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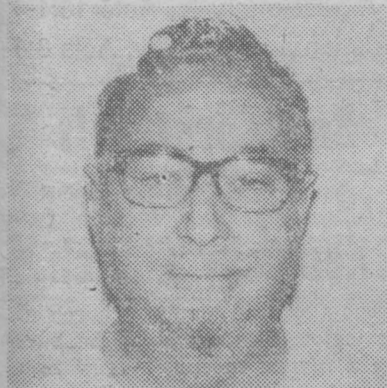
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We Commend This Great Baptist Missionary In Japan

By Timothy Pietsch
Missionary To Japan

The following letter was written by Brother Timothy Pietsch to his pastor, Elder Earle E. Matteson, of the Beth Eden Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado. Brother Matteson, had just returned from a visit with Bro. Pietsch, and we are happy to carry this



TIMOTHY PIETSCH

correspondence, so that the enemies of the truth will know that Bro. Pietsch and the church that sent him out and which sponsors his ministry, are in solid agreement as to the Word of God.

Brother Fieldhouse, the man who has written so much against Bro. Pietsch, is hard to understand. One of the outstanding preachers in America. (Continued on page 3, column 3)

Marvelous Truth Concerning The Virgin Birth Of Jesus

By PASTOR R. S. BEAL
Tucson, Arizona

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7).

Over nineteen hundred years ago an announcement was made, "a baby is born—it's a boy." And this child was the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary. He had entered the world to become its Saviour. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

While this Boy entered the world through the portals of a woman's life, unlike any other, He had no human father. Like His amazing exit, it was inevitable that the entrance of such an one as this Boy should be supernatural, too. This miracle in the Christian faith, comprehending and involving all others, is the birth of the Lord Jesus. The whole church in its early history held to this profound truth concerning the supernatural birth of Jesus, until challenged by the Ebionites and the Gnostics. Then for another fifteen hundred years, it was held by the entire church, until the modern denial appeared, springing from such infidels as Paine and Voltaire, their unbelief being re-enforced by the denials of many so-called scholars. Ignatius, a disciple of the Apostle John, wrote: "Stop your ears when

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WHOLE NUMBER 1984

WILL WE MAKE IT TO 2001?

No, I don't mean the year 2001, but rather, I speak of the Whole Number of our paper.

If you notice, there is a Volume Number on the left-hand side of the top of this page under the heading and on the right-hand side, there is a Whole Number. This means the total number of papers that we have printed. As you will note, this issue is No. 1984.

Printing a copy each week, unless we are providentially hindered, our first issue of January 1975 should be No. 2001.

May I say that it is with the utmost of joy and the deepest appreciation both to our readers and friends, and also God for His goodness, in that He has blessed us as He has through the years. Truly, we can say:

"Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home."

Many and dire were the predictions that were made when the first issue of TBE was printed on February 4, 1939. In spite of all

these predictions, God has seen to it that He has kept TBE in the mails continuously. To be sure, we've never had an abundance of money. We have always had a hard time financing our paper. But, He has blessed us and has brought us safely thus far. We can say with the man of God of old: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Now the question above is a good one to ponder today. Will we make it to Number 2001?

Personally, I think so. I'm satisfied that God will provide for us materially just as He has in the past. He has abundantly demonstrated His ability to do so through the years. I am sure that He has raised up many friends in our behalf across the years and that He'll continue with these friends and will raise up others to keep TBE in the mails. Of this, I have no doubt.

Then as to my physical condition, it is remarkable how that God has blessed me this year. I came so close to death in the early part of this year that it thrills my soul every day just to realize what God has done in my behalf. Frankly, I never expected to preach again, and yet, last Sunday, I taught a Sunday School class and preached twice — actually three messages. I'm so glad for His goodness to me physically, and I'm rejoicing as I look forward to the future. I have a feeling that God is going to keep me here quite awhile, and that He is going to provide the physical strength so that I can keep busy sending out TBE.

To be sure, I have had to curtail my visits to other churches. This has been a grief to me — especially

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pecially not being able to be on the various Bible Conference programs. However, I have a feeling that God is pleased with having me conserve my energy for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and Calvary Baptist Church.

Yes, I feel reasonably sure that we'll make it to 2001, and perhaps for a long time beyond that. I can't help but believe that God is going to use my ministry in the future just as He has in the past to be a blessing to true Baptist churches who believe the sovereign grace of God.

Yes, we've had our difficulties for the past year. The Nu-Lifers and the Hardshell Campbellites have caused us a great deal of grief. Whereas we lost some churches and friends who used to support us, God has given us others. Thus we thank God and take courage.

Let me ask: Has TBE been a blessing to you? If so, why not immediately send us a worthy offering — an offering equal to the (Continued on page 8, column 1)

The Report Of Work Of Bro. Halliman Always A Blessing

FRED T. HALLIMAN
Missionary To New Guinea

Dear friends:

Greetings once again in the name of our precious Lord. How we thank God and take courage in the fact that you remain so faithful in the support of the Lord's work here. Also it is a great encouragement to me, and the local people here, to have letters of encouragement and to know that you



FRED T. HALLIMAN

are praying for us. Our people have been encouraged greatly over the years when someone of you would write, and call some particular individual by name, or just mention the fact that you are praying for the people here and our work in general.

The Lord continues to bless the work here in a marvelous way. We can see His mighty power moving among us each day. The (Continued on page 7, column 3)

Why Sunday — Not Saturday Is Proper Day Of Worship

PASTOR BRUCE D. CUMMONS
Massillon, Ohio

Sometime ago, it was my privilege to be the guest on WTIG's "Open Mike," to answer questions from the fundamentalist's viewpoint of Christianity. A gentleman called in and said that he had an \$8500 piece of property he would deed over to anyone who could give one verse of Scripture in the Bible where any prophet, preacher, or apostle ever gave a command for Christians to worship on Sunday. I answered that he should read the history of the New Testament Church from the New Testament, then send me the \$8500, and I would put it in our mission program of the Massillon Baptist Temple! (I haven't heard from him yet, and I don't plan to hold my breath until I receive the property).

In this message, I will show you why we, as New Testament Christians, worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, rather than on the Jewish Sabbath, or Saturday; and will prove to you that it was COMMANDED AND PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN SHOULD WORSHIP ON SUNDAY!

Some argue that Sunday was named after "the sun god," and people who worship on Sunday worship the "Sun god." Ridiculous! Saturday was named after the pagan god "Saturn," so if you are going to argue this point, just take your pick of days, for most of our days and months are named after Greek gods and goddesses! We don't worship pagan "gods" simply because a day, or a month was named after a pagan deity!

Now, let's find out: WHY DO CHRISTIANS WORSHIP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK?

DOES SUNDAY HAVE A BIBLICAL BASIS?

THEN, WHY AND WHERE DID MOSES PROPHECY AND COMMAND THAT CHRISTIANS WOULD WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, INSTEAD OF SATURDAY?

Now, to the first question: Why Do New Testament Christians Worship on Sunday?

Turn to John 20:19-26: "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week . . . came Jesus and stood in the midst . . ."

Please read the entire context. You will recognize this passage to (Continued on page 5, column 1)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"TIME"

Daily we can sing:

"Change and decay in all about I see,
O thou who changest not, abide with me."

Yet time remains the same. Sixty seconds still make a minute and sixty minutes still constitute an hour.

Therefore, in speaking on "Time," I am discussing not one

of the many variables of life, but rather one of life's actual constants.

Let us notice how "time" is discussed in God's Word.

"It is time to seek the Lord"—Hosea 10:12.

Whether it is day or night, summer or winter, hot or cold — it is always in season to seek the Lord. God knows there is nothing needed (Continued on page 2, column 1)

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord"—Acts 3:19.

Time! One of the few constant items that remains unchanged in the midst of a changing world!

Business and business methods are changing. Social conditions are changing. Religious life is changing. Doctrine and church policies are changing. Styles are changed.

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Bro. Joe Wilson To Hold A Meeting With Illinois Group

Brother Joe Wilson of Gladwin, Michigan, is to hold a meeting for the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Oblong, Illinois, beginning September 16.

Brother Mike King is pastor of this church and he and Brother



JOSEPH M. WILSON

Wilson extend a sincere invitation that the readers of TBE might pray for them and attend the services if possible.

May it please God to give them a most gracious revival meeting.

"Time"

(Continued from page one) today more than that everyone should seek the Lord.

I would say that it is time for our nation to seek the Lord. The Bible says:

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"—Prov. 14:34.

Certainly, starting from high places and going to the lowest, or starting from the lowest and going to the highest, we can say it is time for our nation to seek the Lord.

Of recent date, a politician out on the West Coast suggested a day of prayer and fasting. No preparation was made for it. Very few people knew anything about it. Consequently, very few people participated.

Beloved, I would say that what this nation needs at the present time, more than anything else, is not just one day, but several days of prayer and fasting. I say it is time for the nation to seek the Lord.

Certainly it is time for backslidden Baptists to seek the Lord. I have letters every day from people

who are in a backslidden condition. You can tell by their correspondence as to what they have to say, and the appeal that they make, that they are backslidden, and not walking as close to the Lord as they should. I say it is time for backslidden Baptists to seek the Lord.

Certainly it is time for all of God's people to seek the Lord. There isn't a one of us here, regardless of how closely you may have walked with the Lord today, but what, I am sure, you would say that it is time for you to seek the Lord.

Surely, beloved, when I look into the faces of those of you who are unsaved, surely you must agree with me that it is time for you to seek the Lord.

I am ready to grant that our Lord is going to save everyone whom He has elected to salvation before the foundation of the world, yet, at the same time, the Bible says:

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near"—Isa. 55:6.

My prayer for you is that those of you who are unsaved within the sound of my voice might seek the Lord, that you might consider it is actually time for you, as an unsaved man or woman, boy or girl, to really, truly and honestly seek the Lord.

II

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed"—Rom. 13:11.

The picture is that of an individual who has been shipwrecked. When he gets into the boat that picks him up, he is safe. As the vessel draws nearer to shore, he can say, "I feel better now than I did a while ago, for I realize that my salvation from this water is nearer than it was a while ago." When he steps off the boat onto the dry ground, he can say, "Thank God, my physical salvation is now complete."

This is the picture we have underlying this passage of Scripture. Paul says, "We were saved once. Someday we are going to be completely saved so far as this world is concerned — saved from the world and all that it has to offer. But right now, our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Therefore, it is high time to awake out of sleep."

I wonder about those of you who are here, who are saved — those of you who have already trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour. I wonder about you if you can realize the full import of this text, "It is high time to awake out of sleep."

I am not talking about you who go to sleep consistently on Sunday as I try to preach. Some of you have a habit that you do go to sleep when I preach to you. I am not talking about that, although it is true that a lot of folk are so burdened with their physical flesh that they can't stay awake when they come to the house of God.

I remember an experience years ago when railroading was a much greater industry than it is today. A man who was pastoring in a railroad town saw an ad that the railroad placed in a paper saying they wanted 300 sleepers, and that they must be sound. The sleeper is the tie that they put the rail on. This pastor didn't understand the lingo or the language that he read, but when he read the ad that said that they wanted 300 sleepers and that they must be sound, he wrote to the president of the railroad company and said, "I don't know what you are going to do with them. I can't do anything for them. But I have nearly 300 and I guarantee that they are all sound so far as sleep is concerned."

Now that is not the sleep that the Apostle Paul is talking about here. He is talking about us who are asleep spiritually — and God knows we are guilty of being asleep spiritually.

How many of you called someone relative to today's services, and

said, "I would like to see you in the house of God?" How many of you prayed this past week that God would send some new person to the church services today? How many of you prayed that God would save someone in the services today? How many of you prayed that God would bless your pastor with physical and spiritual strength as he tries to preach to you on Sunday? I say to you, beloved, if your answer to these questions is in the negative, that you didn't do it, then God knows it is high time to awake out of sleep.

Oh, would to God that you and I might take this passage of Scrip-

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III

"The time is short"—I Cor. 7: 29.

I would say that this is certainly true so far as your service for the Lord is concerned. The time is short. Regardless of how you look at this text of Scripture, the time is short.

How long are you going to live? At best, the Word of God says we are going to live to be threescore and ten. Certainly the time is short. If you are just ten years old, you

New Mission Is Formed By Some S. C. Baptists

We are glad to announce the beginning of a new mission work, the Landmark Missionary Baptist Mission of Charleston, S.C., which was formed under the authority of the Rye Patch Baptist Church of Ludowici, Georgia. As is true with most true works today, the mission is small consisting of only seven members. The Mission would ask for your prayerful support and do humbly accept and earnestly look for your prayers.

Anyone desiring to attend services with this Mission may freely do so by contacting:

Brother Carl Drawdy, 1515 James Ave., Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, S.C. Phone 803/552-2325, or by contacting:

Brother Bob Belanger, 413 Sarah Drive, Boulder Bluff, Hanahan, S.C. 29405.

They are without a pastor at present, but Brother Samuel West has been doing the preaching for them, and has been assisting them in the things that glorify our sovereign Lord.

We do pray, with deepest sincerity, that this Mission shall glorify the Lord in the labor of love He has granted to them.

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ELDER JAMES HOBBS — ELDER CHARLES SALMON

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ELDER SALMON — Subject: "The Church at Work"

Sunday Morning — The Church Defined, Matt. 16:18

Sunday Night — The Church and the World, II Cor. 6:14-18

Monday — The Office and Work of the Pastor, I Tim. 3:1-7

Tuesday — The Office and Work of the Deacons, I Tim. 3:8-13

Wednesday — The Work of Church Teachers, Acts 13:1

Thursday — The Duties of Church Members, Heb. 10:25

Friday — The Rapture of the Church, I Thess. 4:13-18

ELDER HOBBS — Subject: "Evangelism"

Sunday Morning — The Way of Salvation, Acts 16:25-34

Sunday Night — How to Know You Are Saved, John 10:14

Monday — A Successful Christian Life, II Peter 3:18

Tuesday — The Baptist Debt to the World, Mark 16:15

Wednesday — The Crying Need of Missionary Work, John 4:35

Thursday — What A Missionary Is, Acts 13:1-4

Friday — Every Christian a Missionary, Acts 8:4

have just sixty years, and I guarantee you that they will pass mighty fast. The time is short.

The Bible says that our allotted time is threescore and ten, which means seventy years. Suppose you have already lived past 35. Then you have gone half your life already. I would like to compare this with the gasoline in your automobile, and I would like to look at the gas gauge and say that if you are 35 years old, you have already used up half of your "gas" so far as your life is concerned. Surely, beloved, the time is short.

Then when you look at it from the standpoint that there is so much to do, the time is short. How many people there are in this world who need the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how few people there are to bring the Gospel to them! Surely the time is short to get the Word of God out unto the world.

Look at it from the standpoint of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of God is coming back to this world some of these days. Surely we would say that the time is short. You say, "Preachers have been talking about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ since He left this world and He hasn't come yet." That is right, but do you realize that the Bible says:

"One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"—II Pet. 3:8.

Actually in God's sight and from God's point of reckoning, it has only been scarcely two days since Jesus Christ left this world. Beloved, He is coming back, I don't tell you when. I don't say when. I do believe that His coming can't be far away. In the light of the Word of God and His teachings of the Bible as to the signs of the time, I think the time of Jesus Christ's coming must be near at hand. I say to you, then, beloved, the time is short.

David said: "Remember how short my time is"—Psa. 89:47.

Oh, your time, my time, how short it is! If we live out the full seventy years, if the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't come immediately—if He tarries — if we live here within this world the full seventy years of time, even then how short my time is!

IV

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil"—Eph. 5:16.

"Redeeming the time" means trying to make up for the time that has already gone by that you have wasted. How many days have you wasted in life? Be frank, be honest, how many days have you wasted? How many days have gone by and you haven't done one single thing for the cause of Christ. You haven't talked to one single soul.

Bro. Cockrell Is To Assist Another Kentucky Church

The Covenant Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, will be having a revival meeting August 26th through September 1st, with services beginning each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Elder Milburn Cockrell of Fulton, Mississippi, will be the evangelist.



ELD. MILBURN COCKRELL

We consider him one of the safest, soundest Baptist preachers in America and as your editor and friend, I would certainly invite all our readers to attend the services if possible.

Elder Gerald Price is the pastor of this church and we would certainly encourage everyone of our readers to pray for this revival meeting and for these preacher brethren as they will be working together. They are good men and I trust that God gives them a most gracious meeting.

I like that old song that says:

"Lead me to one soul today."

It is said that D. L. Moody used to say that that was his prayer, that God would never allow him to let a day go by without letting him witness to at least one soul.

Beloved, how many have you witnessed to today? How many have you witnessed to this past week? If you haven't been witnessing, your life has been wasted.

Then think about it from this standpoint: how many days not only have you wasted by not doing something, but how many days have you wasted by sin in your life — days that have been given over to sin rather than to service. You Certainly we need to redeem the (Continued on page 3, column 1)

If you are too busy to pray, you are busier than God wants you to be.

"Time"

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time. We have a lot of wasted time that needs to be redeemed. The Apostle Paul said in view of the fact that the days that are already past are evil, the day that we are living in now is an evil day, and the days that are out before us are evil days — in view of the fact that the days are evil, then we need to redeem the time.

"The time is at hand" — Rev. 1:3.

John is talking about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and he says, "The time is at hand."

I would remind each of you that so far as the coming of Christ is concerned, that the time is at hand for His return. I can't read this Bible without the realization that the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come. I don't say when, but He is going to come, and I think, come soon.

When you read the third chapter of II Timothy, certainly you can't help but see the signs of this day when the Apostle Paul enumerates some 20-odd signs of the return of Jesus, and he starts out by saying: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" — II Tim. 3:1.

He goes from that to tell us about those perilous times, and he enumerates some 20-odd signs of the times. You can't read that without saying that we are living right time now in the light of this passage of Scripture. I tell you, beloved, as far as we are concerned, the time of the return of Jesus Christ is at hand.

I ask you, do you believe Jesus Christ is coming this morning? No. Do you believe He is going to come before I finish this sermon? No. The Bible says:

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh" — Mt. 24:44.

The very fact that you don't think He is coming is good proof to us that He is coming, and He is going to come at a time when you think not.

Beloved, what would happen to you if He were to come today? Those of you who are saved, are you ready for His coming? Do you have anything to make right? Do you have anything that needs to be done? Do you have anything that needs to be undone? Lots of things that you have done can't be undone, but do you have any changes that time.

you would like to make so far as your life is concerned as a child of God? The time is at hand.

Then look at it from the standpoint of you who are unsaved. The time is at hand. God pity you if God were to come today. I say that after Christ comes there will be multiplied thousands and millions of people that shall be saved, but not a one of them that is saved after Jesus returns will have heard the Gospel before His coming. I tell you, every unsaved man or woman who has heard the Gospel of the Son of God in this life, prior to the coming of Jesus Christ, will be consigned eternally unto Hell.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for THAT DAY shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" — II Thess. 2:3.

I tell you, lost man, lost woman, the time is at hand and you had better be ready when Jesus comes.

VI

"That there should be time no longer" — Rev. 10:6.

Some of these days, time is going to come to an end. Then, we are going to be out yonder in eternity. "Time no longer."

Suppose the last second had ticked, the last minute had past, the last hour had come to an end, the last day had faded — time no longer.

What is it going to be like to be in eternity? In eternity, beloved, time won't count. John says, "Time no longer."

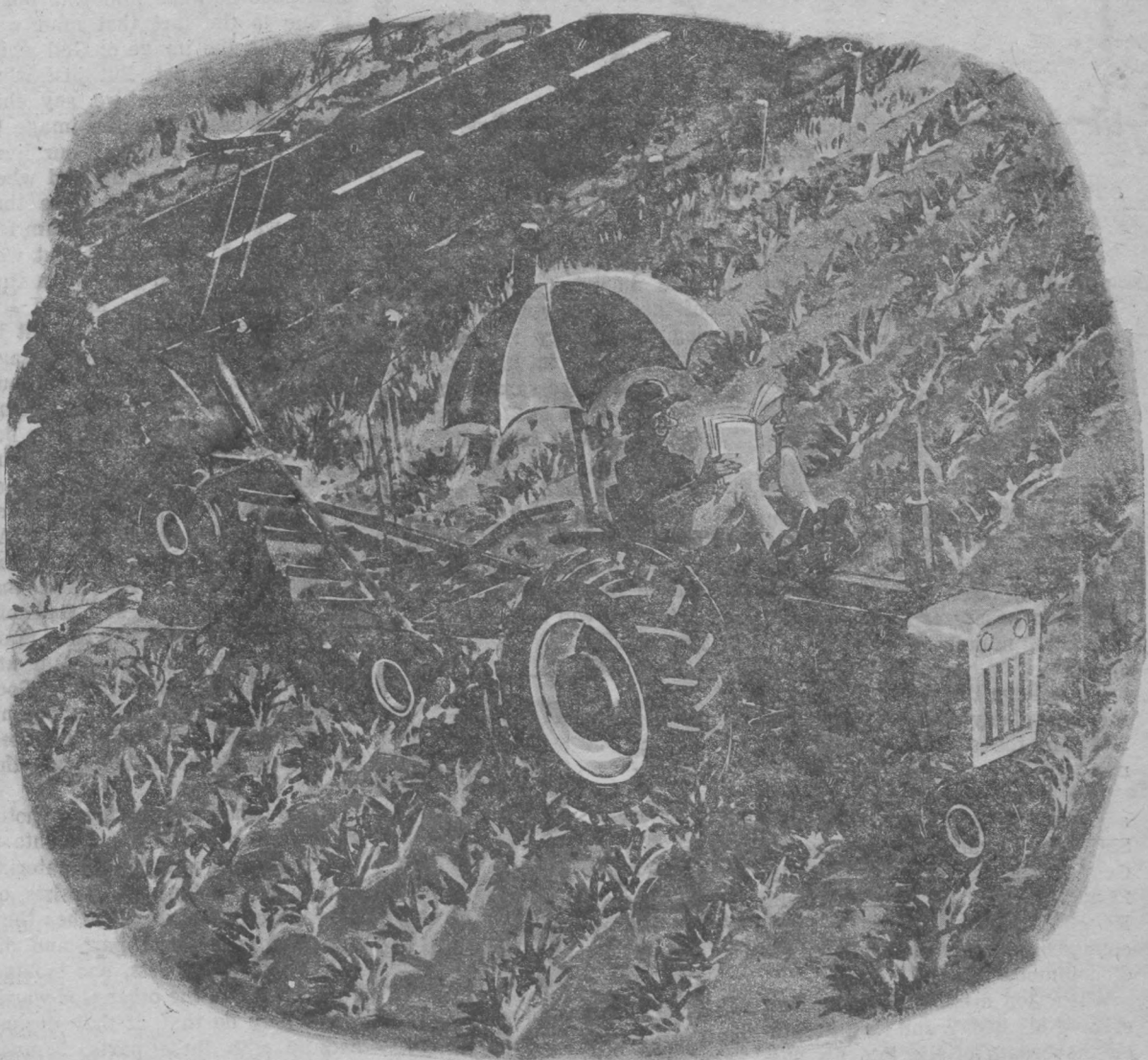
Solomon talks about time, for in Ecclesiastes 3, he says that there is a time to be born, a time to die, a time to kill, a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to dance, a time to cast away stones, and various other things that there is a time for. Some of these days, time will be no longer. There won't be any time to dance then. There won't be any time to mourn then. There won't be any time to laugh. There won't be any time then for births and deaths. "Time no longer." I ask you, are you ready for that day when time shall be no longer?

VII

"Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" — II Cor. 6:2.

Right now, sinner friend, is the day of salvation so far as you are concerned. Right now is the accepted time. Not out yonder, not when Jesus comes, not when time is no more, but right now is the accepted time.

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Well, maybe all farmers are not as much enthused over the reading of TBE as this fellow appears to be. However, we have a feeling that TBE is always a blessing to the individual who really loves the Word of God.

Therefore, we would urge you as a reader of this paper to send TBE to your friends far and wide. What better investment could you make than to send a year's subscription to some friend who needs the truth.

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Might it please God today to reach down and save your soul. Oh, how I pray for some of you particularly who are here. How I pray that you might realize the truth of this service that I am trying to emphasize time. Might it be a time of refreshing for you. There is only one way that your soul can be refreshed and that is through Jesus Christ. May the Son of God reach down and save your soul, and may this be a time of refreshing for those of you who are lost, as well as for those who are saved.

May God bless you!

Missionary In Japan

(Continued from page one) Ica who is pastor of one of the largest independent Baptist churches wrote me recently that he really didn't know what Fieldhouse was about. This was my conclusion a long time ago, and I wonder if Fieldhouse really knows what he's standing for. In presenting this letter, I would like to say that I consider Brother Timothy Pietesch as one of the greatest preachers of my acquaintance, who stands firmly against compromise.

Beloved Pastor Matteson:

Greetings in the love of our Lord with Eph. 5:20 and I Pet. 2:23:

It has been a delight to have you with us these days and we shall be praying for you as you go to the Conference in Taiwan, and then back to Denver by the 12th of this month. Lord willing. May our Lord richly bless you and thanks for all your love and kindness.

At your request I am writing this letter to you concerning the booklet that Bro. Marvin Fieldhouse wrote about me. From my heart, I can thank the Lord, for He works all things for "good" to conform

us to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:28-29). Even if others may seek to do us harm the Lord turns it around for good, as He did in the case of Joseph (Gen. 50:20). I can only thank Him for all His wonderful ways that He uses to purge us that we may bring forth more fruit (John 15:2). I have absolutely no bitterness in my heart about this and certainly am not seeking revenge, but am committing myself unto Him that judgeth righteously.

It is difficult to see how Brother Fieldhouse (I do not make any judgment about his salvation and refer to him as Mr. Fieldhouse) could have intended his booklet and his sending it to most of the missionaries in Japan as a desire to "restore" me, for I had written him, as you can see from the copies of attached correspondence, that I would meet with him and pray and try to come to an understanding, but he refused and wrote me that if I went to see him in his home in the summer resort of Karuizawa where he lives all the year around, he would throw me out.

At this response, though I received further letters from him, I didn't even read them, but put them in my file. When he sent me a copy of the manuscript for his booklet about me, I read a few paragraphs and saw that it was the same old, stale, unchecked, unproved slander that Phillip Foxwell had compiled in 1959, using the false reports of Gordon Chapman (who was out to discredit me because I refused to work under the committee of the Federal Council of Churches during the II World War, of which he was the secretary and Stanley Jones was the chairman. They went to the Federal Government and claimed to represent all non-Roman groups and got the government to accept them as the only ones that could work in the camps for Japanese when they were relocated from the west coast.

Gordon Chapman was a missionary of the modernist USA Presby-

terian Church and I consider it a compliment to be slandered by him. He was also one of the founders, along with Joe Gordon, of the promising Hayama Men's Fellowship here in Japan, that is composed of those in and out of the N.C.C. of Japan). Foxwell compiled this deliberate slander to counter our testimony about his compromise of being on the Billy Graham committee in 1955-56, and then taking a large gift from Billy Graham and another from Bob Pierce, that bought him off. Today he is entirely in the camp of the new evangelicals.

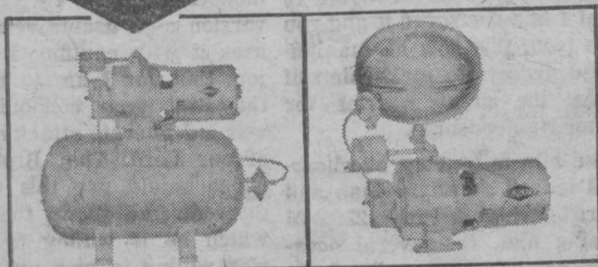
This same slander was used about five years ago by Brother Larry Hagen to try and counter our testimony concerning the RSV type Japanese colloquial version and that it is not a "usable" version. Brother Hagen wrote openly in his own paper that he would continue to use it in his work here in Japan. When I saw how Brother Fieldhouse was willing to use this deliberate slander to try and prove his case against me, I didn't even try to defend myself. The Lord showed me that if one is slandered, if there is any basis of fact in it (sometimes the truth can be told in such a way as to demean the character of another), then one should repent. If there is no basis of fact in the slander, then rejoice and bear it patiently, and there is nothing like slander to show if one is truly walking with the Lord.

Though at first I passed the whole thing off as deliberate slander with ill intent, the Lord began to speak to me about why I had said anything at all to Brother Marvin Fieldhouse concerning Bro. Ron Blough. Though I certainly did not tell him what he claims I told him, for he was in such a fit of rage, he couldn't get anything (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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"Please discuss the differences between the dichotomous and the trichotomous view points."

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Simply stated, dichotomous means that man is essentially two elements, namely body and soul (or spirit). Trichotomous means that man possesses three essential elements, namely body, soul and spirit.

We believe that man is two elements — body and soul or spirit, and that the soul of man is eternal.

The terms "soul" and "spirit" are used interchangeably in the Scripture. A careful comparison of Gen. 41:8 with Psa. 42:6; John 12:27 with John 13:21; Heb. 12:23 with Rev. 6:9 will show such interchangeable usage and reinforce the dichotomous theory.

When God created man, he first created his BODY and then breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and man became a living SOUL. (Gen. 2:7).

Our Lord referred to two elements of human nature in Matt. 10:28, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell."

Whichever theory one may subscribe to, should create no serious problem in his doctrine and spiritual life. The real issue when one discusses man's eternal soul is its final destiny.

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

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These two theories are dealing with the elements of human nature.

The Trichotomous theory teaches that we have a three-fold division of our nature. This division would be, according to this theory, the body, soul, and spirit.

This theory uses as its proof text Hebrews 4:12: "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Another Scripture used for this theory is found in I Thess. 5:23: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Dichotomous theory teaches that the human nature is composed of two parts, one material (the body) and the other immaterial (the soul or spirit). The proof text of this theory is the creation of man. Only two elements are indicated in Genesis 2:7: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the

ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Another proof that is offered by those following this theory is the use of soul and spirit in passages that would indicate the same thing. For example in John 12:27 Christ said, "Now is my soul troubled . . ." then in John 12:21 we are told, "When Jesus had thus said, He was troubled in Spirit . . ."

I have tried to show you in as condensed a way as possible the difference between the two theories. I trust it will be helpful to you in your studies.

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The dichotomous theory considers man to be composed of two parts, body and either soul or spirit. Those who hold to this view consider the soul (PSUKE) and the spirit (PNEUMA) to be one and the same thing, that is, if I understand them clearly. They tell us that if we contend that I Thess. 5:23 teaches there are three parts to man's nature, we must conclude that Mt. 22:37 adds a fourth part, that is, they tell us we must consider the heart to be a fourth part.

They hold that only two parts of human nature are mentioned in the creation of man. It is true that God created Adam's body, and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul. So they claim this proves that man's nature consists of only two parts. And when they come to Heb. 4:12, they explain away the fact that the soul and the spirit can be separated. However, all the translators that I know anything about make it plain that the soul and the spirit can be separated.

The trichotomous theory considers man to consist of three distinct parts, body, soul and spirit just as they are found in I Thess. 5:23. All must agree that soul and spirit are sometimes used interchangeably. In fact the word "soul" is used in so many ways in the Scriptures that it tends to make one dizzy when he tries to figure all of them out. But in Acts 2:41 surely everyone will admit that this word simply means that about three thousand people were added to the church at that time. Then in Rev. 6:9 it was disembodied people that John saw under the altar. And in Gen. 2:7 when God breathed into Adam's nostrils he became a living person. I see nothing in this verse to prove that Adam was made up of just body and soul.

Even a cow, a horse or a rabbit is a dichotomous creature. The lower animals have a body and a soul (PSUKE) that looks earthward. They do not have a spirit (PNEUMA) that is God-conscious. So since man is God-conscious and lower creatures that are made up of two parts are not God-conscious, it goes without saying that man has something in his nature that the lower creatures do not have. The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary tries to get around this fact. On page 807 we read, "The difference between man and beast is not that man has a soul or spirit, but that man is created in the image of God, where the beast is

not." Now I admit, and that freely so, that the last part of that statement is true. Most certainly the difference between man and beast is due to the fact that man was created in the image of God while the beast was not. But just what do we mean when we say that man was created in the image of God? We have heard all our lives that this image was marred when Adam fell. And to be sure that image was marred when Adam fell into sin. But what was it that was marred? I contend that when God made man He made him in His own image, and that He did it in a way that we can see. That image is not some imaginary, mysterious something that we can never come to understand. God is a triune being — Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so he made man a triune being — body, soul and spirit. Before Adam fell his spirit (PNEUMA) was not only God-conscious, it was in sweet fellowship with God. But when he fell he was still God-conscious, but his spirit had been marred to the extent that Adam actually despised and rejected God, Isa. 53:3. That is why man's being created in the image of God caused difference between him and the beast.

Those who hold to the dichotomous theory divide man up into a material part and an immaterial part and say that he consists of only those two parts. But then they take the immaterial part and divide it into two parts, one looking earthward and the other God-ward. When they do that, if they do not end up with three parts, I must be numbers blind. Yes, lower animals are made up of two parts, therefore, they are dichotomous creatures, but man must have a third part that is God-conscious, and that makes him a trichotomous creature.

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I have never spent much time studying the debates that have been carried on between those who have been dichotomous in their views and theories, as they have opposed those who have held trichotomous views, so my answer will be pretty brief.

The two terms come from Greek words. Dichotomous signifies the dividing of a thing into two parts, while trichotomous refers to the dividing of a thing into three parts.

Theologically, these terms have been used by two groups in their arguments concerning both the nature of God and the nature of man. Most people we know and come in contact with today believe that God is a Trinity — that he is "God in Three Persons — Blessed Trinity," as we often sing. The Bible certainly teaches this. We read about God the Father, then we read about God the Son. A good example of this is found in John 1 where we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made." Following verses make clear that Christ is being referred to. Then we read about the Holy Spirit, and he is spoken of in such a way as to leave no doubt that He is God, equal with the Father and the Son. Believers in the Trinity, are trichotomous in their views.

There are others in the religious realm who do not attribute divinity to the Holy Spirit. He is merely some sort of a divine influence to their thinking. Others there are, who do not believe that Jesus was truly divine. Not, at least, in the sense that he was God. They draw a line between God Almighty and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In other

words, they are dichotomous in their views. The Eternal God is separate from Christ and the Holy Spirit to their way of thinking.

The Bible teaches trichotomy as relates to man. It teaches that he is a threefold being consisting of body, soul, and spirit. There are those who deny this. They evaporate the soul and get rid of it, and make man a dichotic being composed merely of body and spirit. I recall reading an article recently written by the editor of a well-known magazine, in which he dismissed the soul. What he was trying to do was to prove that lost people will not suffer in Hell forever, but will merely be blotted out.

Missionary In Japan

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straight. I realized that I did not have a good motive in saying anything at all about Brother Blough. The Lord showed me what a grievous thing it is in His sight to speak with evil intent of any man, and especially, of any of His own. Though Paul had to withstand Peter to his face for his dissimulation, he did not seek to demean Peter even when he wrote about the incident to the church in Galatia.

Realizing I had sinned against Brother Blough, I wrote him asking his forgiveness and the Lord convicted me, that I had done the same to others and I wrote a letter to the missionaries in Japan, asking their forgiveness. I sent a copy of this to the Japan Harvest, the

that if God had really called him to such a ministry, a N.T. local church would recognize it and set him apart for this ministry. He got so angry at me he cut me right off in the middle of what I was trying to tell him.

He makes much of the verse "every word of God is pure," but by this he means that it is exactly right in the King James version, if one does not accept his interpretation of what the text says. Once I was trying to show him the evidence for a short earth, and what some of the Christian men of science were writing. He brushed the whole thing aside in great anger, saying that it was senseless to try and help God out, and he knew that the world was millions of years old, because he had seen the head of a dinosaur in Canada, and it just could not have been formed in say, five thousand years. Now I were interested in countering the false reports of Brother Fieldhouse. I could write a booklet MARVIN FIELDHOUSE AND UNCONTROLLED ANGER. However, this is exactly what I am not going to do.

The Lord did not answer when he was falsely accused (Mark 15:3 and Luke 23:9), though He could have cleared Himself very quickly. I could have cleared myself with him as he demanded, but I was not going to do it to satisfy his ego and self image. Brother Fieldhouse is a strong believer in graphology and claims that it is an exact science and that one can discern a person's character by his handwriting. Last summer, he told me that his son had a very bright future as indicated by his handwriting.

HURRIES TO SUPPORT US

I have just finished reading this week's T. B. E. Before I read it again I want to get this small gift in the mail to you. Sorry I have put it off for so long.

I want to say "thanks" again to God and to you for this fine paper. I could never tell you how much it means to me.

Betty Sanders,

Hartsville, Tennessee

widely read missionary magazine, asking that it be published. I attach a copy for you. This does not mean that most of what is in Bro. Fieldhouse's booklet about me is factual.

In cleaning up a pile of old correspondence, I found the letter from the Brother in the U.S.A. telling about the church giving the large gift to Bro. Ron Blough. Bro. Fieldhouse makes much of my having destroyed it, but I never wrote him that, but only that I had seen no need to keep it and I didn't know if I had or not. I never wrote to him that I had destroyed it and you can see from this how he manipulates and distorts to make himself look like the great warrior for truth and righteousness.

I found him to be very overbearing and indeed an angry man and the Lord gave me Prov. 22:24-25 concerning him. On several occasions he got into such a fit of anger he could hardly speak. Once he was upbraiding me for my Baptist convictions and claiming that I was a narrow denominationalist and he demanded that I admit it. I refused and began to tell him of the history of Baptists in the American colonies before the days of the American Revolution. He began to scream and yell so much that I finally had to tell him that if he kept it up, I would have to ask him to leave our home.

Brother Fieldhouse claims that he is not called of God to evangelize. He does not preach to the lost, but says he is called of God to be a "spiritual mechanic" and to set right the wrongs in the churches. I tried to talk to him about the New Testament local church and

ing. When he told me that, I realized I could not trust him to make a fair judgment.

Brother Fieldhouse makes out that I took a stand against the RSV type colloquial version to satisfy my self image, but it is exactly the opposite. I attach for you a copy of my testimony in this matter, entitled, "Why do you substitute a greater error for a lesser one?" I openly admitted that I had made a serious mistake in going along with the crowd of missionaries and at first using the modernists' RSV type colloquial version as a usable version, if only I used it with caution. I had to reject this, for I am to realize that the RSV type colloquial version was a deliberate attack on the deity of our Lord. That Brother Fieldhouse would use this to seek to discredit me shows the depths to which he is willing to stoop. He was willing to pick up unchecked unproved slander compiled by Foxwell and published under the name of the Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions. This board repudiated this slander as unwarranted and unproved. Foxwell and his group stole the property of the Ind. Board and he is now in the Reformed Pres. church though he was formerly with Dr. McIntire. In connection with Brother Fieldhouse's booklet the Lord has given me Isa. 54:17 and Isa. 66:5, and I am so thankful for this and know He means it for good.

Thanks for your loving, kind understanding and we are so grateful you came to Japan.

With love and appreciation in the Lord. Yours, because His,

TIMOTHY PIETSCH

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AND FOR WOMEN

"GROWING OLD"

"Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man (woman) at her best state is altogether vanity" (Psa. 39:5).

Aren't you glad wrinkles don't hurt? So many women seem to have a dread of growing old. We see so much uselessness in those we know who are old. They seem to sit on the side lines of life, content to be spectators. This ought not to be so in the Christian woman. There is an honor, gracefulness and maturity of age that impetuous youth knows nothing about — a serenity that only time can give. Let us learn to use these to the glory of God.

The wrinkles, grey hair and skin blotches are all object lessons the Lord has given us. With each new wrinkle or broken vein, He is reminding us again that we are but dust, and very temporary. Our time is so short. Let us not waste it by feeling sorry for ourselves. Don't be afraid of growing old. This is vanity.

The Lord has work that He has reserved for older women. We are to teach the younger women. Our lives are to be examples for them to follow. They need us. They may not know it, but they do. Let's not let them down. Let's be there with the word of encouragement, the listening ear, and helping hands.

Old age is a badge of honor. Wear it proudly. It tells others you have walked a long path. You've known the Lord a long time, and had many experiences that have made you what you are, and thus qualified to help others along this same road. Be an example to the younger women of faithful study of the Bible, prayer, and service in the Lord's church. Stop that wagging tongue and critical spirit.

Death knows no age limit. The very young, the middle-aged, and the elderly all die. But one thing we do know, each day we are permitted to live brings us one day closer to seeing and being with our Lord Jesus Christ. If this doesn't thrill your soul, it would be wise to restudy the coming of the Lord. To fix in your mind again, the glory we will share with him. Paul anticipated this time with great eagerness. So can we.

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age" (Psa. 92:13,14).

Sunday Or Saturday

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be an event that took place the day of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK! Counting, as Jewish people did in those days, that part of any day as "a day," then "eight days following," would be on the next Sunday, or "FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK" that Jesus came and stood in their midst again. This set the pattern, by the Lord Himself, of meeting on Sunday, instead of the Old Testament Law Day, the Sabbath, or Saturday.

Let me remind you that there is not one command in all the New Testament that Christians worship on the Sabbath. Think about that for a little while. In all 27 books of the New Testament, there is not one command that Christians keep the Sabbath Day!

Another thing for you to consider is the fact that for the first 2500 years of human history, there is not one command given to keep the Sabbath, or the seventh day!

Some may say, "But it says in Genesis 2:2 that God ended His work of creation in six days, and on the seventh day 'He rested.'" Do you think that God was tired? What does it mean, "He rested?" When a lawyer finishes presenting his case he "rests the case," meaning he has finished his presentation of the case. In like manner, when God "rested," the Bible means that He ceased from the work of His creation. He had finished it. He was not weary.

The Sabbath was instituted under Moses, who gave the law as commanded by God. The Sabbath was strictly a day of the law, and for the dispensation of the law.

Why did the disciples meet again on that second "Lord's Day" after the resurrection of Christ? Because they were expecting Christ to meet with them again on Sunday. Also, they knew their Bible, and they knew the law. That Sabbath was the Law Day. Christ kept the law, fulfilled the law, AND FINISHED THE LAW! They knew what Moses had commanded about New Testament Christians, and how they were to worship on "the Lord's Day." If I were a Jew, and wanted to endeavor to keep the law, and did not believe in Christ as the Saviour and Messiah, I would endeavor to keep the Sabbath day. But, since I am a Christian, and I believe in Christ as Saviour and Lord, and believe in His resurrection, I keep Sunday as a day of worship to my Saviour!

This was the practice of the New Testament Church. Acts 20:7: "And upon the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE DISCIPLES CAME TOGETHER TO BREAK BREAD, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

Sometimes when I preach a little longer than usual, and you are inclined to call me long-winded, think of Paul. I never have preached all day, and until midnight, YET!

You will find that the ONLY TIME Paul ever preached to an assembly on the Sabbath, was when he would go into a city, and Paul being a Jew, with a heart compassion to win his kinsmen, would go to the JEWISH SYNAGOGUE and preach to the Jews

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on the Sabbath day. He knew where the Jewish people would be meeting on the Sabbath Day. He would go into the synagogue and identify himself as a Jew, and as a teacher of the Word of God, and then would present unto them the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I challenge you to show me where the apostle Paul ever met with the New Testament church for services on SATURDAY, or on the SABBATH DAY! When you find the Apostle Paul meeting with people on "the First Day of the Week," it was with New Testament Christians. When he met with people on the Sabbath Day, or Saturday, it was always with the Jewish people in the synagogue!

The churches of Galatia and Corinth were instructed to meet on the first day of the week, and offerings were to be received on the first day of the week. Read carefully I Corinthians 1:1,2.

John, when writing the Revelation stated that "He was in the Spirit, ON THE LORD'S DAY..." when he heard the voice of the Saviour speaking to him.

I have not time nor space to present in detail all the Scriptures showing that the Sabbath was the Old Testament day of worship, but read carefully the entire fourth chapter of Galatians, to see what Paul said about ordinances, sacri-

fices, and the things of the law, which were a shadow of things to come. Christ was the fulfillment of that "shadow" or type of the Old Testament. He fulfilled the types and shadows. Therefore, we worship Christ, and not the shadows, and the law.

Read carefully Colossians 2:13-17. This dogmatically states that ordinances, Holy days, new moons and "SABBATHS" were a shadow of Christ. They were done away with, and nailed to His cross.

No One Today Keeps the Sabbath
Jewish people do not keep the Sabbath. Others who worship on Saturday instead of Sunday, do not keep the Sabbath! Not even the Seventh-Day Adventists! By the way, the Seventh-Day Adventists are not "just another church." They put the writings of Ellen G. White on the same par and basis as the Word of God. They use her writings as much as the Scriptures. The Bible has a stern warning of judgment upon those who would add to the Word of God. They do not believe that Jesus Christ is the complete sacrifice for sin. They do not believe that when souls die they go to Heaven. Rather, they teach "soul-sleeping." They do not believe in a literal, fiery, burning Hell. Do not be deceived by false teachers!

Notice that there were more than just weekly sabbaths, but there was a sabbatical year. Every seventh year the ground was to be "rest," and no crops were to be planted. No work was done, during the sabbatical year. To do so was to break that sabbath year.

A man, to keep the Sabbath, could not travel more than a mile on the Sabbath, and that only to the house of the Lord. A man, to keep the Sabbath, could not kindle a fire, or prepare a meal. It was a day of rest. It was a day of cessation from labor and from work.

There was a penalty for breaking the Sabbath. The penalty was as binding as the day itself. In the days of Judaism, the man who broke the Sabbath was guilty of a terrible crime, and was to be stoned to death! Where are the Sabbath-Day keepers in our day, who are going to fulfill ALL THE LAW and stone to death those who do not keep the Sabbath? You say

the penalty has been done away with? Where? If the penalty has been done away with, so has the law of the Sabbath. If the law of the Sabbath is still in force, so is the penalty.

The Sabbath Day Belonged to Israel, Not to the Church

Turn to Exodus 31. There are several verses in this chapter that set forth this truth. Study it carefully and thoroughly. See verse 12: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my SABBATHS (plural) ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations..." A sign between the Lord and Israel. Note verse 17: "It is a sign between me and Israel forever..." There is a great deal of difference between Israel and the New Testament church. He that doleth it, "shall surely be put to death!" Any of that taking place in this day and age?

MOSES PROPHESED AND COMMANDED THAT NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS WOULD KEEP SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK!

Turn to one of the Books of the Law, the Book of Leviticus, chapter 23.

Here you have the seven feasts of Jehovah enumerated. Israel

LORD, USE ME!

Thou hast no tongue, Oh Christ, as once of old,
To tell the story of Thy love divine.
The story still the same, as sweet, as true,
But there's no tongue to tell it now but mine.

Thou hast no hands, Oh Christ, as once of old,
To feed the multitude with bread divine.
Thou hast the living Bread, enough for all,
But there's no hand to give it out but mine.

Thou hast no feet, Oh Christ, as once to go
Where Thy lost sheep in sorrow pine;
Thy love is still the same, as deep, as true
But now Thou hast no feet to go but mine.

And shall I use these ransomed powers of mine
For things that only minister to me?
Lord, take my tongue, my hands, my feet, my all
And let me live, and love, and give for Thee!

knew what these feasts meant. They understood what they meant to them in that day, and what they meant prophetically. They not only kept these feasts, but taught their typical meanings to their children, and their children's children. These seven feasts encompass the entire prophetic plan of God in Redemption, and for the ages of the world. The first feast mentioned is THE PASSOVER. Read Leviticus 23:1-5. The Passover kept on the Sabbath Day, was typical of Christ, Our Passover Lamb, Who was slain for us as an atonement for sin. Every Israelite was taught that one day God would send His own Son, the spotless Lamb of God, to die for our sins.

Christ was crucified on the eve of the Passover Sabbath, which by the way was not necessarily on Saturday. Holy Sabbaths, or days of worship, sacrifice, and "cessation from labor," might fall on any of a number of days. I personally believe that Christ was crucified on Wednesday, thus He was in the grave three days and three nights, and arose on the first day of the week.

There were many Sabbaths to keep. The weekly Sabbath, entire weeks of Sabbaths, Holy Convocations that might fall on any day of the week, Sabbath years, and the year of Jubilee. Who keeps these Sabbaths today?

The second feast mentioned was the feast of the UNLEAVENED BREAD. Lev. 23:6-8.

This speaks of communion with Christ. No leaven contained. No sin. Sin separates us from Christ in fellowship. When sin is confessed, it is cleansed and fellowship is restored. The sinner is separated from Christ because of sin. When he repents of sin, and receives Christ as Saviour, he becomes a child of God, and is in fellowship and communion with Christ.

MOSES BOTH PROPHESED AND COMMANDED THAT CHRISTIANS WOULD WORSHIP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

The third feast is, "The Feast of the Firstfruits," which speaks of the bodily resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lev. 23:9-14.

Paul said in I Cor. 15, that Christ was the "Firstfruits of them that slept." He was the first to ever come out of the tomb in a glorified body. Others were raised from the dead, but died again. His was the first eternal resurrection, in a glorified body. Read verses 9 through 11, especially.

The resurrection points to New Testament Christianity. The Old Testament Israelite knew of this only in type and shadow. When he killed a lamb, it stayed dead. God prophesied that He would give His Son, the Lamb of God, Who would be crucified for our sins, be buried, and be raised again on the third day, to live for ever more!

At the resurrection of Christ, on the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, began the new day of grace, and the New Testament dispensation of the church.

Notice, prophetically, what Moses said, in verse 11, "And he shall

wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: ON THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH the priest shall wave it."

What is the morrow after the Sabbath? Thank you! Glad you're still awake! The morrow after the Sabbath, IS SUNDAY — THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK! Moses said, when you keep the feast of the firstfruits, which sets forth the resurrection of Christ, you will keep it, NOT ON THE SABBATH DAY, BUT ON THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH DAY! It was typical of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who came out of the grave, AFTER THE SABBATH DAY!

Moses said prophetically, when you are entering into this new dispensation of grace, I AM GIVING YOU A COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU WILL NOT KEEP THIS FEAST ON SATURDAY, BUT RATHER ON SUNDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK!

(I'll collect my \$8500 when you want to present it) Amen!

The fourth feast is the feast of Pentecost. Read carefully Lev. 23:15-22. The feast of Pentecost, is "the fiftieth day feast." This is the day that the Holy Spirit of God descended upon the church, empowering them to witness, in Acts 2. This was a definite appointed day, set by prophecy. Just as the day of the death of Christ, was set, and the day of resurrection was set, so Pentecost came in the fulfillment of time, and in the fulfillment of Scripture.

Fifty days following the resurrection, was the feast of Pentecost.

When did Moses command that this feast day be held? Let us see. Moses said to count, "from the morrow after the sabbath... seven sabbaths shall be complete." I checked this off on my calendar to prove it out. In other words, you have seven full weeks, ending on Saturday, or the Seventh Day Sabbath. Count off the seven weeks, "even UNTO THE MORROW AFTER THE SEVENTH SABBATH shall ye number fifty days..."

And, of course, the "Morrow after the Sabbath," is no other day than SUNDAY, or the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK!

The Lord's Day is the first day of the week, or Sunday. The day that Moses prophesied and commanded that New Testament Christians would keep as the Lord's day is SUNDAY!

The two feasts out of the seven, that pertain to the day of grace, and the New Testament Christian, were commanded to be kept by Israel on SUNDAY, and not Saturday! This set forth the type of the resurrection of Christ, and the Day of Pentecost.

(Now, I've given you two texts, my friend, by which to collect my \$8500 if you are honest!)

The final three feasts in Lev. 23, pertain to Israel, and I will not (Continued on page 8, column 1)

NERVOUS JABBER

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The "tongues movement" is making rapid increase in this day. Back in the past almost all of the tongues people were of some branch of Holiness, but now the tongues movement has invaded the ranks of Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and even the Catholics, not to mention others. There is a large businessmen's organization that has meetings all over the country, that is committed to the tongues movement. I get a magazine that is put out by this organization, and it is quite well done.

What about this tongues movement? Have we Baptists been wrong in the past, as we have held aloof from "tongues?"

I don't think so! First, let me say that if I were convinced that God has such a gift for believers, I would certainly want it. Why haven't I been convinced? Well, there are several reasons, and I wish to share them with you.

1. TONGUES WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR THIS WHOLE AGE IN WHICH WE LIVE.

The Holy Spirit came in special power at Pentecost to empower the infant church, and to start it off on its age-long mission. He did not come to CREATE THE CHURCH. One of the biggest lies ever coined by the Devil is the lie that the church was born on Pentecost. The record says that, "there was added to them that day about three thousand souls." How could they be added to a church that didn't exist?

The Holy Spirit bestowed the gift of tongues such that they could make known the way of salvation to the people of many nationalities that had gathered at Jerusalem.

Note something else: The gift of tongues was not the gift of incoherent jabbers. It was the gift of speech in actual languages. We learn this from Acts 2:8, which says, "How hear we every man in his own tongue, wherein we were born?" There is a vast difference between incoherent jabbering, and speaking a language that one has not previously studied. Here is a thing that troubles me. When these groups that speak in tongues send out missionaries to foreign lands, why do they have to study the language just like other missionaries? They are there for a good purpose — to take the gospel to the lost. Why can't they get the gift of tongues and go to speaking and preaching at once without wasting long

months studying? Having lived on the foreign mission field, I am prepared to know that the Holiness people have to study and learn the foreign language just like anybody else.

2. TONGUES WERE FOR THE EARLY DAYS OF CHRISTIANITY BEFORE THE SCRIPTURES WERE COMPLETE.

It was hard to get it into the minds of Jewish believers that Gentiles could be saved, and it took the manifest power of the Holy Spirit to convince them. The Apostle Peter was directed to go to the household of Cornelius and preach. As he preached the Holy Spirit came with the same power that he had manifested at Pentecost. In Acts 10:46-47 we read: "They heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?"

In another instance, we read about some people upon whom Paul laid his hands, and it says in Acts 19:6: "The Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

Read the story carefully, and you will find that these persons were apparently not saved. They had probably heard a jumbled version of John's preaching. After they heard the truth, they were baptized, and were following the prayer of Paul, given this manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

We have little if anything said in the various writings of the epistles about tongues. The one exception is the epistle to the Corinthians. The church at Corinth was just about the most wrangling, unspiritual church that we read anything about in the New Testament, but they were troubled with "tongues" as no other. Tongues are mentioned as "unknown" tongues, but this is an incorrect rendering. The word "unknown" is in italics, which signifies that it is not in the original, but is added by the translators. Undoubtedly, they had the gift of tongues back there, but the time was approaching when this gift would cease. Paul foretold this, for in I Cor. 13:8 he writes: "tongues, they SHALL CEASE." Paul did not value the gift of tongues very highly for he said (I Cor. 14:19), "I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than ten thousand in an unknown tongue."

(Word unknown is added). He restricted tongue speaking to two, or at most to three persons in a service, and there had to be someone present who could interpret what was said (I Cor. 14:27). These restrictions are, of course, utterly disregarded by those who engage in tongue speaking today. Incidentally, note that the tongues must have been actual languages, or else they could not have been interpreted.

That tongues were designed to cease as the New Testament Scriptures became more and more complete, is indicated by the fact that the epistles cease to make any mention of such speaking. Further, as we read the writings of the early church fathers, we find practically nothing to indicate that there was any continuance in the matter of speaking in tongues.

3. WHEN WE COMPARE MODERN SPEAKING IN TONGUES WITH THAT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE, WE SEE SOME STRIKING DIFFERENCES.

For one thing, tongues is GIVEN AN IMPORTANCE in modern groups that did not obtain among Christians of Bible times. As we read the Book of Acts, we find no emphasis whatsoever on tongues speaking, after Pentecost was past. When Jesus gave the Great Commission, as recorded in Matt. 28, he did not give any command to

be called fits of prayer. Some holier, some bawl and cry, and "take on." In the New Testament time no such actions were resorted to. God gave the gift of His Spirit apart from any begging or crying. Study the story of Pentecost and you will find this true.

4. THE GIFTS OF TONGUES, AS TAUGHT TODAY, GOES ALONG WITH THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Bible does not teach the baptism of the Holy Spirit for this day and time. Note several important points:

NOWHERE ARE WE COMMANDED TO GET BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!

If you doubt this statement, go to the New Testament and look for such a command. You can look until you go blind and you will never find it.

NOWHERE ARE WE TOLD HOW TO GET BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Lord would tell us just how to obtain this baptism if we were supposed to have it. The way people of today seek to obtain the Spirit baptism and the gift of tongues, is to "go to the altar." But the "altar" is just as unscriptural as anything can be. An altar is a place of sacrifice. It was so set forth in the Old Testament. Sacrifice pointed forward to the sacri-

strange sensations were pulsating through his body. To the contrary Peter made no reference to himself or to his feelings. His message was Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

6. MANY OF THE MODERN TONGUES MOVEMENT HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCES, BUT FAIL TO SHOW BY CHANGED LIVES THAT THEY HAVE HAD VITAL CONTACT WITH CHRIST.

I think just now of a noted singer, who has told of "getting the baptism" and speaking in tongues, but I note that he continues to sing in notorious night clubs, which are nothing less than deluxe booze joints.

I am afraid that some get a desire to experience the thrills, and the strange sensations that are said to go along with Spirit baptism and the gift of tongues, and that they ignore real, genuine saving faith in Christ. One thing is sure — the person who comes to really know Christ as Saviour, will break with the world, and will come to have an utter distaste for the things of Satan.

Virgin Birth

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be discovered in all realms of life. There is not a merchant but that demands exactness in the keeping of his books. He is dogmatic in this and intolerant to any system of mathematics which is apart from that which we know to be correct.

One can be dogmatic about the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus, because it is plainly stated upon the pages of God's Word. It is not a question of interpretation but of acceptance. The intolerance of Christianity is not the intolerance of a bigot or the sectarian; it is not the intolerance and dogmatism of the small, narrow mind that has no vision; it is the intolerance of Infinite Wisdom. When God has spoken all must remain in silence and receive with meekness the Word which He has given. To compromise in connection with this truth is to strike at the very heart of Jesus Christ Himself.

Unavoidable Truth

The glorious message that this Boy was born of a virgin is inescapably written upon the sacred page. Wherever it is found, it shines forth in all its supernatural glory. The event before us is not highly colored but plainly stated. I would call your attention to two or three occurrences of this event, taken from both Testaments: "And I will put enmity between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). This is the earliest statement in the Bible alluding to the supernatural birth of the Divine Deliverer. The seed of the woman and not the seed of the man is in view, the underlying truth being that of a virgin-born Redeemer.

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). I am not unaware of the many attempts which have been made to escape the plain teaching of this prophecy, yet in the face of them all, the passage stands and cannot be explained away. "But when the fullness 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).

The fact that some of the Biblical writers do not mention the virgin birth as such is no indication that they did not believe it. Every truth which they proclaimed as pertaining to salvation was predicated upon this grand miracle. There is far more in the Word on this subject than on the subject of baptism and the Lord's supper. Every Bible-loving Chris-

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lay hands upon people that they might receive the Holy Spirit, nor did he say anything about any sort of Spirit baptism. It is true that in Mark, the last chapter, there is mention of certain signs, including tongues, that are to follow believing in Christ, but before anyone builds a doctrine on this passage, they need to realize that it is questionable that verses 9 through 20 are a part of that gospel. The two most ancient manuscripts of the Bible do not contain these verses at all. Other manuscripts contain entirely different endings.

A Holiness preacher came to my house once, and challenged me to debate him on the question of tongues. He quoted me this passage from Mark and indicated that he would lay great emphasis on the passage, with full assurance that I couldn't withstand it in debate. I reminded him that the passage was not in the oldest manuscripts, and that scholars were in full agreement that the passage was in all probability not a part of the original manuscript of Mark. He was hardly willing to even listen to me on this point. I said to him, "Do you think that all of the signs mentioned in this Scripture are for today?" "I certainly do," he responded. "Alright," I said, "I'll debate you then, but I'll tell you what I am going to do. I am going to come on the platform with a bottle of deadly strychnine. I will read from Mark 16:18 these words, 'If they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them.' Then I will challenge you before the crowd to drink the deadly poison. If it doesn't hurt you, that will prove that I am in the wrong, and I will have lost the debate right there. If it knocks you out, and they take you to the undertaker, I will have won." That preacher lost all desire to debate right there, and in a few moments he had taken his departure.

When we compare the modern tongues movement with the tongues manifestation in the New Testament, we find another important difference. In the present day, people who want the gift of tongues usually go into what might almost

fice of Christ on the cross. That cross was the last altar ever needed. To use an altar today is to ignore Christ's sacrifice.

No, we are not told in the Scriptures to get the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What are we told to do?

Ephes. 5:18, "BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT."

I Thess. 5:19, "QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT."

Gal. 5:16, "WALK IN THE SPIRIT."

Ephes. 2:18, "WE HAVE ACCESS BY ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER."

The Scriptures make plain that when a person is saved the Holy Spirit enters that person and abides with them for the rest of life. "And He shall abide with you forever" we read. The extent to which the Spirit's presence is noted depends upon the extent to which one's life is committed to His leadership. People often pray as if they want more of the Holy Spirit, when what is really needed is that the Holy Spirit shall have more of them.

5. THE MODERN TONGUES MOVEMENT PEOPLE PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT THAN THEY DO ON CHRIST.

The Spirit is the center of attention. Read the Scriptures, and you will find that it is not the purpose of the Holy Spirit to magnify Himself. Jesus said:

"When He, the Spirit of Truth is come . . . He shall not speak of Himself . . . He shall glorify me; for He shall receive of mine, and shew it unto you." (John 16:13-14).

Someone has written: "The Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself." Neither will any one who is filled with the Spirit. Many times we have seen people stand up from an altar and say something like this, "I am a Spirit-filled believer. Now let me tell you about my experience." Then they went on to tell what it feels like to receive the Holy Spirit. Others write in detail about how the Holy Spirit gives them marvelous religious sensations. As one clergyman said, "Right down to the very balls of my feet." But let us remember that Simon Peter on Pentecost did not stand up and tell about what wonderful feelings he had, and what

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The Real Value Of True Baptist Baptism For Saved

By J. R. GRAVES
(Long Since In Mansions Above)

"Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom, also, we have access by faith into this grace, wherein ye stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1).

It is constantly asked of Baptists, What good does baptism do if it in no ways secures you salvation?

I answer, much every way, and chiefly because—

1. By submitting to the act He appointed, we obey Christ.

No words or thought can express or conceive the obligations we are under to love Christ and to obey Him. The slave that is bought with the gold of the master is under obligations to serve him, or the captive whose life has been saved or redeemed by the sacrifice of another is under weighty obligations to love, and to gratify the reasonable wishes of his redeemer and saviour. The child is under the highest earthly obligations to love and do the will of his father, and for it to refuse is to violate all filial obligations. But Christ redeemed us, when captives, from the enemy of our souls; and when He found us sold under sin He not only redeemed us by laying down His own life for us, but through Him we have been adopted into the heavenly family, and made sons and daughters of the Most High God. Our obligations to obey Christ are infinite, and, as certainly as we are His children, we will desire to obey; and the language of our hearts will be, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The characteristic spirit of Christ was that of obedience; and the Holy Spirit saith, "He that hath not the mind of Christ is none of his." Baptism is the first and most important act of obedience Christ requires of His child — an act without which we cannot obey several other important commands of Christ.

2. By baptism we honor Christ.

It is not by our words and professions that we put the highest honor upon Christ. Indeed, if we stop at words and professions, He will not accept us. The highest honor we can reflect upon Christ is to cheerfully obey Him in all things whatsoever He commands us. He abominates mere lip service. How severe the reproof He gave this class when in the flesh: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I command you?" "Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophecy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." (Matt. 15:7,8).

What a privilege of being allowed by any act to put honor upon Christ before men and angels! A child of God will consider this his highest joy.

3. By obeying Christ in baptism we secure many and special blessings.

David testified that in keeping the commandments of his God, there was great reward, and that reward is both here and hereafter. If we are a friend of Christ or child of God we desire to honor Him. But in no way possible can we honor Christ or offer Him more sincere worship than by obedience to His commands; and he has said, "They that honor me will my Father honor." Who can estimate the value and the blessedness of being honored of God before men here and angels hereafter:

"If a man love me he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:23).

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

What more or greater blessings for time can be desired than are

implied in the above two promises? And then when we meet Him at last we hear Him say:

"Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

What more of Heaven could be expressed than is implied in these words? We may assure ourselves that Christ will not tell an untruth to save any one. The willingly, no more than the willfully, disobedient will hear those words.

Then there is a special blessing promised that none but the truly



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baptized do enjoy, namely, "The answer — satisfaction — of a good conscience toward God."

Baptism has no part in making a good conscience. The quickening of the Holy Spirit and the enlightenment of the word makes a good conscience, that can only be quieted and satisfied when full obedience to Christ's command has been rendered; and therefore no other act for baptism but the one Christ commands will ever satisfy a good conscience. Tens of thousands have testified to this, and thousands yearly, ministers and members, testify that nothing but being buried with Christ in baptism, to show forth his death, burial and resurrection for their salvation, avails to satisfy their consciences.

4. We profess our faith, confess our discipleship, and evidence our friendship for Christ before men.

These acts Christ requires of every friend,

"Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies bathed in pure water, let us hold fast the profession of our faith" (Heb. 10:22,23).

"If thou wilt openly confess with thy mouth, that Jesus is Lord, and wilt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9,10).

"For whosoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in his glory," etc. (Lk. 9:26).

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me can not be my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

5. By baptism we are introduced into a local church, and thereby into Christ's visible kingdom:

"Christ has a kingdom on earth, and He has churches. No one of His churches is His kingdom, but each one is an integral portion of His kingdom."—A. P. Williams.

The visible churches are the expression of His kingdom. We are baptized into a visible church.

On the day of Pentecost three thousand were added to the church by baptism. They were baptized, and there is no intimation of any interfering act. Baptism, then, according to the record, if it is full, was the consummating act. Christ said to Nicodemus, "Unless a man be born of water and added to the birth of the Spirit, he could not

enter his kingdom." Paul says: "For in one spirit we were all baptized into one body:" i.e., some local church, like that at Corinth; and lest any one might conceive that by one "body" he did not mean a local church, but some one universal, general body, in the twenty-seventh verse, he expressly tells them: "Now ye are a body of Christ and members in part," i.e., fellow-members.

The oldest Articles of Faith put forth by our fathers are those of 1120. In the seventh article after stating that they regarded baptism as an outward sign of an invisible grace, read:

"And by this ordinance we are received into the holy congregation of God's people."

Dagg says: "The opinion has been held, almost as a theological axiom, that baptism is the door into the church," and we add, not by Baptists, but by all denominations.

Harvey's work on "The Church," issued by the American Publication Society, says:

"Baptism is the rite of admission to the church, the public act of separating from the world and uniting with God's people. It is the door of the house of God."

BAPTISM, BY INITIATING US INTO A LOCAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, ENTITLES US TO ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS OF THE CHURCH, NOT LEAST AMONG THOSE IS THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Christ has placed this sacred feast within, and under the guardianship of His local churches and no one who has not been duly initiated according to the appointment of Christ, can partake of the Supper without profaning the feast and eating and drinking unworthily, and thereby "eating and drinking damnation to himself" (I Cor. 11). By commanding every disciple to partake of the Supper, He virtually commanded him to qualify himself to do so, by being baptized into His "body" — one of His local churches.

From the above considerations we see that baptism, though not a condition of salvation is far from

rious stages from fresh blooms to ripe fruit. I have celery stalks that are of the same age and they look as though they were in the prime of their life. Almost all of my citrus trees have the different stages from bloom to ripe fruit all the time.

I have mentioned the above regarding the things of nature, that it might serve as an example of our work here. After we began to reap the fruits of our labors from the first gospel seeds we have sown here in New Guinea, the above illustration could be applied to the mission work here.

Several years ago we found ourselves completely surrounded by various mission groups, and they had marked off a little area for us to work in and offered to help us in any way they could to develop it. In fact, they suggested that they come and help us with our services. At least four different groups, including the Catholics, have offered to hold services here on the Mission Station, and some of these Protestant groups felt highly insulted when we refused the offer.

Insofar as I have been able to determine, the so-called Baptist churches from this part of the world will take any kind of professing Christian into their churches, except Catholic, without baptism. The First Baptist Church of Port Moresby is made up of practically every denomination under the sun, except sound Baptists.

Therefore, when I refused to allow the Protestants to preach in our services, they thought I was some sort of a peculiar breed. Even from those early days that I was here it was quite plain to see through their calculated plan, i.e., to infiltrate our ranks with their heresy until they would swallow us up.

When we refused to cooperate with any of them, and ignored their stupidity in marking out boundary lines for us, and began to launch out as the Lord led us, there has been steady progress in the work. To be sure there have been times, such as for the past few months, that the work has taken on special

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being an unimportant or non-essential duty, since it is essential to our obedience to Christ, and essential to His public recognition by us as our Saviour and King — essential to membership in His church and citizenship in His kingdom — essential to our highest usefulness and happiness in this life, and to receiving the highest reward and honor in the kingdom of His glory.

An unwillingness to obey in the manner He has specified, and a willingness to accept a substitute, because suited to our "tastes, feelings, and convenience," should be convincing proof that our hearts are not in subjection to the Anointed One; that we have not the spirit of Christ, and are none of His.

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work continues to expand in several directions and those that are already Christians continue to grow in grace.

It seems to be typical of many things here in New Guinea that after the initial planting, and first harvest, that there is a continual cycle after that. For instance, I have Bell Pepper plants that are well over two years old that are still producing fine peppers. At almost any time there are the va-

surges of growth, but we cannot recall a time ever when it was at a standstill.

In the past couple of months the Lake Kapiago work has really blossomed out. This we attribute mainly to the fact that we now have a full-time missionary on the field that has the work at heart. For the most of the last two weeks, counting my traveling time to and from, I have spent my time at Kapiago building a decent house for the missionary family. I finished the house recently, all except the water storage tank and a few little things that he will be able to do. I have the tank material here and will assemble the tank and take it there for installation. The house is quite simple, a three-room affair, but a long jump for a native family that has never lived in anything other than a bush house with a dirt floor. This house has a good floor with a galvanized iron roof and a water tank adequate for all their water needs. It also has a shower stall which they will have to be taught to use.

While at Kapiago building the house, some people came one day while we were at work and inquired if we would start having services with their people, if they would put up a building. We told them if that was their desire we would be happy to bring them the good news of our Saviour. This was on Thurs-

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tian knows that this truth, as distasteful as it is to the unregenerate, is a very vital part of God's revelation to man. While Christians may not be able to understand it, sound its depths or scale its heights, they accept it in simple faith and praise God for the reality it makes of the claims of Jesus Christ to oneness with the Father. To explain away this truth is to pervert life-giving truth, and to avoid it in preaching and teaching is to deprive men of that which they ought to know. This is indeed the unavoidable truth of the Scriptures. It is met everywhere, and the more one studies his Bible, the more he will be convinced that the Bible is literally saturated with it, directly and indirectly. It is there in plain statement and inference. It is found directly and indirectly in connection with the great doctrinal sweep of divine revelation.

I would call your attention to the fact that the story of the appearance of this Holy Child is

Unparalleled Truth

This event stands alone and is supreme. There is nothing in the universe like unto it. While false religious systems have made their claims to virgin-born founders, such claims are but perversions of the truth which God originally made known to the sons of men, relative to the appearance of a Redeemer. These false systems have attempted to match Christianity. Satan knows that the value of a counterfeit is in its likeness to the genuine, hence, his attempt to match that which God has made known.

Going back to the seventh chapter of Isaiah, I quote: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). If this son were born after the natural manner of human birth, what "sign" would there be in the appearance of Immanuel? The answer is unmistakable.

Those who seek occasion against (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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blessing that you have received thereby. It is my sincere prayer that as this particular editorial is sent forth in this issue that God will use it to raise up many new friends and supporters for the truth for which we contend.



Sunday Or Saturday

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have time to develop them in this message.

Briefly, the Feast of Trumpets (vs. 23-25) speaks of the regathering of Israel to their land of Palestine.

The Feast of the Day of Atonement (vs. 26-32) speaks of the day of Israel's repentance, and the day she will believe in her Messiah, and a "nation shall be born as in law, to them who believe. He is

a day."

The Feast of Tabernacles (vs. 34-44) speaks of God "tabernacling with His people" during the millennial reign, on earth.

These feasts are kept on Saturday, because they are feasts of the law.

But the feasts that speak of New Testament Christianity were held on Sunday, even in the Old Testament!!

Salvation By Grace, Alone!

Thus, by prophecy, by command, by the example of Christ, and by the practice and teaching of the Apostles, and Christians of Bible Days, we worship a risen Saviour on Sunday, the "FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK!"

People who try to get to Heaven by keeping certain laws and sabbaths, place themselves under the law, and thereby, under the curse of the law. Christ is the end of the law, to them who believe. He is

our Righteousness.

Only 8 per cent of professing Christianity believe they are saved by grace, and not by works or by law. The other 92 per cent are trying to get to Heaven by doing something!

All Have Sinned

All have broken the law of God. To offend in one point is to be guilty of breaking the law. Dare you try to get to Heaven by works? Dare you put your good works, laws, and sabbath keeping (?) along-side the finished work of Christ on Calvary? Dare you say your works are as good as His finished work?

Paul said, "therefore, by the works of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in His sight."

Confess that you are a sinner, and repent of sin, whether it be the sins of commission or omission. Admit that you are a sinner, and a law breaker. Believe that Christ died for your sins, as your substitute, that He was buried, and was raised again the third day. Believe from the depths of your heart, and the Bible says, "Thou shalt be saved."

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Fred T. Halliman

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day afternoon, and Sunday we held our first service with them out in the open, and a couple of days after that they started preparing materials for a building to worship in.

Our new work over in the Huli tribe is going well at present and one of the two places where we have gotten established there, is having quite large attendance. Three or four groups from areas quite a bit farther down have sent delegations to observe our services, and some have indicated that they would like a visit from some of us. At present, as has been the case many other times, we are faced with a temporary preacher shortage. Of the 30-odd preachers that we have, several of them are taking care of more than one place, but we still don't have enough to go around as they should. Please pray for us that the Lord would send more laborers into His harvest. We have just begun to really get into the Huli tribe and we feel that God has quite a harvest for us in there.

This is quite a short report, but will have to suffice for the time as we want to get caught up on other correspondence. May the blessings of the Lord rest upon each of you.



Virgin Birth

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this glorious revelation of the supernatural appearance of the Son of God, by saying it is but one of several such events, only expose their ignorance. The claim that Buddha was virgin born is pure nonsense. One can search the ancient writings about this religious leader and not find a solitary hint that he appeared miraculously. No less an authority than Bro. James Orr says that in none of the ancient Buddhist writings for 200 to 300 years after his birth has anything been found to claim him as virgin-born.

Bro. E. L. Goonasakara of India writes: "There is not a syllable of truth in the modernist's claim for Buddha. No ancient Buddhist writer of note has made any such claim. This has been said of Buddha chiefly by modern Buddhists and western radicals who are laboring to rid the Christian people of belief in the supernatural element in the Bible." Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian author, in his book entitled, "The Great Secret,"

in which he treats oriental religions, lays no claim to Buddha as having been supernaturally or virgin-born.

It is true that some of the ancient emperors sought to convince people that their fathers were gods, but their subjects were always skeptical of their claims because they saw nothing in their lives which would cause them to think their rulers had god-like qualities. Sometimes ancient writers made lavish claims for their heroes, but these so-called great ones were made to do such outlandish things as to make it impossible to believe even in their historicity. It would be no credit to claim relationship to them. But Jesus Christ was born in a miraculous manner — not so born as to make Him ashamed of the name of Son or of His parental origin.

Modernism falls back upon many absurd claims all for the purpose of trying to strip the Bible of its supernaturalism. Modernism does not hesitate to tell us that the account of creation is naught but a Babylonish fable as also the flood of Noah's time. While modernism parades in the terms of scholarship, in reality it is naught but the Devil seeking to undermine faith in the Word of God.

Let us note that the revelation of the virgin birth of Christ is

Underestimated Truth

Little do people seem to realize the great importance of the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus. This truth is so fundamental to the Christian scheme of things that all stands or falls at this point. It is not too much to say that if Jesus were not born as the Scriptures say then the world is without a Saviour. It is futile to magnify His birth as we do, if this scene in the manger of Bethlehem is that of a child with a human father.

If Jesus had a human father as multitudes claim, then He was an illegitimate child with an unchaste woman as His mother. Joseph, the husband of Mary, did not claim to be His father. It is easily seen that if Jesus Christ were an ordinary person He was not a member of the Godhead; He had no right to forgive sin for this is a prerogative of God only; He had no right to make Himself the object and issue of faith and salvation.

If Jesus were not a member of the divine Trinity, then who was He? The answer would have to be that He was a finite being, a sinful being as all men are, and therefore could in no wise be the world's redeemer. His death would have answered only for His sins and not for the sins of others. A sinful person cannot atone for the sins of another.

Those who deny the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus do so at the expense of Christianity. They reduce it to a system of lies and have the strange anomaly of blessing, peace and progress all fostered by a religion of falsehoods. Away with such nonsense! Let us accept in simple faith the plain and unmistakable declarations of revelations and find comfort in what God has made known to us. Do not be deceived by that philosophy, hatched in Hell itself, which insists that "the old ideas which taught that the Creator of this universe was born in the womb of a virgin some 2,000 years ago, are passe."

Next I want you to consider how this is an

Unpalatable Truth

All that is miraculous in the Word of God is distasteful to the natural man. The Bible so declares. Yet this truth about our Lord's birth is perfectly reasonable when considered in the light of His life. A "miracle" life demands a "miracle" origin, and this is just what we have in the Saviour's birth. This is viewing it from the standpoint of cause and effect. When the effect is supernatural in character the cause must conform to it. It is folly to call this truth impossible simply because it is outside the realm of

our own limited experience. Even with man, there have been many amazing discoveries within the last quarter of a century which a few years before would have been regarded as impossible.

God can form man in four ways: from a man and a woman, as constant custom shows; from neither man or woman, as Adam; from man without woman, as Eve; or from a woman without a man, as the Son of God. The explanation of the virgin birth is found just here. The answer is an omnipotent God to whom all things are possible except to lie. If Jesus were not all that the Word prophesied He would be, all that He claimed to be, and all that God said He was, then those who picked up stones to cast at Him were justified in so doing because Jesus was a blasphemer and was striking at things most sacred to them.

To those whose eyes have been opened by the Spirit of God, the story of the virgin birth is the most logical thing imaginable. It fits perfectly with all the succeeding claims of Christ and makes valid the predictions which He made of His resurrection from the dead.

The story we love about the birth of Jesus is an

Uplifting Truth

This revelation puts Jesus where He belongs. It makes Him the God that He really was as He lived and moved among men, and thus gives Him the preeminence. I can see in Him a worthy redeemer. All doubts are stripped from the mind with the true understanding of His birth. This is the supreme reason for His virgin birth. Messiah's body has to be the sole burnt offering. The reason for Bethlehem

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then is Calvary itself. The Word says, "It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me; in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I (with a body prepared not so much for the birth as for the bruising) come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:4). The Father could not die, for He only hath immortality. The Father could not be a sacrifice for human sin, for the sacrifice must be in the nature that sinned; the Father could not be bruised for our iniquities; but "the Word was made flesh . . ." (John 1:1, 14, 18). As it was impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin, so it was impossible for the blood of the Son of God not to take away sin. ". . . Feed the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Surely, the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus furnishes us just ground for worshipping Him and honoring His name. He is God and all worship should be directed to Him. When on earth He received the worship and homage of men and rightly so because of who He was. When John would worship angels, they rebuked him and said, "Worship God."

This calls for humility and reverence and worship as each one takes his place along the manger in Bethlehem. It is for us to fall down and cry out, "My Lord and my God."

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