative.** That assumption leaves us without any genuine, fixed standard of conduct.

2. **It is to assume that human beings are the proper legislators of their conduct — not their Maker.** If a thing is right just because it has become popular to do the thing, then right is determined by

the shifting fads and customs of human beings. That does away with any Supreme Law Giver. Ancient Sodom adopted sex practices that were popular with the citizens, but they were so vile in the sight of God that He burned the city off the map. The people of Noah's day followed standards that pleased them, but God destroyed the world of that day because of them. God



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says, "I am Jehovah, I change not." A thing is right or wrong because the Moral Governor of the universe says so — not because a segment of the human race has adopted such and such a standard.

3. **"Times have changed"** — instead of that being an argument in favor of a certain thing, it is more than likely to be an argument against it. The Bible says, "For these are evil days." The reason is that "the god of this world" is back behind the trend of the times.

Note some of the things that are excused today, on the ground that "times have changed."

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It will be ready for sale by August 1, 1974. The price is \$6.00 plus 50 cents for handling. Brother Pound is only printing 500 copies and will only take orders for the first 450 books. There are more than that number of readers of TBE who ought to buy it, and I urge you to do so.

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## "Streaking"

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A few days later, I heard from Bro. Jon Rule, in Detroit, Mich., where he is pastor, that a young drug-happy addict tried to take off his clothes and streak through the church one Sunday morning, announcing that he was Jesus Christ. He wasn't able to do it. It so happened that they stopped him before he got his streaking started. Those things caused me to do a good deal of thinking. However, before I bring to you my message,

may I say that this is one sermon that I don't want you to practice. To be frank with you, I don't want you to practice what I preach today, especially here. I certainly don't want you to practice it while I am preaching this morning.

I asked the question a few days ago, what is streaking? The answer obviously came back: it is an act that is illegal, immoral, and shameful. It is illegal from the standpoint that it violates the law of the land, for the law of the land is very explicit that one does not go about without the wearing of clothes. Of course it is an immoral act because of the implication and the desires promoting it, are that which looks forward and leads to immorality. Certainly, in the light of the Word of God, it is a shameful act, because we read:

"That the SHAME OF THY NAKEDNESS do not appear" — Rev. 3:18.

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he WALK NAKED, AND THEY SEE HIS SHAME" — Rev. 16:15.

So I would say, beloved, that streaking is illegal, it is immoral, and it is shameful — it is something that a person ought to be ashamed of.

That leads me to say that there are lots of heretical preachers that are streakers. They come with a false message, an illegal message, a message that leads to a violation of all the Word of God, a message that they ought to be ashamed of. I say to you, every man who does not preach the Word of God is a spiritual streaker, and he is guilty of spiritual streaking. As such, he ought to be ashamed of what he does. The majority of them, seemingly, are not ashamed. The majority of false preachers apparently take pride in trying to delve into something that isn't in the Word of God, in an attempt to teach something new and spectacular that would cause people to notice them and to say, "My, what a deep man of God this fellow is so far as the Bible is concerned!" Such an individual, I say, is doing an illegal act. He is doing that which leads to a spiritual contempt for the Word of God, and he is doing that for which he should be highly ashamed before God and man.

### THE PREACHER WHO SAYS THAT ONE CHURCH IS JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER IS GUILTY OF SPIRITUAL STREAKING.

Such a preacher is trying to drag in something that isn't in the Word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ said:

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

I believe that Jesus built His church in the days of His ministry. I do not think that He waited for four or five hundred years for Romanism to build a church. Neither do I think that He waited until the days of the reformation for Martin Luther and John Calvin and for other Protestants to bring forth an organization called the church. I think when Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,"

He built His church, and that church has been in existence from that time down to this, and that church shall always be in existence, world without end. But there are individuals who come along today and say that one church is just as good as another.

Far be it from me to say that. You know, beloved, that you have seen some dinners that you certainly wouldn't say were as good as some others that you have eaten. I remember visiting in a prison at Richmond, Virginia, one day, nearly thirty years ago, and they were getting ready to have boiled cabbage for dinner that day. I'll be frank with you, it took me over twenty years after that to get to eat boiled cabbage again. Beloved, if you think one meal is just as good as another, then you go over to this prison and eat the sloppily-prepared, ill-smelling boiled cabbage that was being prepared for dinner that day. When I sit down to eat my fried chicken and cornbread and drink my buttermilk, I promise you that I won't agree with you at all that one meal is as good as another. and I doubt seriously if you would

were there, the Lord Jesus said: "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" — Mt. 3:15.

John the Baptist baptized the Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. No sprinkling — there was an immersion and nothing short of an immersion.

Then when Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch out in the wilderness, he took that Ethiopian eunuch down into the water. Two times the Word of God says in Acts 8 that they went down into the water, and that they came up out of the water. I ask, how any man could see anything there other than immersion is beyond me.

I say to you, beloved, the man who talks in terms of sprinkling and says that sprinkling is perfectly all right and that it is perfectly legitimate, that individual is a spiritual streaker. He ought to be ashamed of what he does. If a man should be ashamed for walking on the street without any clothes on, the man who stands in the pulpit today and says that sprinkling is as legitimate as Baptist immersion for baptism, that preacher ought to be ashamed of what he has said.

## Behind Us Completely



JAMES E. HOBBS, SOUTH SHORE, KY.

Please let it be known that I am behind you completely in your stand against heresy. I believe that TBE has been used in a great way to guide many people in the correct understanding of the doctrines.

We at King's Addition send TBE to each member of our church and anyone else that we see needs it. I feel that it is a great help to me as pastor in showing our members what the Bible teaches.

I agree with me.

I say then, if you don't agree on the basis of the meals that you eat, the clothes that you wear, the house that you live in, the husband or wife that you are married to, if you don't agree that one is just as good as another, then pray tell me, why not use the same reasoning power relative to the church that Jesus built?

### II THE PREACHER WHO SAYS THAT SPRINKLING IS VALID BAPTISM IS GUILTY OF SPIRITUAL STREAKING.

A man said to me a few days ago, "Sprinkling is just as good as any immersion that you might perform." I said, "I'll agree with you that it is as good as any immersion that I might perform, but it is not as good as immersion that is performed under the authority of a Missionary Baptist church. If I were to perform it, I would have no more authority to do so as an individual preacher than the individual who practices sprinkling, but if a church authorized it, and it is performed under the authority of a Missionary Baptist church, then I would certainly say that such immersion is worth a million times more than anybody's sprinkling."

I turn to the Word of God and I find that one day Jesus and John the Baptist stood in the waters of the Jordan River, and as they

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### THE PREACHER WHO TALKS IN TERMS OF SALVATION BY WORKS IS GUILTY OF SPIRITUAL STREAKING.

There are preachers who say that a man can be saved by his own works, yet the Word of God very explicitly tells us that no man is saved by his works — not even by a portion of his works — that even a portion of his works has nothing whatsoever to do with his salvation. I turn to God's Word and I read:

"Blessed is the man to whom

## TAPE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED

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In this connection, I might mention also the tape ministry of Eld. Joe Wilson, Gladwin, Michigan, and also our own tape ministry (Calvary Baptist Church).

As for ours (and I am sure I speak for the others), we are happy to send these tapes to anyone who may request them.

the Lord will not impute sin" — Rom. 4:8.

In the 5th verse preceding this, it says:

"But to him that WORKETH NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Romans 4:5 specifically says that the only man who is saved is the man whose faith is counted for righteousness and that only comes to the man that worketh not, but rather believes on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice another Scripture which teaches the same truth:

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it NO MORE OF WORKS: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work" — Rom. 11:5,6.

Paul says that you are either saved by grace or you are saved by works; it has to be one or the other. It cannot be a mixture. It cannot be by works itself. It cannot be a mixture of works and grace. It must be by grace, and grace alone. Beloved, would you believe me when I say to you that ninety-nine out of every one hundred so-called preachers in America today are preaching salvation by works, or salvation by the city's waterworks? They ought to be ashamed of themselves. No streaker who walks the streets without any clothes upon his naked body ought to be more ashamed of himself for his illegal, immoral act than the preacher who would bring before his congregation a filthy doctrine whereby that people will be taught to believe that they are saved by works, rather than by the grace of God.

IV

### THE PREACHER WHO PREACHES WHAT HE CALLS THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE CHURCH IS GUILTY OF SPIRITUAL STREAKING.

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ established a Baptist church when He was here in the days of

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## ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE

By

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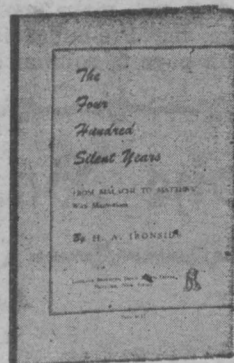
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## "Streaking"

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His ministry. I believe that the Holy Spirit has His residence today in a Baptist church insofar as a body is concerned. But beyond that, I refuse to go. I do not say that He has His residence only in a Baptist church. I say that before any individual becomes a member of a church, the Holy Spirit has His residence within the heart of that man. If He doesn't, then that man is nothing but an unsaved hellion. He is nothing but an ecclesiastical corpse. I tell you, every man ought to have the Holy Spirit within him before he becomes a member of a New Testament church.

For a man to say that the Holy Spirit has His residence only in the church and does not have His residence in the heart of the individual, for a man to say in view of that fact, the only persons that can learn anything are those that are within the church — that you can't be taught anything outside the church — that you can't pray acceptably outside of the church — to me that is nothing but

insane idiocy. So far as I am concerned, I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ can teach men. He does teach men, and He will teach men outside of His church. God only knows what I would believe today if I had had to wait to hear it inside a church. God only knows what most of you would know today if you had had to wait to hear it inside a church, because many of you were brought up in false churches. You wouldn't know what the Word of God taught, and you never would have known it if you had had to wait to hear it inside the church of which you were a member.

I tell you, beloved, I believe that Jesus established a Baptist church and I believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in every New Testament church, but I do not believe in this insane idea of the priesthood of the church. Rather, I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ is the High Priest of every individual who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, and who has been saved by the blood of the Son of God, and has had his sins remitted thereby. For a man to preach thus, for a man to talk in terms of the priesthood of the

church and to say that you can't learn anything except in the church, and that you can't pray when you are outside the church, and all the rest of the tangents that they bring up — for such an individual to say that, he is as

## IF YOU DON'T DO IT, THEN WHO WILL?

If you don't send the truth to your relatives, your neighbors, your friends, or your unindoctrinated Christian brethren, then who will? Who are you depending upon to do what you know ought to be done? Have you no burden to do it yourself? Did God save you, yet not burden you enough for others as to make you want to reach them? Consider this matter seriously. Send TBE.

guilty of a shameful act as the man who streaks, or the man who might come forward through the church today and throw his clothes off and streak around here within this building. You would say that would be a shameful thing, a ter-

rible thing for any man to do, but no worse than it is for a preacher to preach the priesthood of the church.

## WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT PREACHERS WHO STREAK.

God has been very plain in regard to it. We read:

"But ye are FORGERS of lies, ye are all PHYSICIANS OF NO VALUE"—Job 14:4.

Notice the charges: you are forgers of lies; you are physicians of no value.

A forger! Is it possible that a man who preaches false doctrine that God would charge him with being guilty of forgery? That is what he is. If a man were to make counterfeit money, you would say that he was guilty of forgery. Beloved, the man who preaches false doctrine is just as guilty. He is a forger of lies.

Notice also that it says that you are physicians of no value. When you get sick, to whom do you want to go? Certainly, to a man who is reputable. You would want to visit with an individual who is capable of doing you good. You certainly would want a phy-

sician of value. But the Bible says that the man who is a spiritual streaker, the man who preaches false doctrine, is worth no more than a physician that is of no value.

I knew a man sometime ago who had an office — oh, it was elegant. It was a beautiful office, and it looked like he had all the medical books in the world on the shelves. It just looked like that every medical book that he could ask for — he had it. But you know, if you get up close to those books, you would see that they weren't books at all. It was only a false front — a little piece of cardboard that had the names of books printed on the outside. He was a physician of no value.

Beloved, the man who doesn't stay with the Book, the Bible, is a physician of no value. Listen:

"And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to PER—" (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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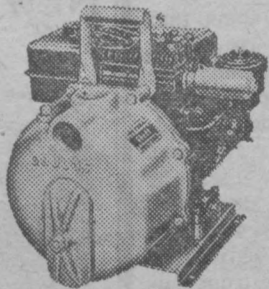


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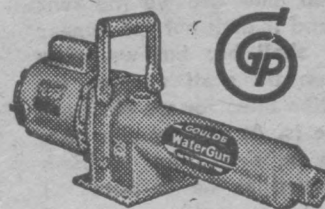
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We will have a type of body which is totally foreign to human experience.

It will be a supernatural body, a deathless body, a sickless body — a wonderful body. (I Cor. 15:51-58).

It will be one which will be identifiable to others as belonging to you (John 20:25a).

It will be like our Lord Jesus' body, able to taste, smell, touch and pass through humanly constructed barriers (John 20:19).

It will be a sinless body. When we possess it our salvation will be complete.

We are saved from the condemnation and power of sin now, but when we are glorified, we will finally be saved from the corrupting influence of sin because we will be saved from its presence.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:2,3).

Hallelujah!

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This is the type of question I like best. I do not mean by this that I feel that I can do a marvelous job of answering it. I just believe that I can back up what I say with the precious Word.

To begin with we read in Phil. 3:21, "Who (the Lord Jesus Christ) shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." This makes it very clear to me that our body will be like the one He had after He arose from the dead. So it seems our problem is to determine what kind of body He had. I want to hasten and say this does not mean that we will be little Gods. These vile bodies of ours are the tabernacle in which we live today. In the same way our glorified bodies will be the tabernacle in which we will live in that day. Our having bodies like unto our Lord's body does not mean that we will be equal with God by any means. If I had the money I could have a house built just like the one Hank Aaron lives in. But when I

moved into that house I am of the opinion that I would still not be able to knock home runs like Hank does.

Now let us see just what kind of body our Lord had after His resurrection. Since our bodies are to be like His, we are anxious to know what kind He had. In John 20:27, our Lord told Thomas to behold His hands, and to thrust his hand into His side. That shows us that His body was capable of having open wounds. In Luke 24:39, He said, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit (or ghost) hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." And in verse 43, "He took it, and did eat before them."

In Acts 1:9, He had a body that could be seen until it entered the cloud. And in verse 11, we see that He will have that same body when He comes back. He could enter a house with the door shut, but it may be that you and I will have to knock on the door in order to get in. I just don't know about that.

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This is a question that should be considered, for many people have a very weird conception concerning what we will be like in the life to come. Some picture us as floating around like ghosts. The picture they have is so unreal that they had really rather stay here in this body. But of course, if they have to die, they had rather be a floating ghost than to burn in hell. Because of their conception of things in the life to come, they are very reluctant to die.

The Bible, however, when it is studied, gives us a conception of what we will be like in the future that is so wonderful that we are led to long for the time when we shall depart from the old body of flesh and pain. Let us note a few of the things that are revealed.

1. WE LEARN THAT IN THE LIFE TO COME, WE ARE GOING TO BE LIKE CHRIST. We shall have a body like unto "His glorious body." In I John 3:2 we read:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is."

There are several things about Christ that we do know now, and we know this because of what is told us after His resurrection.

We know that He had a visible body.

We know that He wasn't hindered or limited by time and space. He appeared in the upper room without any door being unfastened,

and He disappeared the same way. He was here — then He was in heaven, then He was back here on earth without it taking any appreciable time to make the change.

We know that He ate food after His resurrection, for we have an account of such.

2. WE LEARN SEVERAL OTHER THINGS BY READING I Cor. 15, verse 35: "How are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come?" Then in verse 42 we read: "It (the body) is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption." Then reading on we learn "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." And reading further we find: "As we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

Jesus acquired a body when he entered this world. That body was slain, but it was raised from the dead. In that glorified body He lives today, and we who are saved, shall have a body like unto His in a time to come. In the body, He shall reign over this earth a thousand years, and in bodies like unto His, we shall reign with him. We won't be floating around like ghosts, but we shall in visible form, rule and reign with Christ, and rest assured we shall have a life more vivid and wonderful than we have ever even imagined.

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This is a question that is asked quite often. Actually, I don't think we have too much of a problem answering this question. Some have difficulty accepting what the Bible says, but we have to accept it.

We know that we will be like Jesus. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2). We are told that we cannot tell exactly because it says that it does not yet appear what we shall be. Whatever form that it is, we will be like Jesus.

Another thing that we can know is that our body will be incorruptible. "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (I Cor. 15:51-54).

There are some who think that the body of Jesus will be like it was when He left. Certainly the words of the angels would imply this. "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10-11). The words "so come" implies that He will return in the same form. If so, then we know that He had flesh and bone. "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). If, of course, we do have flesh and bone, we must remember that it would be a perfect flesh and bone. There

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Elder Roy Mason has written a new book exalting the Lord and honoring His Word on the subject of Free-Willism.

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I consider Brother Mason one of the outstanding preachers of my acquaintance. After having known him for approximately fifty years, I count it a joy to tell each one to whom this book may come that they are reading the true words of one of the greatest men of God living today.

Needless to say, the book is on a subject that needs preaching today as never before — a subject which is near and dear to my own heart. I sincerely pray that the book may have a tremendous sale and that God will give Brother Mason many more years in which to write other books similar to this.

JOHN R. GILPIN, Pastor  
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will be no blemishes or imperfections in the body that we have in that day, because it is an eternal body. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (II Corinthians 5:1).

fles of Christ"—II Cor. 11:13-15.

Notice, he refers to false apostles as deceitful workers. It is bad enough to refer to them as forgers of lies; it is bad enough to call them physicians of no value; it is bad enough to call them a child of the Devil and a perverter of the Word; but God goes further and says that they are deceitful workers who have transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ.

Paul speaks again of these same false preachers when he says:

"O foolish Galatians, who hath BEWITCHED you, that ye should not obey the truth"—Gal. 3:1.

Beloved, do you know what these fellows do? They are bewitchers. Oh, will you believe me, the man who doesn't preach the Bible — the man who doesn't preach the truth, he is a witch, and his work is that of bewitching. We think about witches as having "gone out" when witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts came to an end.

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### "Streaking"

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VERT THE RIGHT WAYS of the Lord?—Acts 13:10.

The spiritual-streaking preacher is a perverter of the right ways of the Lord. I tell you, beloved, it means a lot to me if a man preaches the truth, or if he perverts and twists the right ways of the Lord.

Paul also talks about these false preachers, for he says:

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## "BREVITY OF LIFE"

"Whereas ye know not what shall be upon the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a short time, and then vanishes away" (James 4:14)

We have the tendency to live as if our life on earth would last forever. Isn't that true? We are like the people the Psalmist talked about when he said, "Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names" (Psa. 49:11). This is so true. There is Joan's Beauty Shop, Brown's Hardware, Aker's Acres, McDonald's Farm, etc. Somehow we love to see our names in print. We seem to think we will last as long as our lands will last.

We love to enjoy our carnal comforts without any thought of interruptions, death or change. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1). We cannot tell what is in the womb of the next morning, and yet we plan and scheme as if we were sure there would be multitudes of mornings.

This is our philosophy when we undertake things without prayer. There is nothing so small and insignificant that we should not take it to the Lord in prayer. The Lord loves us. It gives Him delight to have us come to Him. This is also our philosophy when we boast of results without submission to God. Benhadad boasted of great victory but the King of Israel told him not to boast when he put on his armour as if he were taking it off. In other words, wait until the battle is over and then see what there is to boast about.

We have this philosophy when we think we can BELIEVE, REPENT, OR PRAY when we will. Samson was mistaken when he said: "I will go forth and shake myself as at other times." He did not realize his power was gone. All these things hang on God's good pleasure — not our puny wills.

We plan and scheme for a long time in the future, and yet we don't even know what will happen the next day. How foolish! We have no assurance that tomorrow will be as we planned it. A tornado, an auto accident, a telephone call, a germ so small we can't even see it can change every plan we made. Is it wrong then to put away something for the future? No, it isn't wrong if our motives and at-

titudes are right. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Prov. 6:6-8). All our planning must be in submission to the Lord. Our attitude must be that if we lose it all — we will not despair. It must not hinder our service to Him and in all these things we must give Him the glory.

For what is our life? It is even a vapour — oh, so short lived. Everywhere in the Scriptures where a picture is given of our life it is shown as temporary or fleeting. It is likened to a flower, the wind, a leaf, a shadow and Job said, "Now my days are swifter than a post; they flee away, they see no good. They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasted to the prey (Job 9:25,26).

Life is so short. From the moment we are born — we begin to die. It's hard to tell if it's a living death or a dying life. Since life is so short, let us not weight it down with so many worldly cares. Let's not make too many provisions for such a short voyage. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith."



## "Streaking"

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Not so! God says that the false preacher is a bewitcher. He is casting a spell on you as though he were a witch.

Paul goes further and says that these individuals are enemies. Listen:

"They are the ENEMIES of the cross of Christ"—Phil. 3:18.

Listen again:

"And this I say, lest any man should BEGUILÉ YOU WITH ENTICING WORDS"—Col. 2:4.

"Let no man DECEIVE YOU by any means"—II Thess. 2:3.

Listen, beloved, these words are all-powerful words. They tell us what these false preachers are. They are deceivers. They are deceiving you.

Notice again:

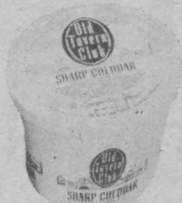
"Preach the word; For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth"—II Tim. 4:2-4.

I tell you, beloved, there's many a man today who is just an ear tickler. He is an ear scratcher. He is just scratching the ears that are tickling, the ears that want to hear something fancy, the ears

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that want to hear something new, the ears that want to hear something that is unusual, so they can be looked up to, and it can be said of them that they are so deep in the Word of God. I tell you, beloved, God says such a preacher is nothing but an ear scratcher.

Notice again:

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, UNHOLY MEN, TURNING THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ"—Jude 1:4.

I heard of a preacher sometime ago who said, "I don't practice it, but anybody can be saved and live

impeach — not just one man, but a great big crowd. But I am not talking about that crowd this morning. I am saying to you that every preacher who fails to preach the Word of God, ought to be impeached, and it ought to be said publicly that such a man is a deceiver, a forger of lies, and that he himself is a spiritual physician of no value.

When a man of the FBI comes to see you, he always presents his credentials saying that he is definitely affiliated and associated with the FBI. I have had it happen to me many times, because I have had individuals with the FBI and representatives of various organizations connected with the Government come see us relative to business. I notice that they always present their little card case showing their credentials before they start to talk to you. I never thought about it so much until just recently when a fellow went out, after I had been talking with him. Then it dawned on me. Before he dared talk to me, he presented his credentials.

Beloved, before you listen to any Baptist preacher, ask him for his credentials. Just say, "Are you sure that you are a sound preacher? Are you sure that you are preaching the Word of God? Are you sure that what you preach is the Word of God? If not, I don't want to listen to you. If you are one who comes with an illegal false doctrine — if you have a doctrine that you ought to be ashamed of instead of proud of — if you have a doctrine that you ought to hang your head in shame over rather than stand before a congregation to present — if that be true, then I have no time for you." Beloved, ask a man for his credentials before you listen to him.

May I say just a word to that

individual who is here that is unsaved. Maybe you have listened wrongly. Maybe you have listened to false doctrine. May God help you to realize that the only truth that we have is the truth of the Book. You may not understand it today, but stick mighty close to it. Stick mighty close to the individual who preaches it even though you may be unsaved. I don't mind if you are even like one fellow I know. I know one man that I believe would fight for Calvary Baptist Church and its pastor, though he himself is unsaved. May God help you to stand by the Book, and may God help you to put your trust in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and be saved.

May God bless you!



## Church . . . Kingdom

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position, and say I would Christ would come so all the saints could enter their reign.

That Christ and His saints will literally reign a thousand years on earth in the future kingdom to come cannot be doubted by anyone who takes seriously the testimony of God's Word.

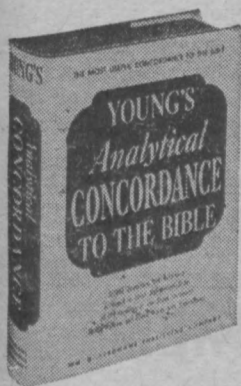
A kingdom must have a king, officers of state, inferior officers and rulers, subjects, and a territorial dominion. This is certainly true of Christ's Millennial Kingdom on earth. Christ will be king over all the earth and the saints will share the kingdom with Him. They will rule over saved Gentiles and Jews in literal bodies in a universal kingdom in this world.

### Use Of Word Kingdom

The word "kingdom" is used in a number of different ways in the Scriptures. The phrase "kingdom of God" is used to indicate God's

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any way that he wants to thereafter and still go to Heaven when he dies." What does Jude say? "They turn the grace of God into lasciviousness."

Here are some pretty serious charges that God brings against these spiritual streakers. He says they are forgers of lies, physicians of no value, perverters of the right ways of the Lord, deceitful workers, beguilers or bewitchers and enemies of the cross of Christ. They themselves are scratchers of itching ears, and He says that they are ungodly men who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness.

In view of this, I say to you, beware of the man who streaks, who does the illegal, immoral, the unethical, the shameful act of twisting and perverting of the Word of God.

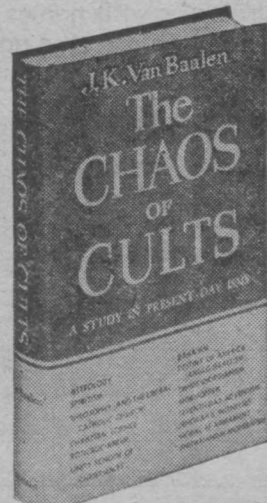
### CONCLUSION

We have been hearing a lot about impeachment. I guess it is the big word of this present year. I don't imagine that there's any word that has been used much more often than the word "impeachment." Well, I am not talking about impeaching the President or anybody else. If I had my way, there's a whole big crowd over in Washington that I would

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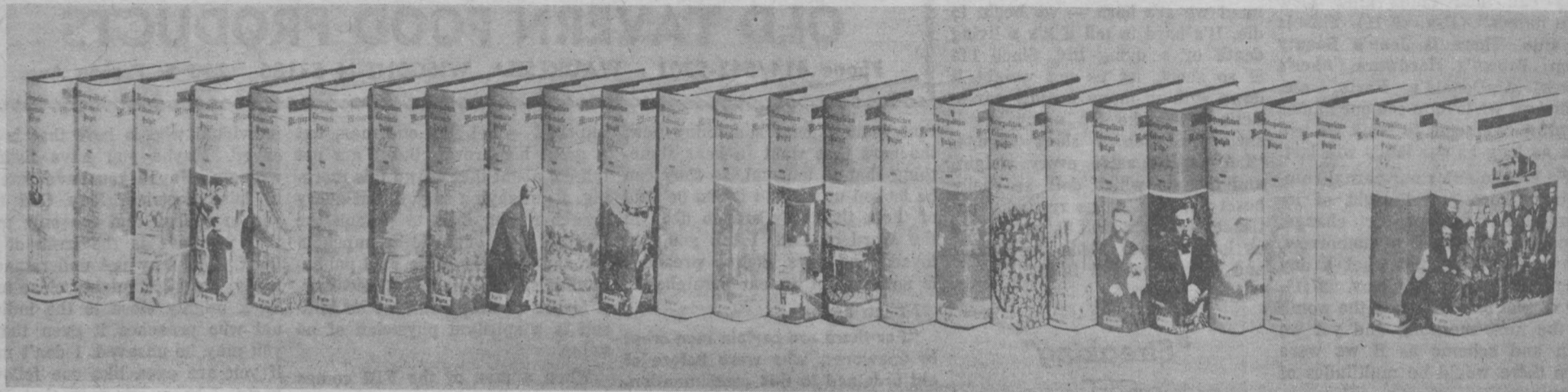
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### Church . . . Kingdom

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sovereign control over the universe sometimes (Ps. 103:19; 145:11-13; I Chron. 29:10-12; Dan. 4:17; Matt. 6:13). The "kingdom of God" is sometimes used to indicate the commonwealth of Israel (II Chron. 13:8; Ezek. 16:13; Ex. 19:6; Matt. 21:43; Acts 1:6).

The "kingdom of God" and the

"kingdom of Heaven" are sometimes used to indicate the same thing (Matt. 3:2 with Mark 1:15; Matt. 11:11 with Luke 7:28; Matt. 13:11 with Mark 4:11; Matt. 13:31-32 with Mark 4:30-33 and Luke 13:18-19). At other times they are not synonymous. Lost people are in the "kingdom of Heaven" in its present mystery form (Matt. 8:12; 13:41-42; 22:11-13). The "king-

dom of God" sometimes means

only the born again (John 3:5; I Cor. 6:9; Matt. 18:3; 19:24; Luke 13:28).  
The "kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of Heaven" are sometimes used to indicate the future Millennial Kingdom (Matt. 6:10; 8:11; 25:34; Luke 1:33; 12:32; 19:12, 15; 21:31; 22:29; 23:42; John 18:36; I Cor. 15:24,50; I Thess. 2:12; II Thess. 1:5; II Tim. 4:1; II Peter 1:11). These same phrases are used of the kingdom offered Israel during the time of Christ and John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:17; Mark 10:15; Luke 10:9,11; 11:20; 17:20-21). This is the kingdom which suffered violence (Matt. 11:12), which the Jews rejected (Matt. 11:14), and which the Jews shut up (Matt. 23:13).

Sometimes the kingdom of God seems to be the world to which departed spirits go at death (Acts 14:22; II Tim. 4:18). Still at other times it seems to be God's spiritual rule over all believers (Luke 12:31; Acts 8:12; 20:25; 28:23,31; Rom. 14:17; I Cor. 4:20; Col. 1:13; 4:11; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:9).

#### Kingdom Not The Church

The kingdom of God or Heaven is not synonymous with the word church. These words are different in meaning. The word "kingdom" in the Greek is "basileia" which means "the region governed by a king." The word "church" is "ek-klesia" in the Greek and it means "an assembly of people in a certain place." One term would be broader in its scope than the other as anyone can see.

Christ is the king in the kingdom, but He is never called the king of the church. You inherit a kingdom (Matt. 25:34), yet you are baptized into the church (I Cor. 12:13). Rich men can enter the church (I Cor.

4:8), but not the kingdom of God (Luke 18:25); flesh and blood can enter the church, but not the kingdom of God (I Cor. 15:50). Wicked can enter the church, but not the kingdom (Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5). To make the church and the kingdom the same is to be guilty of the error of Campbellites and Catholics.

There are those among Baptists who would try to make the church and the kingdom to mean the same. But certain Scripture puts these people — especially those who believe Christ established the church or kingdom during His personal ministry — in theological difficulty. The Bible says some will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 8:11). When will this be if the church is the kingdom? How will those Old Testament saints get in the church? If by baptism, who will baptize them and where?

What about Luke 19:12: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return?" Did Christ ascend to Heaven to receive for Himself a church? What about Matthew 6:10: "Thy kingdom come?" Why tell the church to pray for a church to come if it had already come? What about

Luke 12:32: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom?" Why promise to give a church if this was spoken to the already existing church? Need I continue? Does not any intelligent person know these things make no sense.

#### Christ The King

There is a sense in which Christ has always been king as the sovereign ruler of the universe (Ps. 5:2; 10:16; 103:19; I Chron. 29:11; I Tim. 1:15). Christ was the king of Israel in the Old Dispensation (Isa. 33:22). Christ is the king of all the elect in the world at any given time — "king of the saints" (Rev. 15:3). He was set forth as a king in the eternal decree of God: "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom" (Heb. 1:8).

But the Scriptures teach that Christ shall yet be king over all the earth in a more direct sense. He was rejected, mocked, and crowned with thorns at His first coming. But when He comes a second time it will be as King of kings and Lord of lords.

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ly stones" and builds "up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5), because they are spiritual.

These are only a few of the many tests that could be given to show that all that lay claim to being members of the church that Jesus built are not truly members of the Lord's church at all, but this will suffice for this point to all that are not prejudiced. Let us next note:

#### What A New Testament Church Is Not

1. It is not a MAN-MADE organization. It is no uncommon thing to read in the newspapers, magazines, or from some other source, the bold charge that "the churches have failed." And some have failed, as measured by the standards or tests that some individuals or groups of individuals have set up, but Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He promised that His church would not fail, and regardless of the standards that the world might set up to judge it by, the Lord's church is accomplishing exactly what He intended.

The modern trend is that a church is to be chiefly engaged in works of salvation, especially in the mission field. The common thought is that if the heathen can be brought to dress properly, observe rules of sanitation, and adopt manners of civilized nations the missionary has succeeded. According to the standards the world has set up to judge the failure or success of the church, the church has certainly failed in America. Instead of people putting on clothes here, each year produces more bare legs, bare backs and bare bellies than the year before; hence America is becoming the most heathenish nation on the face of the globe. In New Guinea as a missionary would get the natives there to "put on some clothes, and quit stealing their men's wives," then I should be in Chicago and preach to the thousands of lost church members who are doing the same thing here.

It is not a civic organization, ethical club. Many look upon church membership as they do membership in a club or fraternal

organization, therefore church work to them becomes a sort of novelty. Many unite with a church only because it is considered to be nice and especially is this considered the thing to do if several of the "socially prominent" folk belong to the church.

3. It is not a "charity organization." There are those who hold the social and humanitarian ideal for the church. They put the Lord's church on the same par with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., etc. To such folk the church's main concern is not to take the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth and thus prepare souls for the eternity beyond, but transforming the world into a better place to live, putting the emphasis on the NOW instead of the hereafter. In the average religious institution today one can get anything from a sandwich to a sermon.

Recreational features are prominent. Swimming pools, gyms, reading rooms, and the like are a major part of the churches today. As a result of this "Social Gospel," the churches are filled with lost church members. If Christ were to enter some of the church buildings today He would start throwing out things just as He did long ago when He entered the temple and overturned the money-changers' tables and drove out those that were making God's house a house of merchandise.

#### What a New Testament Church Is

1. It is a divine institution. It is the only institution of its kind that is Divine. All others are man-made, and therefore doomed for destruction.

2. It is the body of which Christ is the Head. (Col. 1:18). The Pope is admittedly the head of the Roman Catholic Church, Luther of the Lutheran Church, and so every one can be named and identified as the founder and head of the existing organizations. The New Testament church only can claim Christ for her Head.

3. It is a local, independent, democratic body of baptized believers. A New Testament church elects her officers; calls instead of sending her pastors. The church calls them, the Lord sends them.

4. It is the custodian of the Gospel truths, ordinances, and Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Tim. 3:15). For Baptists to err in regards to their mission is inexcusable.

sable. Other denominations, sects, and organizations may engage in mission work, the ordinances, etc., and make humanitarian projects their chief concern if they please, without being liable to strict censor from the Lord, because they have no orders or commission from Christ. He is not responsible for their existence, and therefore they are not responsible for carrying out the commission. Christ gave the commission to Baptists and they and they alone are responsible for carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A New Testament church offers good news to lost sinners. It offers the best fellowship and highest privileges upon this earth. It offers the grandest opportunity for worthwhile service that can be found anywhere, helping to carry out the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are saved and in some man-made, worldly institution, never again return to that organization, but seek out one of the Lord's churches and serve Him who died to save you.



### Church . . . Kingdom

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ed Word gives no uncertain sound. "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and Glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:13-14). These words must be taken literally.

Zechariah foretold: "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one" (Zech. 14:9). Paul describes this same time by saying: "That at the

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name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10-11).

The Revelator discloses: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords" (Rev. 19:16).

#### Rule On David's Throne

Christ will reign from earthly Jerusalem. "Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously" (Isa. 24:23). "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart" (Jer. 3:17). The reference is not to the new or heavenly Jerusalem. Neither the words "new" or "heavenly" are used here.

Jesus Christ is to reign from the earthly mount Zion. "Yet I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion" (Psa. 2:6). "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the

great King" (Psa. 48:2). David reigned in Jerusalem and mount Zion (1 Kings 8:1), and even so will the root and offspring of David, Jesus Christ.

The Redeemer will be given David's throne, and Jerusalem where David's throne is to be Christ's throne. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder . . . Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." Luke tells us the same thing: "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33).

Spiritualizers deny that these Scriptures mean what they say. To help establish this theory of theirs, they quote Acts 2:29-31: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."

This passage does not say that God raised Christ and immediately seated Him on David's throne. It says nothing about the time when Christ will sit on David's throne. David knew that God must raise Christ from the dead since prophecy said He would sit on his throne. Christ is not now on David's throne as A-millennialist teach. Revelation 3:21 reads: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Christ is on His Father's throne. Observe how two different thrones are under consideration in Revelation 3:21. Notice the words "his throne" and "my throne," showing they are not the same.

If Christ is not now on David's throne, then when will He take His seat upon it? It will be at His return to the earth. Our Lord Himself declared: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matt. 25:31). Jesus Christ has never yet come in his glory with all the angels. Neither has He taken his seat upon David's throne, for the Bible says: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory . . . then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory."

Zechariah connects Christ dwelling in Jerusalem with His Second Coming: "Thus saith the Lord: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy moun-

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tain" (Zech. 8:3).

James spoke of this time: "Si-meon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is falling down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up" (Acts 15:14-16).

When is Christ to build again the tabernacle of David? James said: "After this . . ." After what? The verse above speaks of this age when God is taking out a people from the Gentiles for His name.

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James says after this age Christ will return and build again a tabernacle (dwelling place — David's was the earthly Jerusalem) of David and set it up.

To apply these words to Christ establishing the church is the worst sort of foolishness. David never tabernacled in the church. The church is not fallen down, nor is it in ruins. Christ will never rebuild it or set it up again, but He will the earthly tabernacle of David, the city of Jerusalem. The Psalmist said: "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory" (Psa. 102:16).



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## The Cross

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Our Lord was led to the cross and crucified by those who hated Him. It is to be remembered, however, that all who gathered there on that momentous hour in history were not of the same mind as those who cried for His life. This fact is made clear by John 19:25:

**"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene."**

These who are mentioned in this verse had come to say farewell to the one whom they recognized as the Lord from Glory. You will note that this small company was made up of four women and one man. One of the women was Mary, the Lord's mother. Perhaps she was now recalling the prophesy which had been given to her,

**"Yet a sword shall pierce through thine own soul also"—Luke 12:35.**

One of the other women there was Mary the wife of Cleophas, of whom little is known; yet in the little that is known, there is seen

a great love for the Master.

One of the other women there was Mary the Lord's mother's sister. This probably means that she was a sister-in-law, since it is doubtful that two full-blooded sisters would have the same name.

Mary of Magdala was also there. The Lord had cast seven demons from this woman. She was also the first one to see Him after His resurrection.

The mother of John, according to Matthew 27:56, was also there. John, the beloved disciple whom Jesus loved, had also come to say farewell.

It is interesting to note that the Lord's mother was there even though His disciples had forsaken Him. She had been near Him in birth and now she is near Him in death. I'm sure that His mother must have suffered quietly and inwardly as she gazed upon the pierced hands and feet of her precious Son. Her heart, without question, was broken as she observed her son whose visage (appearance) was marred more than that of any man.

The thieves were taunting, the crowds were mocking, the soldiers were dividing His garment, and His mother stood by observing it all. Perhaps she was remembering Matthew 1:21 which said:

**"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."**

Our Lord, of course, observed His mother standing by the cross, and, according to John 19:26, said:

**"... woman, behold thy son."**

It may seem strange that our Lord called His mother "woman," rather than mother, but He, as always, had an excellent reason for His action. The reason being that He was performing the work of Mary's God rather than her son. She, in fact, was a woman whom He Himself had made. He had not only made her, but He had agreed to die for her ages upon ages before she was born. He had come forth from her as a new born child, but she had also come forth from Him with the new birth. He, therefore, called her "woman," since He was not speaking after the flesh.

**"Henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more"—II Cor. 5:16.**

Our Lord, therefore, in calling His mother "woman," was teaching her that she was not to think of Him simply as her son, but as her God and Saviour.

**"Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother."**

The Lord, in this verse, referred to Mary as "mother," since He was asking John to care for His mother now that He was going away. It seems obvious that the Lord had been caring for her up to this point. The fact that John was with Mary there at the cross indicates that he had already taken Mary under his wing. We know from John 19:27 that John heard and heeded the Master's command, in view of the fact that our Lord's mother moved in with John where he cared for her in his own home.

It may seem strange as to why our Lord didn't request one of His own family to care for His and their mother. It is most likely that He and His mother were strangers to their own family because of the truth He proclaimed. We, know of course, that such was true of the Lord Himself.

**"I am become a stranger to My brethren, and an alien to my mother's children"—Psalm 69:8.**

His mother's children hated Him while Mary loved Him. He was at the center of her thoughts and conversation. It becomes obvious, then, that only in John's house could she be happy, since her own children despised Him.

Our Lord, after He had spoken to His mother and John, said, "I thirst." These words, like no other words ever spoken, confirmed that our Lord was truly a man. It is difficult, however, to conceive of the Lord from glory with parched lips and in need of a drink; yet it was so. His thirst showed very clearly that He was the God-man, or God and man. He, in fact, did not cease to be God when He became flesh; being made in all things like unto His brethren; yea, He even said, "I thirst."

The fact that our Lord thirsted becomes more mysterious when we consider that He was the one who brought water from the rock. Why, then, did He hang on that cross with parched lips? He, of course, thirsted because it was written that He should thirst. He, in fact, thirsted so that we would never be required to thirst in Hell.

**"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst"—John 6:35.**

Our Lord, after thirsting and

drinking the vinegar (sour wine), said,

**"... it is finished"—John 19:30.**

The question immediately arises as to what was finished. Was His reference to the need for sinners to repent? This need, of course, still remains. "It is finished," then, refers to the fact that the sacrificial types were fulfilled in Him. He was the Lamb that was slain. "It is finished" also means that all the Old Testament prophecies regarding His sufferings were fulfilled. He, in fact, had completed the work assigned to Him by the Father and He had done so with a perfect mark. He, in fact, had laid a sure foundation for our righteous God to pardon us wretched and vile sinners.

I hasten to point out that our Lord's life was not taken from Him, but that He gave it up freely. He did not spill His precious blood, but He deliberately poured

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it out for the elect of all time. The fact that He "bowed His head" after He said, "it is finished," makes it very obvious that He gave His life. The act of bowing His head means that He had held His head erect throughout the entire ordeal; even to the point of death; otherwise, He could not have "bowed His head." He, in fact, "gave up the Spirit," or delivered up the Spirit to the Father. We see, then, that He was as strong at the point of death as He was in life. We see then that He gave His life for us.

## Bible Standards

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Liberalistic Theology

We are having orthodox, Bible theology, junked in the seminaries today, on the ground that our "modern times" cannot accept the miraculous and supernatural. This has resulted in the turning out of ministers who are Socialists, and half-communists, and Social gospelers. Also it has resulted in powerless churches and a debased form of Christianity.

## Debased Morals

Formerly, it was considered the wrong thing for women to drink and smoke, but "times have changed" and it is considered quite the thing today. The result is a nation filled with female alcohol-

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ics, and a tremendous increase in lung cancer among women. Certainly this fulfills Romans 1:27 which says, "Receiving in themselves that recompense of error which was meet." The scream of the TV cigarette advertisement, "Live Modern! Live Modern," is the blasphemous suggestion that whatever is "modern" is right.

## Debated Church Standards

The standards in church life that were adhered to a generation ago have been junked as antiquated. Take dancing for illustration. Churches of all denominations formerly disapproved of this practice, but today many churches have dances in the church social halls. When some young people of our church objected to becoming involved in dancing in a university, the professor informed them that it was no longer wrong to dance. "Changed times" had changed right and wrong!

Formerly, the Lord's Day was held in regard, but it has become the custom for Baptist churches to have "fellowship hours" following the Sunday evening church service. These are nothing less than Sunday evening church parties, and as such a plain desecration of the Lord's Day.

Formerly churches stood for modesty in dress, but today church people have adopted "shorts" and they go about nearly naked. Yet God's Word says, "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (I Tim. 2:9). The same thing of course applies to men. Church members going about unclad like heathen is a disgrace, and likewise the modern practice of near nudity is one of the causes of the widespread immorality of this day. No Christian can claim separation of life and go around in public nearly naked. Worldliness and fleshliness is branded all over such a person.

## What About The "Times" Anyway?

Read II Tim. 3:1-5. It warns that in the last days of this age "perilous" times will come. Instead of our falling in with the trend of the times, we are to resist the trend of the times. The popular trend in music is Elvis Presley stuff. The trend in art is this cock-eyed stuff that doesn't make sense. The trend along most lines is Satanic. We are to be governed by God's Word, not Satan-inspired trend of the times.



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