

# WINE OR GRAPE JUICE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

By T. P. SIMMONS

We have three reasons for holding that wine instead of grape juice should be used in the Lord's Supper. They are as follows:

1. CHRIST USED WINE IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE SUPPER. In order to ascertain this point we talked with one well-informed converted Jew and with one Jewish Rabbi. The former is Eld. Henry Singer, erstwhile Superintendent of the Hebrew Christian Mission of Detroit, Michigan. When asked on this point, Mr. Singer replied that the Jews of Christ's day used fermented wine in the Passover.

Mr. Singer has a tract on "The Jewish Passover and the Lord's Supper," and in this tract he says: "EVERY JEW IN THE NIGHT OF THE PASSOVER MUST HAVE FOUR CUPS OF RED WINE."

Reference to Prov. 23:31 will show what kind of wine "red" wine is. The other one consulted is "Rabbi" Abraham Feinstein of Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Feinstein, without hesitancy, said that the Jews of Jesus' day used fermented wine in the Passover. And when asked if there could be any doubt of this, he replied in the negative. We also wrote the American Board of Missions to the Jews of Brooklyn, N. Y. about this matter. Our letter was answered by J. Hoffman Cohn, General Secretary. He said:

"EVERY JEW KNOWS THAT THE PASSOVER SUPPER MUST BE CELEBRATED

BY THE DRINKING OF REAL WINE, AND NOT UNFERMENTED GRAPE JUICE . . . YOU WILL FIND ALL THIS FULLY CORROBORATED IF YOU WILL CONSULT THE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, WHICH IS THE MOST DEPENDABLE AND AUTHORITATIVE ON ALL MATTERS JEWISH."

Now there is absolutely no satisfactory reason for assuming that Christ broke with Jewish usage on this point and used grape juice in the farewell Passover. Some arrive at this conclusion by reasoning in a circle. This deprives the conclusion of any force. Also the conclusion is false because the premise that all drinking of wine is essentially wrong is false. This is assumed in the face of the fact that Christ turned the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. The remark of the ruler of the feast proves that this was real wine and not just grape juice. This is assumed also in the face of the fact that just before His death Christ drank "vinegar" (Mark 15:36; Matt 27:48; John 19:28-30), which, according to Thayer, Broadus, Hovey and W. N. Clarke (the latter three being writers in "An American Commentary on the New Testament") was the sour wine that the soldiers drank. Also, we find Paul exhorting Timothy to take wine as a medicine (I Tim. 5:23). And it was only the excessive use of wine that was forbidden to bishops and deacons (I Tim. 3:3,8; Titus 1:7).

Professor A. T. Robertson of the Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary, of worldwide reputation as a scholar, said in a letter under the date of Sept. 17, 1927:

"I KNOW NO REASON IN THE WORLD WHY THE WINE MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS NOT REAL WINE. THE JEWS USED IT DILUTED WITH WATER (ONE-THIRD WINE, TWO-THIRDS WATER)."

J. W. Porter, editor of the American Baptist and also of quite a reputation as a scholar, being mentioned in "Who's Who" of America, takes the position that the wine at the marriage in Cana was fermented wine. He said, in a letter under the date of Sept. 17, 1927: "IN JOHN 2:9-10, THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST SAID: 'EVERY MAN AT THE BEGINNING DOTH SET FORTH GOOD WINE, AND WHEN MEN HAVE WELL DRUNK, THEN THAT WHICH IS WORSE; BUT THOU HAST KEPT THE GOOD WINE UNTIL NOW.' HERE THE REFERENCE IS CLEARLY TO THE FACT THAT AFTER MEN HAD DRUNK FREELY OF THE GOOD WINE, THEY WOULD NOT SO EASILY DETECT THE DIFFERENCE, OWING TO THE EFFECT OF THE WINE. GRAPE JUICE DOES NOT STIMULATE AND WOULD MAKE NO SENSE USED IN THIS CONNECTION."

Editor Porter said further: "DR. JOHN A. BROADUS, WHO IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST GREEK SCHOLARS, TAKES

THE POSITION THAT IT WAS WINE AND NOT GRAPE JUICE. IN FACT, NO ONE, SO FAR AS MY INFORMATION EXTENDS, EVER QUESTIONED THE FACT THAT IT WAS WINE UNTIL IN RECENT YEARS."

Peloubet's Bible Dictionary says: "IT HAS BEEN DISPUTED WHETHER HEBREW WINE WAS FERMENTED; BUT THE IMPRESSION PRODUCED ON THE MIND BY A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE ABOVE NOTICES IS THAT HEBREW WORDS INDICATING WINE REFER TO FERMENTED, INTOXICATING WINE." Again: "A GREAT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVE THE WINE DRUNK AT THE LORD'S SUPPER UNFERMENTED, BY AND FOR THE SAKE OF TEMPERANCE WORKERS OF OUR DAY AND NATION. SUCH ATTEMPTS ARE APT TO DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD, AMONG THOSE FAMILIAR WITH EASTERN CUSTOMS TODAY, OR THE HISTORY OF THOSE NATIONS. BUT THE APOSTLE PAUL HAS STATED THE CASE FOR TOTAL ABSTINANCE IN ROM. 14 IN SUCH A WAY THAT DOES NOT NEED THE TREACHEROUS AID OF DOUBTFUL EXEGESIS FOR ITS SUPPORT."

The writer is a prohibitionist; always has been and always will be. But he will not let the fact so prejudice him as to blind him to Scriptural facts and cause him to evade those facts. Prohibition does not need

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## ABSOLUTE PREDESTINATION

By RICHARD FULLER  
(Now in Glory)

ED. NOTE: Richard Fuller (1804-1876) was a lawyer and Baptist theologian of national influence in his generation. His writings were saturated with the classic spirit.

The Libertarians reject the doctrine of predestination; they deny that God has foreordained all things. But how can this negation be even mentioned without shocking our reason and our reverence for the oracles of God? I might easily show that nothing is gained by this denial, that it only removes the difficulty a little farther back. This system rejects predestination, and maintains that God has left all men to act as they choose.

But what is meant by a man's acting as he chooses? It is, of

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## EASTER 1975

By RAY HIATT  
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The Spring festival of Easter is upon us with all its color and gaiety. Churches throughout the world are preparing for the merriment that accompanies this festive time. Choirs are being rehearsed, churches are being garnished and the Christian world (so it calls itself) is preparing, with utmost splendor,

to hail the resurrection of Christ. Christendom (?) is embellished throughout the world in professed honor of Jesus Christ. Yes, Easter is here, but why? Strange question? I repeat, WHY? Why is this world now giddy with the prospect of Easter time. Why are millions of harlots, drunks, adulterers and manifest sinners preparing to sing His name in exaltation? Why? Why are millions who profess no allegiance to Him by their lives and conversations, now making ready to honor Him on this occasion of Springtime merriment. Why?

The answer, of course, is that they have been programmed to do it. Everyone knows, do they not, that Easter (coming at different

times each year) is when Christ arose from the grave? Everyone knows that you should celebrate Easter, do they not? What sort of heathen would refuse to celebrate Easter? Only those "heathens" who read and believe the Bible! Easter is another of those pontifical inventions that so plague the world. Please grant me your pa-

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1. What is the meaning of the word "election?"

It means choice. In fact, the words "chose" and "chosen" are used interchangeably with the words "elect" and "election" in the Scriptures, when referring to this doctrine. The word "election" is used in the Scriptures six times, "elected" once, and "elect" twenty times. Roughly looking through a concordance, we find that the word "chosen" is used at least twenty-one times in reference to the doctrine of election. So the word "election" simply means choice.

2. I would like for you to list the Scriptures which teach that God elected individuals to salvation before the world began.

Romans 8:29,30; Ephesians 1:4; II Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 1:9; and Revelation 17:8. These are the basic Scriptures.

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## New Efforts Made To Silence Christian Broadcasting

The accompanying petition for rulemaking is now before the Federal Communications Commission. It is devastating. The charges made against Radio Station WXUR and the whole approach employed there is now being used to silence any form of Christian programming. Having found that the FCC will act in this area, the opposition is pursuing the matter further. It all stems from a hatred of Christianity.

Those forces in the Christian community which have sought to evade their responsibility for giving the people the truth and exposing the forces of repression, thinking that by so doing they would save their own interests, now must recognize that the enemy is pursuing the battle to another round with confidence that the forces that gave them victory in the first attack, WXUR, will now coalesce for additional conquests.

Before The Federal Communications Comm. Washington, D.C.

In the matter of: Revision of Rules Permitting Multiple Ownership of Non-Commercial Educational Radio and Television Stations in Single Markets; and

Request for "Freeze" on all Applications by Government Owned and Controlled Groups for Reserv-

ed Educational FM and TV Channels; and

Request for "Freeze" on all Applications by Religious, "Bible," "Christian," and other Sectarian Schools, Colleges, and Institutes for Reserved Educational FM and TV Channels.

Petition For Rulemaking

This Petition is filed by Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam, who are asking in this petition

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## Missionary Pietsch Writes As To His Work In Tokyo

Beloved Readers of The Baptist Examiner,

Greeting in the love of our Lord with I Thess. 1:2-4 and 2:4.

What a privilege it is to be put in trust with the Gospel and to be allowed to send it forth over the airwaves here in Japan. Now for more than twenty-four years we have had this privilege and on each broadcast we have offered a free Gospel of John in Japanese to any one who has never seen

any part of the Bible. Hundreds write to us and we have answered every one of them. How shall we, with a 25% increase in postage, continue to make this offer? We believe the Lord would have us do so and that you would want us to do so also. Believing that the Lord always pays for that which He orders, we are going to continue this free offer, to any one who has never seen any part of the Bible. Recently, a lady wrote us that had received a Gospel of John and came to the Lord. Then she wrote to the newspaper about the joy of salvation and eternal life, and she mentioned where she had gotten the Gospel of John. Hundreds wrote to us in response to her letter.

It is very much on my heart to continue to enlarge the radio ministry to new stations in areas where we have never had a Gospel program. I still have the vision of one minute television Gospel messages and also Gospel messages in newspapers offering a free Gospel of John to any one who never had seen any part of the Bible. Please help us now while we have this opportunity and when so many missionaries are leaving Japan.

The Bible kindergarten graduated sixty-two children on March 18th. All of them had been with us

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I keep thinking every week when I get TBE that now I will learn who the new pastor is.

I am still praying that our dear Lord will stay in the saddle until the horse is hitched!

E. G. Cook,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon By Bill Jackson

### "THE BIBLE AND ITS CENTRAL THEME"

(PREACHED AT 1970 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE CONFERENCE, ASHLAND, KY.)

"For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth (as there be gods many, and lords many), but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him"—I Cor. 8:5-6.

The Bible, the divine inspired Word of God, has within it many doctrinal instructions to every child of God. There is precept upon precept, line upon line, and here a

little and there a little, that the child of God might be thoroughly furnished unto every good work, that he might be able to give an answer to anyone who asks him a question concerning God's word.

I would have you to know that there is a central theme of that Book, there is a mainstream, there is a central thought, a central subject from Genesis to Revelation, and that is Jesus Christ the Son of God. He is the center of the Gospel. It is said that at the end of ev-

ery rainbow there is a pot of gold. Now I know that that is not so, but it can most truly be said that at the beginning and the end, and of all that makes up the middle, all that makes up the doctrines of the Bible — election, predestination, limited atonement and all of those doctrines that we love — there is the golden thread of Jesus Christ the Lord.

There is one Lord. The Corinthian people had many lords and



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Write them today and request as many as you prayerfully and carefully can use.



## "The Bible"

(Continued from page one) many Christs. They said of this, "I am of Apollos," "I am of Paul" and "I am of this" and "I am of that." As those people were, so there are those today that preach not the Christ of the Bible. One Arminian says that the Christ of the Bible or, rather, the Christ that he serves, can save a man if that man lets Him. Poor little Christ, that He cannot save all that the Father gave Him before the foundation of the world. That is not the Christ of the Bible. The Christ of the Bible, first of all, is the Anointed of God. In Isaiah 61:1-2, we read:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn."

It says that Christ is the Anointed of God. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Our Christ was set apart in the Eternal Godhead by God the Father that He should be the Saviour of the elect children, anointed of God to carry out all the spiritual blessings to the people of God. In Christ Jesus is centered the spring of living water whereby we all drink; where we all come to and draw from the treasure house of our God through Jesus Christ, the Anointed of God.

### I.

#### CHRIST IS GOD.

The Anointed Christ of the Bible is not only the Anointed of God, but He is God Himself. I know that the Christ of the Bible is God because He uses the same name as God the Father used.

In Isaiah 44:6, God speaking here said:

"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and His redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."

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Then in Revelation 22:13 Jesus said:

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

In Psalm 24:10 we read this question:

"Who is this King of glory?" And the answer comes back: "The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah."

Turn to I Corinthians 2:8 where we read:

"Which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

Then in Romans 9:5 it says:

"Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, Who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

You see, He used the same names that God the Father used.

Then Christ is God because He possesses every characteristic of God the Father. It is said of God the Father that He is omnipotent. But Christ also had power over the winds, over the world and over the waves and the sea when He walked upon the water, when He was asleep in the back of the ship there. He came forth when the disciples were troubled and said, "Peace be still," and it came like a mirror over that ocean. It laid down at His command.

The Christ of the Bible is the God of the Bible because He has the same power as God.

The Christ of the Bible is omniscient. He knows all. He told the Samaritan woman at the well all the secrets of her heart. He said to her:

"... Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband; for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; in that saidst thou truly" (John 4:17-18).

You see, He knew everything about that woman, and so it is with you and me. We cannot hide from Jesus Christ the Lord, though we ascend to Heaven or go down to Hell, Christ knows everything. We cannot in any wise sin without Christ knowing it. He is all wise.

Then the Christ of the Bible is the God of the Bible because He is omnipresent. It is said that God is everywhere at the same time, yet Christ said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

Ah, the Christ of the Bible is the God of the Bible because He is eternal. God is from everlasting to everlasting. It is said of Christ in the prophets that He has a name that shall endure in every generation, world without end.

Then, God is immutable, He cannot change. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6). And Christ said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8).

I tell you, the Christ of the Bible is the God of the Bible. Let every man know that Christ is God. Let every sinner realize that Christ is God.

### II.

#### CHRIST IS VIRGIN-BORN

Then, the Christ of the Bible, in the second point, is the virgin-born Son of God.

Nels M. Frere said in one of his books that our blessed Lord was born of a German soldier. I tell you, under the tongue of the heretics lies the poison of asps. They are nigh unto cursing, and may already be. Beloved friends, they are still in the gall of bitterness, in the bowels of iniquity. They say that that Holy Thing that was begotten of God the Father in the womb of Mary was born a bastard are going to stand before a Holy God, and He is going to say, "Why?" "Why?"

Let Mr. Nels Frere and all his cohorts know that the Christ of God was a virgin-born Christ and that it was on this wise:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it"—Psa. 127:1.

I need not remind you that this is one of my favorite texts of the Bible. Through the years gone by, I have read it often, and when preaching, I have used it as a proof text many times in my messages. As I say, it is one of my favorite texts.

I wish, beloved, that you and I might realize the truth of it — that is, if the Lord isn't in everything that we do, it is in vain.

Take, for example, a church. A church may put on a program — a big, extensive, expansive program — and they may be able to get many members, add lots of folk to the church roll, have big offerings, and much to report to the association, but "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

A man was talking to me a few days ago concerning a certain preacher whom I know to be a heretic, who is a Universal Church man, an Arminian, a feminist and a unionist, and I don't know anything that could be said about him that could be much worse than this combination. About the only thing that I don't find wrong with him is that he isn't a modernist. He boasts of the fact that he believes in the authority of the Bible, the deity, the virgin birth, the blood atonement, and the resurrection of Christ. Those are his five cardinal truths, but he ignores all the truths in the Bible relative to the church that Jesus built. He will unionize with anybody that comes

Holy Ghost"—Matthew 1:18.

That Holy Thing that was born of Mary came down from the Father, begotten of God in the womb of Mary.

You and I were in the loins of Adam and we, by heredity through the inherited sin of Adam, came forth from the loins of our fathers, sinners, but Christ Jesus came forth as a second Adam from the Father of Light, begotten of the Holy Spirit without blame and without that original sin. Christ is the virgin-born Christ, the Holy Christ of God.

God, for whom there is nothing too hard, broke down every law of nature, and every thing, every obstacle that was in the way of the natural law of man, and performed that conception of Christ by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary.

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

### III.

#### CHRIST — THE SINLESS SON OF GOD.

Then, thirdly, the Christ of the Bible was, and is, the sinless Son of God. We read in I Peter 2:22:

"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth."

Even Pilate, in all of his sin and all of the status of his day, came forth in the courtyard and said, "... I find no fault in this man." (Luke 23:4).

He found no fault in Christ Jesus the Lord. Sinless, pure, are the robes of Christ and the blood that flows through the veins of Christ is a blood that is pure and able to save sinful man from sin.

### IV.

#### CHRIST — THE SUBSTITUTE.

# Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



## "EXCEPT"

along. He lets women speak from his pulpit. Certainly, beloved, he is an Arminian through and through.

Well, this man was telling me how this preacher, four or five years ago, went to a certain town and started a church (?) and that now he has a tremendous membership and church property that is worth two and one-half million dollars. He told me how they had their own radio station and their TV station. He talked to me concerning this preacher who is seemingly spreading himself, as David said, "like a green bay tree."

Beloved, it looks big to the world that a man, in about five years' time, could build a congregation and a building such as this, yet I know it isn't of the Lord. I know that Arminian work is not of the Lord. I know that any work that relegates the sovereignty of God to the background is not of the Lord. I know that the man is not a sound preacher. I have had correspondence with him and I know that he does not believe in the sovereignty of God. Beloved, I don't consider any preacher a sound preacher, I don't care what his denomination may be, who does not believe in the sovereignty of God, and who does not preach the doctrine of election. Furthermore, any preacher who does not believe the truth relative to the church is not a sound preacher. I don't care how much a man may believe in the virgin birth, the deity, the blood atonement, the resurrection, and the inspiration of the Scriptures. If he does not go further than that, his fundamentalism doesn't mean

much to me.

That is why I often say that I do not claim to be a modernist nor a Fundamentalist. The modernists are entirely too modern and the Fundamentalists are not nearly fundamental enough. Now if a man says, "I am a Baptist Fundamentalist," I will shake hands with him. I will go along with him.

Beloved, I say it looks big in the eyes of the world that in less than six years a man builds a congregation and builds a church edifice that is worth two and one-half million dollars and is practically debt-free. But I read my text: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

I grant you, beloved, that our church will be 18 years old before long and we certainly have not been able to build a two-and-one-half million dollar edifice. We certainly haven't been able to build a congregation that could support that kind of ministry. I come back to this text, and if the work of this church or any church is not according to the will of the Lord and is not in the light of God's Word, it is vain and amounts to nothing, and I don't want it.

However, I have used this text as a starting point, or, as I often say, a point of departure. A text for most preachers is merely a point of departure. Most of them get so far from it that they never get back to it. I want to use this text as a point of departure. I want us to study the word "except" as it is used in some half-dozen places in the Bible.

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attend regularly. Keep up the good work until He comes.

By His grace,  
Bill & Ruth Springman  
Nevada

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

I pray the Lord's blessings on your church and especially, the fine paper. Due to my age, I'm unable to attend church regularly and I thank the Lord for the blessings I receive from TBE daily.

In Christian Love,  
Mrs. A. R. Lott  
Florida

Dear Bro. John,

I want to thank you for the way you are editing the paper. It is just grand and I wouldn't want to be without it. I am praying for the entire work there and especially at this time, for God to send you a pastor that will stand for the truth as did Bro. Gilpin. I know it would be impossible to get another J. R. G., but I am sure God has a man somewhere that can lead the flock.

May God bless you as you continue to send out His blessed Word.

Yours by grace,  
W. S. Hardman  
W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin, Jr.,

I have just finished reading "The Immutability of Christ" by your father, John R. Gilpin, and it was the clearest and most meaningful interpretation of the Holy Scriptures I have yet to read! When I can save enough money, I will subscribe to the paper. I am a "prisoner" undergoing a "change" and would like to hear from some concerned people.

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Offers Thanks

Thankful you are continuing TBE. Thank you also for the new articles and format — its very nice and informative.

Billy Holladay  
Tennessee

We are so thankful that The Baptist Examiner is still being printed and sent out. What a blessing to many who have no church of like precious faith and order to



## "Except"

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### THE "EXCEPT" OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven"—Mt. 5:20.

Jesus said that unless your righteousness is greater than that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no hope for you to go to Heaven.

Now, how righteous were the scribes and the Pharisees? You know as well as I that the Pharisees were a righteous group. Our Lord never accused the Pharisees of immorality. Our Lord never accused them in any wise at all of living lives that would bring shame to His cause. They were righteous. They had what we might call a superosity of righteousness. They had superior precepts that were binding upon them. About half of them were negations, which said, "Thou shalt not;" the other half of them were positive declarations, which said, "Thou shalt." They were strong on the basis of human righteousness. But the Lord said to his congregation, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

Let me remind you of this fact, a good man, in order to go to Heaven, has to be better than the scribes and Pharisees. Are you as good as the scribes and Pharisees? Are you as good as these individuals that Jesus spoke of? They had 612 precepts that they counted, but Jesus said that you have to be better. You can have all the righteousness that they had and still go to Hell.

That leads me to say that nobody can be saved on the basis of his goodness or his righteousness. These people counted 612 precepts relative to righteousness, but Jesus said that they couldn't go to Heaven even if they lived up to these 612 precepts — that one's righteousness has to be greater than the righteousness of the scribes and

the Pharisees. I tell you, beloved, you read this verse and you come back to this fact, there is no hope for a man in his own righteousness, and there is no hope for a man in his own morality. No wonder that Isaiah said:

"And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"—Isa. 64:6.

Isaiah declared that the very best that there is about us is just like an old dirty, filthy rag. It is no wonder that we read in the New Testament many, many times that our works will not suffice. Paul said:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"—Eph. 2:8,9.

I tell you, beloved, I don't care how good an individual may be, nor how much righteousness he may have, this text declares that except your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, there is no hope for you.

### II

### THE "EXCEPT" OF CONVERSION.

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"—Mt. 18:3.

A man has to be converted to go to Heaven. The word "convert" means "to change." Jesus said that except you be converted, you can't enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Notice that Jesus said there must be a conversion on your part.

I am persuaded that our churches are filled with a lot of ecclesiastical corpses because they have never yet been converted. The very fact that individuals never read their Bible and never pray; the very fact that individuals never seem to seek the will of the Lord for their lives leads me to believe that they have never yet been converted. Jesus said that unless you are converted, you will never enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

I remember a girl down in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who wrote me a number of years ago. She wrote and swore me to secrecy in her

## IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



### WHERE IS IT STATED THAT A MAN SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO WEAR LONG HAIR?

Answer — I Cor. 11:14:

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"

first letter, and in the second letter wrote me the problem of her hair. She was a preacher's daughter. She had been brought up in a Baptist preacher's home. All her life she said she had been a good, moral girl. She said that she had joined the church during a revival meeting, but that after reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER she knew she had never yet been saved.

Now, beloved, I insist that that girl is not an isolated case, but that there are multiplied thousands of individuals in this world who are good and moral. They are righteous, but they have never yet been converted. They have joined the church but that is as far as they have gone.

I remember a Baptist deacon who told me some few years ago that he regretted the fact that there were so many good people outside the church. He said, "Of course, they have never been saved, but they are good people, and they ought to be inside the church." Beloved, there are thousands of these "good people" who are inside the church, who have never yet been saved. They have never yet been converted. Somebody has urged them to join the church. Somebody has persuaded them to unite with the church. The result is that they have never been converted. The Lord said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children,

ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

I think about the brother who visited with us in our services this morning. He said he wondered about preachers, as well as about the church members. He said that he thought a lot of them were sincere, but like he himself was for years, they were sincere in their ignorance. I believe, beloved, that his statement is definitely true. There are many people who are sincere all right, but they are sincere in their ignorance of the grace of God. They are ignorant about Jesus Christ. They may be sincere, but they are sincerely ignorant. Would to God we could shout from the housetops — that we could shout it around the world, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

### III

### THE "EXCEPT" OF THE NEW BIRTH.

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" — John 3:5.

Beloved, you have to have the new birth to enter into the kingdom of God. It is either the new birth or else a Devil's Hell.

A man may sit down under beautiful trees and rest beneath the shade of the most magnificent trees that are possible to imagine, but except he experiences the new birth he will never sit down under the tree of life and enjoy the fruit thereof.

A man may travel and may see many beautiful and marvelous cities in this world that man has constructed, but except he be born again he will never see that city which has foundations, "whose builder and maker is God."

A man may be able to see the waters of the Niagara. He may be able to drink of the waters that flow from the various springs of the country that are known for their medicinal qualities. Beloved, unless that individual is born again, he will never enter into the kingdom of Heaven and will never drink of the river of life.

You may sit down at the most

sumptuous banquet. You may eat in the most gorgeous home. You may enjoy the most outstanding meal that is possible to be cooked, but you will never eat of the tree of life unless you yourself are born again.

### IV

### THE "EXCEPT" OF REPENTANCE.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"—Luke 13:3.

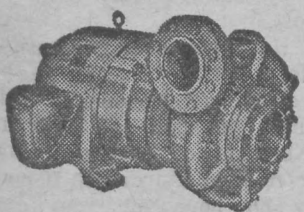
Let's get the story back of this. One day Jesus and His disciples were gathered together and someone began to tell Him of a recent current event — just like you and I are interested in the things that happen, the current events, the news items that we read in the paper everyday. They said, "Master, wasn't it awful the way Pilate treated those Galileans? He mingled their blood with their sacrifices."

Here were these Galileans going to worship and they are offering their sacrifices upon the altar. They are in the act of religious devotion. As they stand there and observe their sacrifice being offered up to God, Pilate's soldiers swooped down upon them and killed them and mingled their blood with the blood of their sacrifices. As Jesus listened to His disciples telling Him about the Galileans, I think He must have closed his eyes as far as this world is concerned and looked beyond the altar on which the sacrifice was being offered. He looked beyond the sacrifices and He looked beyond the dead bodies of these Galileans. He looked beyond their blood and the blood of the sacrifices being mingled together. He closed His eyes on this and looked out yonder to eternity, and instead of seeing the bodies of these Galileans, He saw their souls. Instead of seeing them in this life, He saw them in the life to come. And how did He see them? He saw them coming up to the judgment bar of God (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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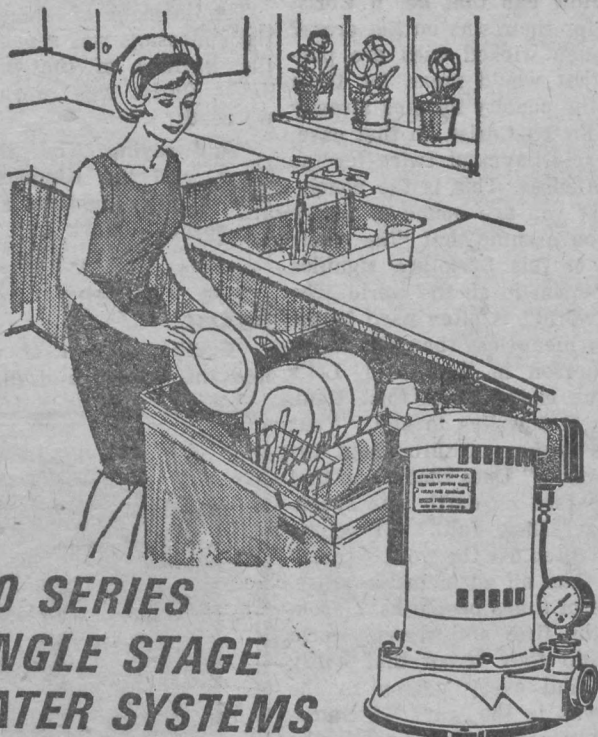
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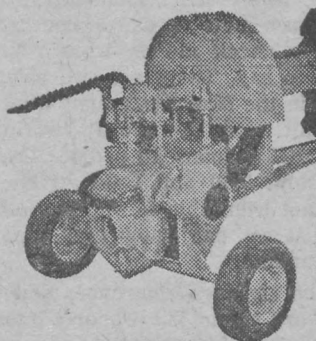


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The first thing that we must do is clear up one thing relative to this question. The important thing is that it isn't my stand on election but the Biblical teaching on election that must be considered.

It must be clearly understood that God chose from the beginning those who would be saved. To deny this is to deny the Bible. "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 2:13,14).

The word "world" in this passage does not mean every individual without exception. Sometimes it is used as speaking of the earth, sometimes it is used as speaking of the unbelievers in distinction from believers, sometimes it speaks of the world of His elect, and sometimes it means all men without distinction of race or creed. Here it is clearly seen to speak of men of all nations. Christ is the propitiation of people from all nations and not just the Jews only.

When we are in Heaven we will see people of all nations. "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9. See also Rev. 5:9).

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Because the Scriptures are so explicit on the subject of election Eph. 1:1-9, when the rare, seemingly contradictory verse appears, one must approach it with a willingness to have his faith reinforced and therefore, to study toward that end.

The word "propitiate" means to sacrifice and atone. The word "world" means the material universe.

What is necessary for us to determine is the end which our Lord had in view when He laid down His life.

It is basic, to lovers of the Doc-

trines of Grace that our Lord became flesh and dwelt among men (John 1:14) in order to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

It should be equally as basic that our Lord died to redeem this creation (read carefully, II Pet. 3:10-13 and Rev. 21:1).

When our first parents sinned, the race and creation fell.

Certainly, the verse in question states that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer, not only of fallen men, but also of this fallen creation.

Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

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I begin my explanation of this verse by saying that the word "propitiation" comes from the Greek word "HILASMOS" which means "to cover and remit." And the word "remit" used as a verb comes from "APHIEMI" which means "to send away." So, if Christ is the propitiation for your sins, that means your sins have been covered by the Blood of the Lamb and sent away. And David says in Ps. 103:12, they have been removed from you as far as the east is from the west. That means there is no way under Heaven for a person to ever suffer Hell if his sins are covered and sent away. So, if Christ is the propitiation for your sins, there can be no Hell for you.

I am persuaded that most people will agree with me to this point. The tempest arises when we come to "the sins of the whole world." If everyone would stick to hard, cold facts, and throw their preconceived idea about the world in the waste basket, we would have no trouble with the verse before us at all whatever. I challenge you who know how to use a concordance to check me on what I am about to say. There are two references in the New Testament where I admit that the word "world" (KOSMOS) means all people. They are Rom. 3:19 and I Cor. 1:21. I have not been able to find any others that we can know they mean all mankind.

I find eighteen references where this word cannot be properly interpreted apart from the light of other Scriptures on the subject. These are the ones so many people turn their imagination loose on, and affirm dogmatically they mean everybody. But I affirm, they do not have one iota of proof for their allegation. The verse before us is one of the eighteen. Then, I find thirty-two references where this word "world" cannot possibly mean everybody. To list all fifty of these references would take up too much space. So, if anyone

should desire the list, just drop me a line and let me know. I will be only too glad to send it to you.

To sum up my explanation, if Christ is the propitiation for your sins, that means your sins are covered by His Blood, and they are removed from you as far as the east is from the west. That being true, there can be no Hell in your future. If the word "world" in this verse means everybody, there can be no Hell in anybody's future. Even the beast and the false prophet, in Rev. 19:20, could never be cast into that lake of fire alive if their sins have been covered by the Blood of the Lamb, and then, removed from them as far as the east is from the west. But if they are not cast into that lake, God's precious Word would be broken. However, in Isa. 40:8 we read, "the Word of our God shall stand forever." Since God's Word cannot be broken, there is absolutely no way under Heaven for the word "world" in I John 2:2 to mean all mankind. Therefore, it has to mean the elect world. There is just no possible way for it to mean anything else.

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The passage referred to reads like this: "And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world."

It is commonly assumed by those of Arminian persuasion that this means that Christ died for the sins of everybody in all the world. That means universal atonement. If He thus died for every person, He paid the sin penalty for every person. If He did that, then every sinner's sins are settled for. But, we know that multitudes live lives of utter wickedness and die and go to torment. How can that be, if Christ settled for their sins on the cross? When such wicked ones are punished, that would mean for them to pay the penalty for sins already atoned for by Christ. In that case, God exacts payment twice for the same offenses. This is the conclusion that you are bound to arrive at, if you assume that "the whole world" of this Scripture, signifies every person in all the world. The word "world" is often used in the Bible to mean less than absolutely every person in the world. Let's see some examples of this: Paul, in Rom. 1:8 writes to say, "Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." Does that mean that every person on earth was speaking about their faith? Of course not. We often use the word "world" in less than an all inclusive sense. Millions of times people have spoken of the first and second world wars. Did they mean that every nation, and every person in the world was in the war? Of course not. Many nations were not in the war. I have known persons who traveled widely, and have people say, "That man has been all over the world." The truth is, he hadn't been all over the world. There were dozens of nations he had never visited. World was used in a comprehensive but not all inclusive sense. You can find many such uses of the word "world" in the Bible.

Jesus used the word world in the

all inclusive sense in John 17:9 where he said, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."

What then is the meaning of the Scripture, "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world?" It is not that He is the propitiation for the sins of every individual that lives, or shall live, the world over, but that the propitiation is world-wide in the sense of people of all colors and races and languages. God's elect, in other words, all over the world. Had propitiation been made for every single person on earth, then all would be saved, for rest assured of one thing, none of those for whom Christ died will spend eternity in Hell!

## "Except"

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unsaved, and He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Oh, is it possible for a man to be killed in the act of a religious devotion — is it possible for a man to come to the end of his way in the act of serving God and yet come up to the judgment bar of God unsaved? Jesus said that it was. I tell you, beloved, just because a man is a religious man is no sign that he is going to Heaven. Just because his name is on a church record book is no sign he is a child of God. Just because a man has joined the church is no sign that he is going to be in Heaven after a while. Jesus said that this crowd of religious people who died in the act of offering their religious sacrifices, were lost, and He said to His disciples, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

I tell you, beloved, we need to realize the importance of this word "repentance." When the Lord Jesus Christ came in the beginning of His ministry, we read in the Gospel of Matthew how He came preaching. And what was He preaching? The Word of God tells us that He preached repentance. When John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, came, what did he preach? Listen:

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, REPENT YE; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"—Mt. 3:1,2.

The keynote of John the Baptist's message was repentance, and the keynote of the message of Jesus Christ was repentance, for we read:

"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel"—Mark 1:15.

V

THE "EXCEPT" OF JESUS' DEATH.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abid-

eth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit"—John 12:24.

Who is the corn of wheat that Jesus is talking about? None other than Himself.

Wheat is a self-fertilizing plant. Wheat is sown, it rots, and when that grain of wheat rots, it forms a fertilizer and causes life to grow. The potato is also a self-fertilizing plant. There could never be any wheat grown nor could there ever be a potato grown unless that wheat or that potato rotted. It has to rot in order to produce.

Jesus Christ said, "A grain of wheat has to die or else remain alone. It has to die or it will be just one grain of wheat. It has to perish or there will never be but one grain of wheat. Likewise, the same is true concerning me. I have to die or else there will never be anybody that will be saved." Here is the "except" relative to Jesus' death.

Beloved, if Jesus Christ had come to this world and had lived the perfect life that He did live, and had gone back to Heaven without dying, you and I would be in our sins today.

A few days ago I was called out in the country for a funeral for a little boy. As I stood there beside that little casket and saw it put down into the ground and heard the clods fall on the lid of it, I thought to myself, if it weren't for the death of Jesus Christ, those clods would ring the death knell to the souls of every one of us. I tell you, beloved friends, there would be absolutely no hope for us if Jesus Christ hadn't died. If He had lived the perfect life, which He did live, and had not died, the Son of God would have saved Himself only and nobody else would have been saved. But the grain of wheat died. The Son of God came to this world and died on the Cross and redeemed the elect of God back to the Father.

I tell you, beloved, I rejoice for this fact, that the grain of wheat that came to Calvary did not die in vain. He died for the elect of God.

## CONCLUSION

Let me ask you a simple question in closing. Do you have more righteousness than the scribes? Do you count 612 precepts and do you keep them all and one more? Do you keep 613? Jesus said that you have to have more righteousness than they had to be saved. Do you have more righteousness than they had? If not, then you are lost.

Have you ever been converted? Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Have you ever been converted? If not, there is no hope for you to go to Heaven.

Jesus said that except you be born again, you can't enter the kingdom of Heaven. Have you ever been born again? Has the

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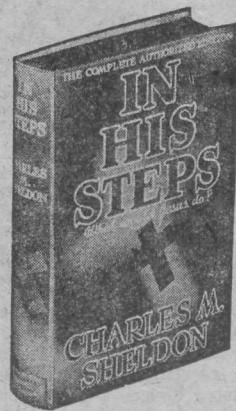
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We often complain because our home is not as nice as we would like. We desire one new thing after another. What think ye of Christ? He was born in a stable. He said even the birds have a nest but the Lord of Glory had not where to lay His head. They even had to borrow a tomb to bury Him in.

Perhaps the world is treating you badly. Your unsaved neighbors and family scoff and ridicule. They laugh you to scorn. What think ye of Christ? There was unbelief in His earthly family, some of His closest friends turned against Him. He was holy and pure and they called Him a glutton, a drunkard, a sinner.

Does Christ stand high or low with you? If we think little of Christ we are content to spend little time with Him and His Word. We care little for His honour and neglect His commands. We care not for His people. We are spiritually sick.

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## "Except"

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Lord worked a miracle in your heart and have you experienced the new birth?

Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Have you ever repented? The definition of repentance is this: it is a turning from your dead works. Every individual in this world, naturally speaking, is an Arminian at heart, and he tries to save himself by his own works. Repentance is simply turning from your dead works — away from what you are trying to do yourself.

You say, "I think I am going to make it. I think I am going to be saved. I have quit a lot of my meanness. I think I will be able to make it after a while." Listen, beloved, you are still depending upon your works. You need to repent and turn away from those dead works.

Listen, beloved, Jesus died on the Cross. He died that you might go to Heaven. If He hadn't died, you wouldn't go to Heaven.

How I thank God that the grain of wheat came and lived and died, and as a result thereof, all of God's elect through all ages are going to be ultimately brought to the Lord Jesus Christ. He may have to move you around. He may have to shift the population in order that you might hear the Word of God. But there is one thing certain, all of God's elect are going to be saved. How precious it is to know that the grain of wheat died, but did not die in vain.

Did He die for you? If He died for you, then you ought to take your stand for Him. You have no right to decide whether you are going to be baptized or what church you will join. Jesus instituted baptism and He instituted His church. If you are saved, you ought to follow Him in baptism immediately, and if you are saved, you ought to unite with His church.

May God bless you!

## "The Bible"

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puted to me in that hour when He hung there. Not only in that hour, but when He came forth from the grave, He had the title that sets sinful man free.

The Christ of Calvary who is the God of Heaven took on Mount Calvary's tree the justice knife of Almighty God that was plunged deep within His heart, and appeased the wrath of a Holy God upon me and upon every child of God that is born again in this world. He took the wrath that you and I should take, and not only that, He took the knife of justice of Almighty God for you and for me. He was our substitute. Christ is not trying to save anybody. He saved them by His death on Calvary's tree.

The Christ that the world preaches, that He can save you if you let Him, is not the Christ of the Bible. What did He say, beloved, when He walked down the Jericho Road and there looked up in the sycamore tree and saw that little man called Zacchaeus? Did He look up and say, "Zacchaeus, if you will let me, I'll save you." No. What did He say? He said, "... Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." (Luke 19:5).

Christ is not trying to save anybody through that sacrificial death on Calvary's tree. All of those in the 17th chapter of John are set free from sin and Hell.

V.

CHRIST—THE LIVING CHRIST. Then, the Christ of the Bible is

the living Christ. Not only did He die, but He arose again from the grave, came forth from the grave victorious over death, Hell, and the grave. At the belt of Jesus Christ hangs the keys of life and death, conquered forevermore at the death of Christ and Him alone. Beloved, He is living. How do I know He is living? Matthew 20:19 says:

"And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again."

He came forth from the grave, leading captives captive, and giving gifts unto man.

My Lord lives today, in Heaven above, at the right hand of the Father, conqueror over death, Hell and the grave. He lives. How do I know He lives? He lives in my heart.

VI.

## CHRIST — OUR MEDIATOR.

Then the Christ of the Bible is the One that took the middle place between us and God. He is Prophet, Priest, and King and I'll not say much about that, except that He is seated at the right hand of the Father as our Mediator, as our Prophet, and our Priest and King.

VII.

## CHRIST — THE COMING KING.

Not only is the Christ of the Bible the risen Christ, but He is the coming King. He said, "Behold, I come quickly ..." (Revelation 3:11).

Be ye therefore ready, that when He comes we might go out to meet the Bridegroom.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and

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the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" — I Thess. 4:16,17.

Jesus is coming soon. Listen, Christ is coming. I know we have heard that until the ear has grown dull of hearing but Christ is coming! Is your heart looking forward to that day when the King of kings comes; when the King of Glory comes to take us home?

VIII.

## CHRIST — THE HEAD OF HIS CHURCH.

Then, the Christ of the Bible is the head of His church, the church of the living God. Who is the head of the church? It is not the pastor, the old sinful deacons, it's not you and I as members of the Lord's church. Who is it that has preeminence in the church? It is Christ Jesus. He is the head of the church—the body. He is the One we receive our strength and our marching orders from, our instruction and our leadership. When we come together in business meetings, we should seek the head of the church, Christ Jesus our Lord. We should ask Christ to lead us as to what we should do about missions, etc. Christ is the Head of the church.

IX.

## CHRIST — LORD AND MASTER OF EVERY BORN-AGAIN CHILD OF GOD.

Then, the Christ of the Bible is Lord and Master of every born-again child of God. Is He your Lord and Master? Has every fault, every motive, every desire of your heart been subject to Jesus Christ our Master?

Sometimes Christian people get the awesome feeling that after they are born again, they can live as they like. That the free will, so-called, is recreated after they were born again and that they have a free will to do what they want to.

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## OUR SOVEREIGN GOD

Born in sin of Adam's race  
No good are we, not even a trace;  
But God in His elective plan  
Even before the earth began  
Chose a number of fallen man.  
Christ died for them on Calvary's tree  
That one day they His face shall see;  
He saves them all by His sovereign will,  
His grace is irresistible;  
He comes to take them all away  
To their Heavenly home to live alway.

Our hearts were black with sin and shame  
Not worthy to bear His precious name;  
It was not our choice but His alone  
To come to earth, leaving Heaven's throne  
To save us from sin and make us His own;  
On the cruel tree He bled and died,  
For His dear people, was crucified,  
But the sovereign will of God  
That keeps us from the evil one  
As we life's journey trod.

Yes, I believe in a sovereign God  
Who cleanses from sin with His precious blood,  
Who chose us in eternity past  
To live for Him while life shall last  
And died for us on Calvary  
That we might have life eternally;  
He drew by His mighty power  
To work for Him each day and hour  
And holds me up with His mighty hand  
Until I reach the promised land.

—By Mrs. Ramona L. Pierce,  
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### 3. How can you reconcile election with "whosoever will?"

It is very simple. If God had not elected individuals to salvation, no one would have ever responded to "whosoever will." Only the elect, by God-given grace, respond to this call. Jesus said that none would come, except those to whom God gave the will to come. (John 6:44,64). Men do not come to God of the natural will. But the elect come to God since God works in them both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (John 1:13; Romans 9:16; Philippians 2:13).

### 4. I think that election is too mysterious to be understood. Do you not agree with me? If so, why do you preach election?

That election is mysterious we do not deny. And we hasten to add that so is the rest of the Word of God and the doctrines therein to the natural man.

But that election cannot be understood so far as the Scriptures teach, we deny. If we have the Spirit of God, we can understand the doctrine because it is revealed throughout the Bible. The thing about election that cannot be understood is why God elected such ungodly, wretched sinners to salvation when they deserved Hell. The only thing we can say to this is that it pleased God to do so. We preach election because it is taught in the Bible and because from it we draw the blessings of God.

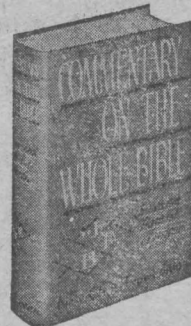
### 5. What about II Peter 3:9 which says that God is not willing that any should perish?

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## Wine Or Grape Juice

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this in its defense. It is today a social necessity because of the abuse that has been made of alcoholic drinks. And had alcoholic drinks always been confined to wine, prohibition would probably never have been necessary. However, the writer is a total abstainer from all alcoholic drinks except for sacred or medical purposes.

2. THE CHURCH AT CORINTH USED WINE AND RECEIVED NO CORRECTION FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL IN THIS MATTER. We know that the church at Corinth used wine because through abuse of the supper some became drunk (I Cor. 11: 21). A Greek lexicon will show that the Greek word here means exactly what we commonly understand from the English term "drunken." Other cases of the use of the same Greek word (methuo) will be found in Matt. 24:29; Acts 2:15; I Thess. 5:7. Concerning the word in I Corinthians 11:21 we read from "An American (Baptist) Commentary on the New Testament": "THE WORD ITSELF MEANS DRUNK AND NOTHING SOFTER. THE PASSAGE IS CONCLUSIVE AS TO THE WINE USED BY THEM AT THE LORD'S SUPPER." Now the fact that under such circumstances the Apostle Paul did not pro-

hibit the use of wine is a very strong argument indeed for the use of wine. Argument from silence is not always strong or even valid; but in this case it is strikingly both. Surely, if it had been improper to use wine in the Lord's Supper, the apostle would have said so, since some had done such an unseemly and vicious thing as to get drunk on the wine.

It is said today that it ought not to be used because it puts temptation before the weak. Was not Paul as much concerned for the weak as these are? We know from his writing that he was supremely concerned for the weak. Then he must have had some conscientious scruple that prevented his forbidding the use of wine! Marcus Dods says: "ALTHOUGH THE WINE OF HOLY COMMUNION HAD BEEN SO BADLY ABUSED, PAUL DOES NOT PROHIBIT ITS USE IN THE ORDINANCE. HIS MODERATION AND WISDOM HAVE NOT IN THIS RESPECT BEEN UNIVER- SALLY FOLLOWED. ON INFINITELY LESS OCCASIONS ALTERATIONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE ADMINI- STRATION OF THE ORDINANCE WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING ITS ABUSE BY RECLAIMED DRUNKARDS, AND ON STILL A SLIGHTER PRETEXT A MORE SWEEPING ALTERATION WAS INTRO- DUCED MANY CENTURIES AGO BY THE CHURCH OF ROME."

Now, in the face of Paul's failure to forbid the use of wine in the Lord's Supper in the light of the fact that some of the members of the church at the time when the supper was supposed to be celebrated, what shall we say of those today who oppose the use of wine in the Lord's Supper through fear of injuring the weak? Their argument sounds very much like the argument against immersion for baptism on the ground that it is indecent.

3. THE SYMBOLISM OF THE SUPPER DEMANDS WINE. On this point we find some very curious reasoning on the part of some in insisting on grape juice for this same reason. We find a Seventh Day Adventist paper thus contending. Also a Sunday school paper for young people publisher somewhere in the north. And this is the contention of one converted Jewish rabbi to whom we wrote. But that this contention is false and that grape juice does naturally contain leaven (a type of sin and evil) ought to be apparent to any one upon a moment's reflection. If grape juice did not contain leaven, it would not ferment. In answer to our query concerning this matter, Frederic J. Haskin, Director of Information Bureau at Washington, D. C., gave the following significant reply:

"THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY OF THE U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE SAYS THAT GRAPES NATURALLY CON-

TAIN A LEAVENING AGENT AND THAT THIS IS PRESENT IN THE JUICE." Does the Bureau of Plant Industry know what it is talking about? We invite proof to the contrary. Then comes the question as to what becomes of the leaven in the process of fermentation. In answer to this, Mr. Haskin continues: "THE LEAVEN IS USED UP IN THE PROCESS OF FERMENTATION SO THAT THE FINISHED PRODUCT OR WINE DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY."

Therefore, we may contend that it takes fermented wine to match unleavened bread, and that the former is as essential as the latter. The fruit of the vine that properly represents the sinless blood of Christ must not have any leaven in it. Therefore, wine should be used.

But someone asks what to do about the vows that many have made when young never to touch any intoxicants. We reply that Scriptural consistency and the proper commemoration of the Lord's death should come before a pledge or anything else. It is better to break a pledge than to fail to properly keep this memorial. God does not hold any one responsible for the keeping of a pledge that hinders him in properly honoring Christ. Stick to your pledge in general, for it is a good one; but do not let it come between you and the Bible's teaching regarding observance of the Lord's Supper.

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II Peter 3:9 does not say that. Let us read it in full:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Peter is not writing here to everybody. And what he says about the Lord's not being willing that any should perish, does not refer to everybody. He plainly says that God's long-suffering is to "US-WARD." Who are the "us-ward," you ask. Well, read I Peter 1:2 and II Peter 3:1, and you will find that Peter wrote both of his epistles to the elect of God. Peter is answering here the scorners who were mocking the Christian's hope of the second coming of Christ. The scorners were saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" etc. (v. 4). The reason Peter gives that the Lord has not come yet is that He is long-suffering to His elect and is not willing that any of them should perish, but that all of them should come to repentance. To say that God is not willing that anyone in the world should perish reveals total ignorance as to the attributes of God on the part of the individual who says so. For if God does not perform His will, then it proves that He is not sovereign and omnipotent, and it makes His will subject

to man's will. God's will, and not man's will, is sovereign. And since there are people who die and go to Hell, it is evident that it is not God's will that they be saved.

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" — Daniel 4:35.

6. If election is true, then isn't God unjust?

No. The same Bible that teaches election also states that God is just (Isaiah 45:12). When God chooses some unworthy sinners to salvation, He does no injustice to the rest of unworthy sinners. They have merited Hell by their sins, and they deserve to go there. God's election does not send them there, but their sins send them there. God's election simply blesses with salvation a great number which no man can number (Rev. 7:9,10).

7. Does not everyone have an opportunity to be saved?

It is foolish to talk of an unsaved man's having an "opportunity" to be saved, for the only opportunity which he wants is the opportunity to live his life as he so desires. Apart from God's grace given by God's own choice, we have never known a single person who wanted to be saved. Jesus said that men love darkness rather than light (John 3:19).

8. What do you mean by UNCON-

DITIONAL election?

By unconditional election is meant that God made His choice without being influenced by anything foreseen in those whom He elected. God's choice was made according to His own good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself (Eph. 1:9). Man did not, in the least, influence God to elect or not to elect.

9. Why preach the gospel if some are elected to go to Heaven anyway?

God's elect are not chosen simply to go to Heaven, but they are chosen to be saved in this life, and thereby go to Heaven. We preach the gospel to all men because the Spirit uses it in calling out the elect from among the nations of the world. The elect are called unto salvation by the gospel of Jesus Christ. All the elect will hear the gospel and will be saved during their lifetime, for this is what God has ordained.

"And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed"—Acts 13: 48.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me"—John 6:37.

10. Does election mean that God foresaw who would repent and believe, and thus knew beforehand who would be saved, and so chose them to be saved?

Absolutely not. There would have been no need for God's choosing them to be saved if He saw beforehand that they would be saved. There is no election whatsoever about such doctrine. It is no less foolish than would be a decree on the part of the President of the United States that there may be daylight tomorrow. There will be daylight tomorrow regardless of the President's decree. God did not foresee repentance and faith in anyone, but He predestinated that those whom He elected would receive the gifts of repentance and faith from the Holy Spirit of God, these gifts being purchased for the elect of Christ in His atonement. Repentance is given by God. (Acts 5:31; II Tim. 2:25; Jer. 31:18,19). And faith is given of God. (John 10:6,26,27; John 6:67-70; Matt. 16: 17; I Cor. 3:5-8; Eph. 2:8; Phil. 1:29). The idea that God elected on the basis of something foreseen in an individual is Arminianism.

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tience as I discuss this convivial day from an opposition point of view.

I am afraid that when you take a hard line of opposition to the heathen feasts of Easter (and its cousin, Christmas) people tend to imagine that you are the enemy of all the innocent amusements in

the world. You are caricatured as a disagreeable, mean-spirited Scrooge, or something some degrees worse. This is your reward for espousing an unpopular cause.

Our culture is replete with fantasy and it is a rare individual who does not ingest some of it. If you have ever read a work of fiction, you have succumbed to fantasy. If you have ever read Tom Sawyer, Peter Pan, the works of Washington Irving, Rudyard Kipling or a vast host of others, you have partaken of fantasy. In the days of our youth, were we not followers of the cowboy heroes of that day?

This, of course, is fantasy. Those who read the daily comic strips in most newspapers are involved in fantasy. If you have ever viewed commercial television or listened to radio, you have watched and listened to fantasy. In the public school systems of America, the school libraries have untold numbers of books that present fantasy. Romanticized versions of the lives of George Washington, Sam Houston, Thomas Jefferson, etc., fill the library shelves in public schools. This is fantasy. If you have a child in the public school system, he will be indoctrinated with fantasy. Now all of these things that I have mentioned are considered to be more or less innocent amusements. Commercial television and movies are certainly somewhat less than "innocent," but, by and large, most of these things are considered to be so. I do not have any particular quarrel with most of these things of fantasy because most of them ARE innocent. In order to escape fantasy in this society, you must incarcerate yourself in a cave somewhere, never to come out.

The Baptists that I am acquainted with, who oppose Christmas and Easter, are not invidious folk with a foreboding demeanor. By and large, they are very pleasant people. They love their children and would certainly deny their children

no good thing. They merely question whether LIES about Christ are good for their children. LIES? Yes! No lesser term will serve! Lies! Deliberate, willful, malicious and destructive lies. Those who postulate the fantasy of Christmas and Easter are promulgating nothing less than lies about the Son of God. If people want to fantasize Sam Houston and George Washington, I can't take the time to discuss it with them. It just isn't that important. However, when they insist on fantasizing Jesus Christ, I must take exception to it. If this portrays me as a latter day grouch and the enemy of innocent amusements, be it so! Men have an unfortunate propensity for labelling. The cause of Christ is worth acquiring many false labels for.

I don't know of many Independent Baptists who are ill-tempered, morose individuals. There are probably some, but certainly, not many. Most of those who oppose Christmas and Easter do so for the truth's sake. They do so to glorify God, not to demonstrate a sullen disposition.

We are asked, "Is Easter really so wrong?" "Is it not simply an innocent amusement?" Amusing it may be to the uninstructed heart, but innocent it can never be. It is an affront to God in its entirety. It is Biblically inaccurate; of heathen inspiration; and based on falsehood and deceit. Are we to teach our children such things of CHRIST? Are we to teach our children that the Bible is inaccurate, and that the inventions of men are really of primary importance?

We might ask, "Does Easter serve a purpose for good?" Even if it did, it is still Biblically wrong, but does it? What portion of Easter can you really say glorifies God? The only thing that I can see that Easter does is to enrich the millinery establishments. The world is full of innocent fantasy. If we must needs have fantasy, why involve

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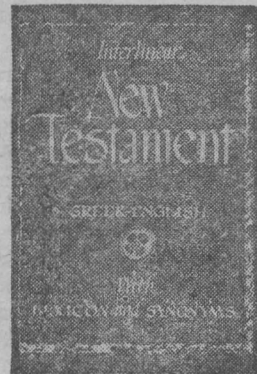
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On the evening before, I had worked on my message from I Timothy 6:6-12:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

As I made my preparation, there was, to be sure, no thought whatever of Aristotle Onassis. Yet, sometime during the night, as I awakened for a few moments and tuned in some distant station, there came the word, "Aristotle Onassis is dead!" Although I sleep rather soundly when I sleep, for some reason, I awakened several times during the night. Each time, I learned anew, "Aristotle Onassis is dead."

Sometime during the early morning hours, the newscasters began to expand their word of information. There was an apparent interest as to how many millions he had left and to whom he had left them. The thing that the Lord kept passing through my mind was that he had left it all — money, stocks, ships, businesses, wives, a child, and some step-children.

He also owned an island, but he couldn't take it either. He may have bought it; he may have ruled it; and he may have gloried in it as he manifested his might before earth's masses, and squandered his wealth before earth's poor. Yet, on Sunday morning, March 16, 1975, Aristotle Onassis owned it no more. He had answered that final call.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

While preparing for services on Sunday morning, and while thinking on my words, my wife received an joyous call from a dear lady some ten years older than Aristotle Onassis. She had cataract surgery a couple of weeks ago, and she had been to get her new glasses the day before. Early Sunday morning she had risen to check her sight—she could see! She could read her kitchen clock from across the room! This living saint of God who has walked in the light of God's love for more than 60 years had been given new light and sight for her time-worn eyes, she could see.

As I presented the message sometime later, the word came clear and plain. One who was poor had been blessed with eyes that could see. One with his millions had "walked into darkness." Though he had had power to make and destroy men, though he could literally buy and sell many of his fellowmen pretty much at will, he could not buy life and he could not

buy sight.

His darkness, however, did not seem to be a thing of finality alone. He, apparently, had never known godliness, and neither had he known contentment. His was a tortured soul! His was a piteous plight!

He had the world, so to speak, at his feet, but he had never known peace. Even in his last hours, he had expressed the wish that he "had married Jackie 10 years earlier." He had bought an island to be alone, but the distraction of loneliness was such that he could never be content ever, he was on



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the road seeking . . . for what, he seemingly never knew. He reached for what money would buy, but it did not satisfy. He sought friendships in relationships which he could buy, and sweet though they seemed in his mouth, they became tainted fruits which he could not digest.

As Cain of old, Aristotle Onassis seemed ever to be "a wanderer in the earth." He was ever "fleeing," even though none pursued. As one of earth's wealthy men, he presented a massive impact upon the social, cultural, and financial scene.

Still, the little grandmother of almost 80 years was richer by far than Aristotle Onassis. His pursuit of money, women, pleasure, excitement, adventure, and privacy never brought him any apparent satisfaction. Always, he was looking elsewhere. Piteously, he seemed ever to hope that he could find what he sought, but hopelessness was the cry of his eyes and in the evidence of his "flight!"

As a tormented man, he lived under the delusion that "many people are jealous of my success," as he said. Even a few days before he died, it is reported that he said, "I am not sick . . . Besides, death does not exist."

In the frailty of our own flesh, we, of course, cannot consign Aristotle Onassis to the torments of the damned, and neither can we assure him of Heaven. Neverthe-

less, a Scripture concerning his activities seems most applicable. He was never content with his gain in the financial world or his "conquests" among the women. He ever "tore down his barns" to build bigger ones, or he looked from his last conquest to another. With his amassed wealth, he would have bought love. But the "separations" along the way and, in finality, would seem to indicate that he failed. Love for himself and for others apparently escaped him. Though he sought to be loved, this blessing, too, he never really knew!

What a pity!

Instead, there came that fatal call in the midst of earth's darknesses, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be . . ." Luke 12:20. During the early morning hours, some of the newscasters speculated that certain amounts would be given to that one. But for Aristotle Onassis, it mattered not! The decisions were left to others.

This man of means had access to the voices of men, but he apparently missed the Word of God. While he yet lived, Aristotle Onassis could buy and sell multitudes, but he apparently never came to meet or to know Jesus. Nothing mundane of earth which his heart desired was beyond his reach if it had a price, but a relationship with the Heavenly Father in Christ Jesus, he apparently, never knew.

He owned an island, but he could not buy time or life. He controlled billions of dollars worth of industry, but the poor sat in squalor at his feet. He bought an island, but he left it all. Today he occupies but six feet of earth, and there were no pockets in his shroud.

If he died without faith in Christ

will believe in Him will join the joyous chorus.

The key to life, peace, and contentment, is not the owning of islands or this world's goods. Rather, it is owning an eternal relationship with Christ Jesus through faith! If we have that, godliness and contentment can be our lot. We can "fight the good fight of faith," fulfilling our calling before many witnesses.

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Christ in it? If you must have innocent amusements in your life, go to Disney Land, but why must you debase the name of Christ? Perhaps you don't view this Easter business as being too important. Many do not, but is it not important when Christ's name is involved. Would not a love for Christ lead you to exercise caution in where, and when, and how you use His name. A person's efficacy and power are bound up in his name. Is the name of the Saviour perhaps unimportant to you? Do you care, have you ever cared, have you ceased to care? Can you say you love Christ, and yet, use His name in a capricious fashion?

I will not go into the origin of Easter in this particular paper. Any good history book or Encyclopedia will supply this information. Easter, like Christmas, is an invention of men. It is extra-Biblical, Anti-Biblical and un-Biblical. We know when Christ died almost to the minute. Consequently, we know when he rose from the grave, almost to the minute. If folk insist on honoring the resurrection of Christ just once a year, instead of on the first of every week, why don't they have the decency to do it accurately? What's wrong with following the Bible? This is our cry. Follow the Book. If you speak on spiritual matters, have the decency to "speak as the oracles of God." What is wrong with that? Is it too restrictive? Does it not give you enough room for intellectual expression? I am afraid that this is all too often the case with people who refuse to follow the Bible. They like to interject their own intellectual reasoning into the midst of it. They prefer to tamper with the Word rather than to obey it. The word OBEY is a disquieting word to the flesh.

I know that to the world at large, what I have said here will seem to be a most stultified discourse. It will seem to the world that I am making much of a trifling matter. Thus, the world views the person of Christ as a trifle.

I have no objections to childish amusements. Children must be children. It is a mistake, and a grievous mistake, to expect them to be otherwise. Let the young be young. They grow old soon enough. Let the children amuse themselves with innocent frivolities. Let them, however, have a clear view of Christ. Let us take care that our presentation of Christ is not a carnard of fleshly imaginations.

If the religious world desires to grovel in a stygian mass of false tradition, let it. There is nothing we can do about it except preach the gospel to them. However, as I

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have said concerning Christmas, "Baptist people should be better instructed in good manners and common decency." If the world is subjugated to foolishness, we need not be. The Easter celebration has the pungent aroma of Lucifer about it. Shun it, as you would shun all else that the Scriptures do not sanction.

If you identify yourself as a Baptist, and yet honor the Easter celebration, whose profit are you seeking? Do you imagine it honors your Saviour when you profane His Holy character with such an unholy display. If you think so little of Christ, why not partake of the Eu-

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charist, and have done with it? I am not attempting to engender a polemic debate, but why not? If vain traditions are good to one degree, should they not be good to the nth degree? We might expect such ineptness from a neophyte, but if you are a Christian of some years standing, there is less excuse for you. Would it not be well to go all the way in one direction or the other? Either go to Rome or to the Bible, but don't attempt to mix the two. They are incompatible.

It will perhaps be said that Easter and Christmas are straw men that we independent Baptists flail in order to make a disturbance. (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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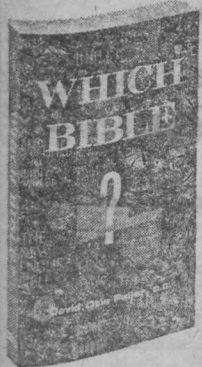
Jesus, however, came into the world, born of a virgin, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger, and he went out without any of the world's wealth. In fact, to some He said, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has not where to lay His head." Mt. 8:20. Born of a virgin, He lived in a sinless life, and then paid the ultimate price, "bearing our sins in His body on the tree." He had none of this world's goods in life, but He gave His life that we might live.

One bought an island, and now occupies but six feet of it. Jesus owned nothing — though He made the universe, and the cattle on a thousand hills are His — but He gave Himself to die. Through the ages, the millions who have believed in Him have sung His praise, and the millions more who

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## Predestination

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course, that he obeys the impulses of his own feelings and passions. Well, did not God endow him with these passions? Did not God know that if certain temptations assailed the creature to whom he had given these passions he would fall? Did he not foresee that these temptations would assail him? Did he not permit these temptations to assail him? Could he not have prevented these temptations? Why did he form him with these passions? Why did he allow him to be exposed to these temptations? Why, in short — having a perfect foreknowledge that such a being, so constituted and so tempted, would sin and perish — why did he create him at all?

None will deny the divine foreknowledge; and I at once admit that the mere foreseeing an event, which we cannot hinder, and have no agency in accomplishing, does not involve us in any responsibility. But when the Creator, of his own sovereign pleasure, calls an intelligent agent into being, fashions him with certain powers and appetites, and places him amid scenes where he clearly sees that temptations will overcome him — in such a case it is self-evident that our feeble faculties cannot separate foreknowledge from foreordination. The denial of preordination does not, therefore, at all relieve any objection, it only conceals the difficulty from the ignorant and unthinking.

But even if the theory of the Libertarians were not a plain evasion, it would be impossible for us to accept such a solution; for it de-thrones Jehovah; it surrenders the entire government of the world to mere chance, to wild caprice and disorder. According to this system, nature and providence are only departments of atheism; God has no control over the earth and its affairs; or, if that be too monstrous and revolting, He exercises authority over matter, but none over the minds and hearts of men.

"The king's heart is in the hands of the Lord, as rivers of water he turneth it whithersoever he will" — such is the declaration of the Holy Spirit; but this theory rejects this truth. God exercises no control over men's hearts, consequently, prophecy is an absurdity, providence is a chimera, prayer is a mockery, since God does not interfere in mortal events, but abandons all to the wanton humors and passions of myriads of independent agents, none of whose whims and impulses He restrains, by whom His will is constantly defeated and trampled under foot. A creed so odious, so abhorrent to all reasons and religion, need only to be carried out to its consequences and no sane mind can adopt it."—(Taken from "Baptist Doctrines," pp. 483-85, 1880).

## New Efforts

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that a "freeze" be imposed, immediately, on all further applications for reserved educational FM and TV channels, not only for state and local governmental bodies, but, as well, by any and all "Christian," "Bible," "Religious," and other sectarian schools, colleges, and institutes.

Concurrent with this freeze, we would like the full Commission to investigate those sectarian institutions which are presently licensed for "educational" channels to discover whether these licensees are actually living up to the Fairness Doctrine in presentation of matters of controversial importance; and whether these groups are presenting educational, truly educational programming on their outlets; or whether they are relying solely on music and talk which is tainted

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with the ennui so characteristic of American Fundamental Religion.

We are concerned because educational FM is just beginning to grow into the areas that need it the most — rural and country areas 200 or 500 miles from major population centers. How fine it would be if these areas could count on an honest community radio, personal, with full open-access and diversity of voices. What a pity if this opportunity were squandered by fundamentalist religious "schools" who would block off frequencies, and continue to show scorn for open access and minority employment and programming much as they have in the past.

## Easter 1975

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This is an old accusation that finds new expression from time to time. We do not oppose for the sake of opposition. We oppose error for Christ's glory. Any other motive would be nefarious.

In this message I have not tried to make anyone appear odious. I have tried to strike at the heart of the matter, so as to paint Easter as it is. IT IS SIN. IT IS PAGAN. IT IS ERROR. It cannot be defended, except by recourse to mundane reasoning. The Bible brands it a vile impostor. Why should you, as a Baptist, honor it when the Word condemns it? Why should you applaud the inventions of men, when they profane the name of Christ? If you say Christ died for you, is this a measure of your love for Him? To revel with the world in a dishonoring feast that sets Christ at naught, is this your love

for Christ? Dear Christian, think with me on this matter, please. Can it really honor God, when you run with the pack that has attempted to destroy the work and church of Christ over these past centuries. Can you glorify Christ while in the enemy camp? If you say you can, then it is a strange worship that you offer him. If Easter is a Christ-honoring event, then I would appreciate it if you would show in the Bible where it is. If Easter glorifies Christ, I will join it. If it does not, then let us shun it together, for His glory!

## Letter From Pietsch

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for two years and some of them for three years. During this time they learned more than two hundred verses in the Bible. Now they go into the 1st grade in public school but will continue with us in Sunday school.

The Lord laid it upon my heart to write another Open Letter to President Ford. I sent it to the newspapers here in Japan for publication and it was published in the Mainichi Daily News on March 16th and this newspaper is sent to all parts of Japan. Please pray with us about this matter. It would be tragic if the people of the USA welcome as a Guest of State, a Shinto god. In taking a stand on this issue we really feel the powers of Satan and darkness at work, but we claim Eph. 6:10-18.

With love and appreciation in our Lord.

Your because His,  
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