

FROM THE HILLS OF MISS. TO THE KY. HIGHLANDS

On May 18, 1975, I terminated my position as the pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church, Tilden, Mississippi. I had served there since June 8, 1969. The entire day was a time of deep sorrow as I delivered my farewell discourse from Acts 20:17-38. It is not an easy matter to leave those who have labored with you in the gospel for some years. But I did, feeling it to be the will of the Lord.

To the saints at Union Grove, I can only repeat the words of Paul to the Philippian church: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5).

Union Grove deserves a good pastor, as they are a good church. It is my sincere prayer that the Holy Spirit will soon lead the church to the man the Lord has appointed the new overseer of the congregation. God has a man for every place and a place for every man.

My moving to Kentucky also

necessitated leaving my business and the place I so fondly called home, sweet home. It was no small matter to bid farewell to my relatives and friends. I could more readily leave them as I remembered the word of Christ: "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:29).

On May 21, 1975 my family and I came to Ashland, Kentucky to begin a new field of labor. The mover arrived with my furniture the next day which was placed in a house secured for me by the church here. It is between Cannonsburg and Ashland, just off highway 60 on highway 538. While in somewhat of a state of readjustment, we are thankful to God and Calvary Baptist Church who brought us to this place.

I feel so unworthy of the new position which I now occupy. It will be my duty to attempt to carry on the great work established by Elder John R. Gilpin

and Calvary Baptist Church. Brother Gilpin was one of the greatest preachers and leaders among Sovereign Grace Independ-



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New Pastor and Editor

ent Baptists in this generation. As I reap the benefits of his service to his generation, I am caused to remember the words of Christ:

"I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors" (John 4:38).

I do not even feel qualified to untie the shoes of my predecessor, much less take over the gigantic work here, but Divine providence and the church here has laid the task upon me. To those who may say that I am too young and inexperienced to assume such a work, I can only say that I am more aware of my frailties and inabilities than even you are.

The position I now hold was not secured by crooked politics or personal request. When first asked to succeed Elder Gilpin, I refused. But eventually the Lord caused me to change my mind. By personal conversation two years ago with the late editor, I know it was his wish that I follow him. Why he chose me from the host of eminently qualified men of his acquaintances, will continue to be a mystery to me.

I look forward to my honor and privilege to serve as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, as editor of The Baptist Examiner, as assistant to missionary Fred Halliman,

and numerous other duties. By the help of the God of all grace, I will do what I can to continue these things and improve them if possible. I do not come to take Elder Gilpin's place. No man living could do that. I come to take my place, and do what God enables me to do for His glory.

Calvary Baptist Church is to be commended for the splendid way they have carried on all their work without a pastor. Brother John Gilpin, Jr. is especially to be commended for his work in behalf of the paper and church. Elder Owen Croy is also to be commended for filling the pulpit until my arrival. Missionary Fred Halliman is to be highly commended for serving as a temporary pastor to the church during his furlough.

I wish to express my thanks to the many who have called, or telegraphed, or written commending me for accepting the work here. These were too numerous to reply to due to my nomadic circumstances. Your promises of support for the work of Calvary Baptist Church were duly noted and appreciated. Please accept this article as my thanks to you.

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The Blood Of The Everlasting Covenant

By C. H. SPURGEON

"Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen!"—Heb. 13:20.

"Through the blood of the everlasting covenant"—Heb. 13:20.

All God's dealings with men have had a covenant character. It has so pleased Him to arrange it, that He will not deal with us except through a covenant, nor can we deal with Him except in the same manner. Adam in the garden was under a covenant with God and God was in covenant with him. That covenant he speedily broke. There is a covenant still existing in all its terrible power — terrible I say, because it had been broken on man's part, and therefore God will most surely fulfill its solemn threatenings and sanctions. This is the covenant of works. By this He dealt with Moses, and in this doth He deal with the whole race of men as represented in the first Adam. Afterwards, when God would deal with Noah, it was by a covenant; and when in succeeding ages He dealt with Abraham, He was still pleased to bind Himself by a covenant. That covenant He preserved and kept, and it was renewed continually to many of His seed.

God dealt not even with David, the man after His own heart, except with a covenant. He made a covenant with His anointed; and, beloved, He dealt with you and me this day still by covenant. When He shall come in all His terrors to condemn, He shall smite the covenant — namely, by the sword of the covenant of Sinai; and if He comes to save, He still comes to us by covenant — namely, the

covenant of Zion; the covenant which He made with the Lord Jesus Christ, the head and representative of His people. And mark, whenever we come into close and intimate dealings with God, it is



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sure to be, on our part, also by covenant. We make with God, after conversion, a covenant of gratitude; we come to Him sensible of what He has done for us, and we devote ourselves to Him. We set our seal to that covenant when in baptism we are united with His church; and day by day, so often

as we come around the table of the breaking of bread, we renew the vow of our covenant, and thus we have personal intercourse with God. I cannot pray to Him except through the covenant of grace; and I know that I am not His child unless I am His first through the covenant whereby Christ purchased me, and secondly, through the covenant by which I have given up myself, and dedicated all that I am and all that I have to Him.

It is important, then, since the covenant is the only ladder which reaches from earth to heaven — since it is the only way in which God has intercourse with us, and by which we can deal with Him, that we should know how to discriminate between covenant and covenant; and should not be in any darkness or error with regard to what is the covenant of grace, and what is not. It shall be my endeavor, this morning, to make as simple and as plain as possible, the matter of the covenant spoken of in our text, and I shall thus speak — firstly, upon the covenant of grace; secondly, its everlasting (Continued on page 6, column 2)

"REPENTANCE"

By ELD. JULIUS D. WISHON
Meadowview, Virginia

"At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining around about me and them which journeyed with me.

And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance"—Acts 26:13-26.

The theme of Paul's message before the unbeliever was always on repentance. Paul's own life and

experience is a good picture of what it means to repent of one's sins. At the first, Paul was like any depraved sinner, following the course of this world, and as he said himself, "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature a child of wrath"—Eph. 2:3. Even at the time of the happenings of our Scripture lesson, Paul, who was then known as Saul, was on a mission to Damascus, Syria, to take into custody any people, whether men or women, and bring them bound back to Jerusalem — that is, people who were believers in Christ Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. But our sovereign God, who has all power, came to Saul at just the right time, and spoke unto Saul, telling him and showing him that, really, it was He that Saul was persecuting.

Many times the sinner will say (Continued on page 8, column 3)

KINGS ADDITION PASTOR ANNOUNCES SUMMER MEETINGS SCHEDULE

James E. Hobbs, pastor of Kings Addition Baptist Church, South Shore, Kentucky, announces the following schedule of meetings he will be conducting during the summer.

Beginning on June 9 — through the morning service of the 15th, he will be conducting services at the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of Ft. Meyers, Florida where Bro. Keith Schuetz is the pastor.

In the evening service on June 15th, he will be speaking for the Missionary Faith Baptist Church of Hollywood, Florida, of which Bro. James Washer is the fine pastor.

From June 16 through June 20, he will be with Pastor W. W. Wilkerson at the Calvary Baptist Church, 5118 17th Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Then on July 6 through July 11, he will be with the New Testament Baptist Church in Bristol, Tennessee where Bro. Dan Phillips is the leader of the flock.

We would urge all of our readers in any of these areas to come and hear Bro. Hobbs. He is an outstanding, young, energetic minister who preaches the whole counsel of God's Word and you will be blessed, the church you attend will be blessed by your presence and Bro. Hobbs will be blessed in meeting and greeting you.

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A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

"THE SCARLET WHORE"

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written mystery, BABYLON THE GREAT,

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev. 17:3-5).

This is the Apostle John's description of the apostate church of the tribulation period, ecclesiastical Babylon. This is the one-world church present day ecumenists are working to bring about. This church is the long dream of religious liberals. The Scarlet Whore is the church where ordinances, rituals, and creeds are made non-essential so far as ad-

mission to the church is concerned. This church of Antichrist will set aside denominational emphasis and will be a leader in all great world movements.

BABYLON THE GREAT

By inspiration John calls the Scarlet Whore "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT." The reference is not to the city of Babylon or to Babylon—as a nation. This is "MYSTERY BABYLON" (Continued on page 2, column 1)

LET'S STOP MADELINE

Madeline Murray O'Hare is at it again. Several years ago, she succeeded in making it illegal to read the Bible or pray in public schools. Now she has obtained 27,000 signed letters protesting the decision of the astronauts to read the Bible as a Christmas Message to the world from their spacecraft while orbiting the moon in December, 1968.

She plans to present these letters to NASA with the demand that the astronauts be publicly censured for their act and a further demand to prohibit any further demonstrations of religion by public leaders. If this goes through, it can *Stop the mention of God and prayer on TV and radio.*

IT CAN HAPPEN. On the other hand, *you* can stop her. Be part of the effort to secure one million signed letters commending the astronauts for their faith in God and the Bible publicly. This would defeat Mrs. O'Hare and show that there are still many Christians alive and well in America.

Mrs. O'Hare will succeed if **WE DO NOTHING.** She is working hard now, because the U.S. and Russia are planning a joint space venture, and if her plans succeed, she will obtain worldwide attention.

Below is a form letter which you can use — or you can formulate your own message. Ask at least five friends to do the same. Those in leadership position can work on a much wider scale. We have real power!

FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
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Gentlemen:

I, personally, appreciate and wholeheartedly support the decision of the astronauts to read from the Bible from their spacecraft as they orbited the moon during December 10, 1968.

I further support the right of any human being to express his faith in God and the Bible publicly, without fear of censure.

Sincerely,

Signed: _____

Address: _____

(Date) _____

BRIEF NOTES

The Pilgrims' Hope Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and Pastor Charles Souder will dedicate a new house of worship June 27, 28, 29. Various speakers are to be on the program.

The Grace Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan, has called Bro. John Eilan Costa of California as their new pastor.

"The Scarlet Whore"

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or a religious designation which points to a false religious system called "Babylonianism." The cradle of all false religions is Babylon. In the expression, "BABYLON THE GREAT," God traces the system back to its root.

In Genesis 10:8-10, I read: "And Cush began Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar."

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Here we learn that Nimrod founded the city of Babel, later called Babylon, in the Shinar Plain region. This is where men began to build a tower to Heaven which would be a religious center of paganism. Archaeologists have discovered huge mounds dedicated to pagan deities in this region.

The cuneiform writings from Babylonia give much information concerning the religious system known as Babylonianism. Nimrod was married to Semiramis who originated Babylonian Mysticism. Nimrod's wife was the first high priestess of idol worship. She gave birth to a son named Tammuz. She claimed he was conceived supernaturally. He was pronounced a savior of his people, and he was said to be the messiah which God promised Eve in Genesis 3:15.

The legend of mother and child was incorporated into the religious rites of the various pagan religions of the ancient world. Idols picturing the mother as the queen of Heaven with the babe in her arms are found throughout the entire Middle East. The idolatrous religions of Canaan, Egypt, Phoenicia, Assyria, Greece, and Rome are basically the same as Babylonian Mysticism. The names of the gods and goddesses were different in each country along with other minor variations.

A PSEUDO RELIGION

Babylonian Mysticism is Satan's counterfeit of true religion. John calls the Scarlet Whore a "HARLOT." The term "whore" or "harlot" is frequently used to symbolize a spiritual departure from God. Isaiah 1:21 declares: "How is the faithful city become

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables"—II Tim. 4:1-4.

I have been impressed of recent days as I have thought how important it is that the Word of God be preached in this present age.

I go back in my mind to recall some of the political expressions that have been used over the last fifty years. I remember when Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States that he had what he called his "New Freedom." Then when F.D.R. came on the scene, he talked about the "New Deal." When Harry Truman arrived in Washington, his program was characterized by what he called the "Fair Deal." I guess that most of you can remember that "Ike" referred to his as the "Great Crusade." I am sure that all of you will recall that Kennedy called his the "New Frontier," and L.B.J. called his the "Great Society." Every one of those people, for the last fifty years, have placed no emphasis on the moral and spiritual situation of the world.

an harlot!" The MOTHER OF HARLOTS is Satan's masterpiece.

It was a form of Babylonian Mysticism which plagued Israel in the Old Testament. Ezekiel tells us of his grief when he saw women engaged in weeping for Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14). Jeremiah bewailed the fact of the children of Judah baking cakes dedicated to the queen of heaven (Jer. 7:18). He later pronounced judgment upon Judah for burning incense and pouring out drink offerings to the queen of Heaven (Jer. 44:17-19). The grievous sins of both Judah and Israel was often their involvement in the Semiramis Cult.

After the Christian Era the mystery religion of Babylon found its way into apostate churches. Some of the irregular churches adopted many features of Babylonian Mysticism. The leaders of these bodies developed into a powerful hierarchy which continued to combine the mystery religion of Babylon with the Christian faith. This confusion continues until today in the Roman and Greek Catholic churches and in most fraternal organizations all over the world.

ECUMENICALISM

The present-day ecumenical movement will culminate in the universal church of Antichrist. There is an overwhelming desire on the part of religious liberals to unite all Protestant churches and the Roman and Greek Catholic churches into one great super church. Ecumenicists are a part of Satan's plan of religious deception. In spite of their sincerity and dedication, they are working for the establishment of the Scarlet Whore of Revelation 17.

The National Council of Churches (NCC) claims to represent over 30 religious bodies, and is composed of 144,000 churches with a mem-

Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



"WHAT WE NEED TO PREACH TODAY"

We have had a war against poverty for the last fifty years. Woodrow Wilson found that it was the most political expedient that could be dragged out of the political clothes closet, and he began to talk about a war on poverty when he was elected president in 1912. Every man that has followed from that time to this, is taking exactly the same stand, whether he be Republican or Democrat. Without a single exception, every one of them has found that the best way to get votes is to talk about a war on poverty — and that in spite of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said:

"For ye have the poor with you always"—Mark 14:7.

Actually, what every president in the last fifty years has tried to do has been contrary, in principle, to the Word of God. Of course, as I have said, it has been a good vote-getting scheme, and consequently, it has been followed down through the years for the past half century.

They have talked about beautifying the roads. They have talked about beautifying the cities by tearing down of the slums and the rebuilding of the slums into modern apartment houses, whereby people could live and know that apartment houses are more comfortable than the old shack where they used to live.

All of this calls to my mind a Negro preacher who was pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati several years ago. I was visiting with him one day and he

said, "I'll tell you, Brother Gilpin, Eleanor can tear down the slums and rebuild with modern apartments — that will be nice, but they will never be able to keep a Negro from taking his razor with him when he goes out on a social engagement."

I have often thought about that through the years. That old Negro preacher was exactly right. Urban renewal does not change the nature of any man — Negro or white. It isn't going to change him from taking his razor with him when he goes out on a social call.

I am saying to you, all the political propaganda of the last fifty years has been working without placing any emphasis on morals. It is but an attempt to make clean the outside.

Jesus said:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make CLEAN THE OUTSIDE of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also"—Matt. 23:25, 26.

Beloved, if you want to call this world back to God, and if you want to do anything that will help the world come back to God, then do it in the light of God's Word.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their iniquity, and will cleanse them." (Continued on page 3, column 1)

bership of over 42,000,000 people. The international body, the World Council of Churches (WCC) claims to speak for more than 230 Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic groups from 90 countries and some 400,000 churches.

I believe that these two bodies will one day unite all Protestants, Catholics, and apostate Baptists into a one-world church. This super church will be controlled by the Catholics. Then, this Scarlet Whore will bring into its fold Buddhism, Hinduism, and the Muslim faith. These will be a part of the one-world church of the end time. This cannot occur until all the true churches are taken out at the Rapture.

THE RISE OF ECUMENICALISM

The drive to unite all Christians into one great organization in our time is known as the ecumenical movement. The term "ecumenical" was originally used for the

great world councils which met to decide theological and organizational problems. Today the term is nearly always applied to the attempts to establish the Scarlet Whore.

Leaders in the ecumenical movement of today look upon the Bible as a fallible book. They repudiate the Trinity, the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, His Substitutionary Death, His physical Resurrection, and His Second Coming. They do not believe man is a sinner, and that he needs salvation in Jesus Christ.

In 1967 a poll was taken of 10,000 clergymen in the National Council of Churches. The survey showed that over 50 per cent of those polled did not believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ, 60 per cent did not believe in the Virgin Birth, and 80 per cent did not claim the Bible as the inspired Word of God. (Continued on page 5, column 4)



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"Need To Preach"

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heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" — II Chron. 7:14.

As far as I am personally concerned, I look upon the political situation as it confronts each of us, as one which should cause those of us who love the Lord to realize that every way we turn, and in every direction we turn, there is a moral chaos that is impending. I mean to say, morals have been strictly forgotten about in the last fifty years, and there is a definite chaos that is impending. By way of introduction, I would like to give you a few illustrations to show you the moral drift of this world.

Do you realize that J. Edgar Hoover says that the shoplifters in America steal more than \$2 billion worth of merchandise from department stores every year? He says that the shoplifters take more merchandise than all the burglars and robbers in America, and furthermore, that those shoplifters primarily are grandmothers and teenagers from the better suburban homes; they are housewives and people who have money with which to buy things. However, they steal those things from the stores. In the light of that fact, I say to you, it is time for us to realize that moral chaos is impending.

Let's notice again. I think everybody in the country was shocked when the Air Force Academy in Colorado was involved in a cheating scandal, and as a result of that cheating scandal, a survey was made across the nation so far as colleges were concerned. Now remember, I am not talking about grade school or high school, but I am talking about colleges. A survey was made in the colleges across the nation, and it was determined that better than 50 percent of the students in college admitted that they cheated on examinations. Don't tell me there isn't a moral chaos impending!

Then sometime ago I read about a situation down in Uruguay. I judge that there is not a nation in South America that has the prosperity that Uruguay possesses. Would you believe me when I tell you that the association for pick-pockets took the matter to the Supreme Court in Ur-

uguay saying that the police were making life impossible for them. Is it possible to think that in the most prosperous state in South America that the association for pick-pockets would be so bold that they would appeal to the Supreme Court in that country for protection. Don't tell me that a moral chaos isn't impending!

Then to bring you a little closer home, I read about the lobbying that takes place in Washington — the paid groups that will lobby for the passing of bills in Washington. And who do you suppose has the most outstanding, lavish organization in America? Who do you suppose has the best financed program in America? You will never believe it when I tell you that the homosexual association in America has the strongest and wealthiest lobbying organization in America to try to make sex perversion appear respectable and to be accepted. Have I said enough to cause you to realize that we are living in a day when moral chaos is impending?

Let me go a step further. I read a lot of papers in the course of a month's time — daily, weekly, monthly. I don't have time to read much of them, but I usually look through a great many of them and I noticed in "Christianity Today" a report of a dance function that was held at the Judson Memorial Church in New York City, which was attended by the pastor. At that dance function, a nude man and a nude woman moved across the stage in a face-to-face embrace in the presence of everybody that was in attendance. The pastor of that church was Howard Moody, who is a graduate of Baylor University, and it was said in "Christianity Today" that the pastor placed his hearty approval on what took place.

Tell me that moral chaos is not impending. How can you expect it to be otherwise, with the "New Freedom," the "New Deal," the "Fair Deal," the "Great Crusade," the "New Frontier," the "Great Society," and with all the rest of the good deals we have had within the past fifty years? How can you expect it to be otherwise in the light of the fact that they have placed an emphasis in Washington on the almighty dollar and what it can do, rather than upon morals and the turning back of

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



QUESTION: What five automobile parts are named in one Bible chapter?

ANSWER: "Hoods," "rings," "mufflers," "chains," "round tires like the moon." It is, of course, a mere coincidence that these words so familiar in this automobile age were used by the English translators to denote various parts of the costume of fashionable women in Isaiah's day. See Isaiah 3:18-23: "In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon. The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers . . . The rings, and nose jewels, . . . The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils."

the nation to God.

I tell you, beloved, in the light of all these incidents (and I might have multiplied them a dozen-fold), we certainly need to preach the Word of God as we have never preached it before. When I think about all the things that are taking place, and the drifting away from God, and the drifting as far as this world is concerned — when I think about it, I say that we need to preach the Word of God as it has never been preached at anytime before.

When the Apostle Paul was talking to the Ephesian elders, he said to them:

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock: Also of your own selves shall men arise,

speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" — Acts 20:26-32.

As Paul talked to these Ephesian elders, he said to them, "There are going to be men rise up from among you that are perverted in their thinking, and there are going to be people come in from without who are going to be perverted in their thinking. The result is, you are going to be drawn away from the truth. Therefore, I want you to remember that I have warned you day and night from the time that I have been with you, and I commend you to the Word of God, and I pray that God will help you to stand firm."

When Paul wrote to young Timothy, he said:

"I charge thee . . . preach the Word . . . for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine" — II Tim. 4:1-3.

I say to you, beloved, surely that day has arrived. Surely, we are living in a day when the Word of God is being ignored and despised. Surely, if there were ever a time when we needed to preach the Word of God, it is now.

WE NEED TO PREACH AGAINST SIN.

I would remind you that all the pleasures of sin are only seasonal. Listen:

"Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of SIN FOR A SEASON" — Heb. 11:25.

I am not saying there is no pleasure in sin, but I am saying that it is seasonal; it doesn't last; it is only for a while. In the light of the world in which we live, in view of the drift morally, spiritually, and religiously, and as far as the Word of God is concerned, I say we need to remind people as we preach about sin, that the pleasures of sin are only seasonal.

The poet said:

"Pleasures are like poppies spread;

You touch the flower, the bloom is dead.

Or like a snowflake on the river,

A moment white, then gone forever."

I ask, is there much preaching about the subject of sin today? Do many people know that the pleasures of sin are only seasonal? Do many people know that the pleasures of sin are deadly in the end? We read:

"For the WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" — Rom. 6:23.

"The soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE" — Ezek. 18:3.

"Nevertheless DEATH REIGNED from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come" — Rom. 5:14.

I say to you, sin ends in death, and more than that, sin is a universal thing, because it affects everyone of us. Listen:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God" — Rom. 3:23.

"But the Scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe" — Gal. 3:22.

Believe me when I say that sin is universal. It affects us all. Sin is deadly, because sin produces death. Sin provides pleasures, but they are only seasonal; they only last for a while. In the light of the spiritual condition of this present age, we need to preach the Word of God about sin as we have never preached it before.

WE NEED TO PREACH ABOUT JUDGMENT.

I wish that I could put into people's minds that there is a judgment time coming — that there is a judgment day that is sure to come to pass. I believe people have come to the place they think there isn't going to be any judgment. You talk to individuals about the way in which they live, and what they do, and their moral imperfections, and they will take the attitude of: "So what? I live my life, and when I die, that is it."

It isn't, beloved, for there is a judgment day coming. Listen:

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things, God will BRING THEE INTO JUDGMENT" — Eccl. 11:9.

Mark it down, there is going to be a judgment day. Go on young man, sow your wild oats. Go on young woman, and plant your crop of sour grapes. But know this, there is a judgment day coming.

I would like to remind you that in that day God is going to judge everything that you and I have ever done. God is going to judge all of our works. Listen:

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, according to their works" — Rev. 20:12.

If I were to ask the average man about his hope for Heaven, he would start telling me about his works, for he thinks as a result of what he does, he is going to go to Heaven. When judgment day comes, man is going to hear all he wants of his works, because God is going to judge the unsaved on the basis of men's works as recorded in God's record.

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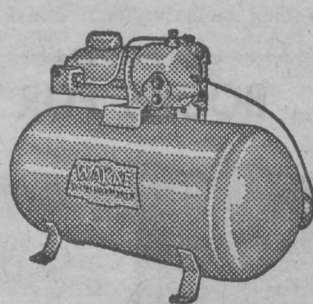
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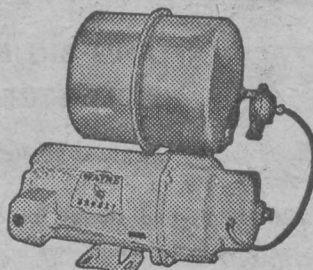
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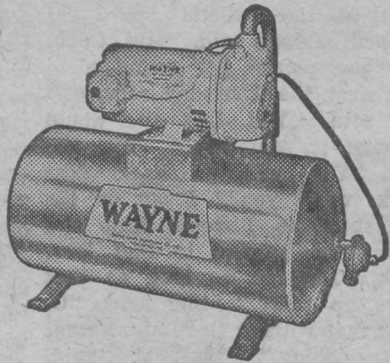
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"Who is 'my servant' in Revelation 2:20? Is he a saved man? If he is, what about Revelation 2:22 where it states they will be cast with her into great tribulation?"

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Remember that Revelation 2 and 3 are both talking to and about churches. When the Lord speaks of churches He is referring to those who are saved and who make up the church. The servants of verse 20 are saved people who have been deceived by the idolatrous teachings of Jezebel.

The punishment of those who commit spiritual fornication with her is that they will find a bed of tribulation rather than a bed of pleasure. It is true that we will not go through the great tribulation period, but we will go through tribulations and afflictions while here. We will be punished when we sin.

A church must be very careful that we do not allow idolatry, false teaching and false teachers to get in. We must be watching at all times. Paul warned the elders from the churches of Ephesus about this. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flocks, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 20:28-31).

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Could it be that we are missing the point when we read these two verses? If you look closely you should see that verse 20 does not say "my servant." Rather, it says "my servants." And I am persuaded they are many. And, certainly, they are saved people. Old Jezebel here represents the Catholic Church that claims she alone can interpret the Scriptures. And the fornication here is spiritual fornication. These servants are running after the false gods connected with Catholicism.

In verse 22, there is nothing said about casting these servants in the bed with old Jezebel, the Catholic Church. It says, "Behold, I will cast her into a bed," see

Rev. 17:16. Then we are told that the servants who commit adultery with her (run after her gods) are to have great tribulation, or sorrow unless they repent.

There are those who will contend that this great tribulation is the seven years tribulation called "the time of Jacob's trouble." But they should not do it. This would mean that only one generation of these servants are made to suffer great tribulation for their spiritual fornication, while other generations of these servants who were guilty of the same sin did not even get a slap on the wrist.

These servants do not have to be members of the Catholic Church. Many of them are Baptists who wear the contemptible title of "reverend" in order to escape the ridicule of the world, or to save a few pennies on their telephone bill. This title was given to preachers in 1645, just 330 years ago by old Jezebel, the Catholic Church. This title is one of her little gods. And I fear some of our Lord's precious servants roll, toss, and tumble when they think of wearing a title they know is an abomination in the eyes of Almighty God. I pay \$3.25 per month or \$39.00 a year to the telephone company that I would not have to pay if I would only commit fornication with old Jezebel by permitting them to put reverend before my name.

Just this week I have been put to the test on this score. For more than a year I have been bringing

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God's Word to the dear old people in the nursing home where my dear wife has to live. When I was asked to take over the Thursday afternoon service, I noticed that all the speakers were reverends, and the services were called church. While I was praying and meditating on the best way to handle the situation, my dear Lord took over. So the next thing I saw on the bulletin board for Thursday was, Bible Study, 2:00 p.m., with Bro. Cook. Everything went so nice until this past Sunday. When I went to visit with the wife after our afternoon service, I saw that on the bulletin board Bro. Cook has been changed to Rev. Cook. After two days of prayer and thinking I met the activities chairman in the hall in front of the bulletin board. I stopped her and said, "Mrs. Cobb, will you please get someone to take over the Thursday service?" She said, "Yes, that she would manage it somehow." Then she said, "You will be back next week, won't you?" I put on the biggest smile I could find and said, as I pointed to that Rev. Cook, "No, not as long as that stays up there." She said, "O, I did that without thinking of what I was doing." Then she said, "That will come down before I

leave here this afternoon." The old devil delights in getting us to compromise, and commit adultery with old Jezebel, but our Lord will win the battle if we will only flee to Him for help.

Old Jezebel has so many gods for the Lord's servants to commit adultery with, but space would not permit me to mention all of them, even if I could do that. But in closing, just let me ask, "How many of our Lord's Baptist servants suffer much sorrow and anguish of soul at Christmas time because they know full well that everything connected with Christmas is an abomination in the sight of God, but due to pressure from the family, and from worldly members in the church, they go along with this detestable thing?"

To be sure, our Lord's servants have suffered great tribulation because of their committing adultery with old Jezebel in generations past. Many of them are suffering it today. And some of them will continue to do so until our Lord comes for us.

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More than one character seems to be in view in this passage. A false prophetess teaches and leads these persons into immoral conduct. Perhaps these persons are saved persons, but the promise is that if they continue to follow the leadership of this immoral prophetess, they shall suffer tribulation along with her. The possibility of their repenting of their deeds (v. 22) is open to them. It is to be hoped that these members of the Thyatira Church did find the way to repentance. We may well believe that if they didn't do so, that they were false professors, rather than truly saved people.



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Please understand that this passage of Scripture was written, specifically, to the church in Thyatira. This church was a sound church (verse 19), but had within her some errant members.

Firstly, the church was under the influence of a wicked woman who claimed to be a prophetess. That, in itself, is evil (see I Timothy 2:12).

Secondly, those who were influenced by her, were given opportunity to repent (verse 22). Those who would not repent of their evil deeds were to be cast into tribulation with her.

There is a principle in force here. Simply stated — the redeemed of the Lord will not wander to the place of perdition. They will be brought back to the place of repentance. God's people will always repent!

"But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul" — Heb. 10:39.

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going to judge the secret things. Listen:

"In the day when God shall JUDGE THE SECRETS of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" — Rom. 2:16.

I say to you, we are living in a world that has forgotten about God, a world that isn't thinking about God; a world that is completely ignoring the idea of a judgment; yet some of these days, the secret things of the lives of all the people of this world are going to be judged by God.

What is going to be the outcome of that judgment? Listen:

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" — Rev. 20:15.

In that day, the only book that is going to count is the Book of Life. Some people think that regardless of how they live, as long as they are church members and have their names inscribed in some church record book, that somehow they are going to get to Heaven in the end. I try to help everybody realize how false such an idea is. Indeed, may I remind you that the only book that is going to count in the end is the Book of Life. If your name wasn't written in the Lamb's Book of Life from before the foundation of the world, it means an eternal Hell for you.

I don't tell you that you had better hurry up and join the church, or that you had better make a profession of faith before the Holy Spirit leaves you, I don't tell you that you had better hurry up and get your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, because that is a lie. That is false preaching. That is the preaching that fills churches with unsaved church members. That is the preaching that fills churches with ecclesiastical corpses. I tell you, your name wasn't written in the Book of Life the day you first believed, but your name was written in the Book of Life from before the foundation of the world, and you believe because your name is thus written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Beloved, if it isn't true, when that day of judgment comes, you are going to Hell.

I say, then, in the light of the drift of the world, we certainly need to preach the Word about sin and about judgment.

III

WE NEED TO PREACH ABOUT SALVATION.

How much is preached today about salvation? How long has it been since you heard a message that really honored the Bible teaching on salvation? I ask you

to listen to the radio, and see how many sermons you hear that really honor the God of the Bible, as far as salvation is concerned.

May I insist that salvation is not of works. Listen:

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" — Isa. 64:6.

If the best thing about us looks like a dirty, filthy rag that would be repulsive to touch, then what do our sins look like in the sight of a thrice holy God? Beloved, our salvation is not of our works. Our works have nothing to do whatsoever with salvation.

We find our Lord Jesus Christ talking about a judgment. We read:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many WONDERFUL WORKS? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: DEPART FROM ME, ye that work iniquity" — Mt. 7:22,23.

I tell you, beloved, works won't save anybody.

Notice again:

"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.

We surely should do much preaching on salvation. We need to tell people that they are not saved by their works.

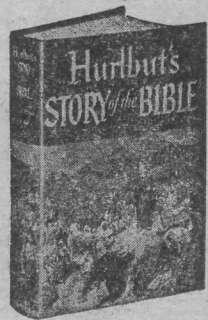
A man stood in our printing shop a short time ago and told me about the organization with which he is affiliated, and how he expected to go to Heaven because he put his time in that organization. I first thought that a man with the mind that he is the possessor of — I thought a man that was surely as intelligent as he is, was certainly joking when he tried to tell me that he expected to go to Heaven on the basis of the good deeds that he was doing through that organization. Yet, I found that he was not joking, but that he was speaking truly, and that it was actually his hope of Heaven.

Believe me when I say we ought to do a lot of preaching on the subject of salvation to show people that salvation is all through the Lord Jesus Christ, plus nothing, minus nothing — just Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Listen:

"Foreasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of

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This mother had a son who was a vibrant Christian. He was well known to the apostle Paul. Paul makes it a point to say "hello" to him in this letter to the saints at Rome. Paul mentions Rufus as chosen or "elect" in the Lord. He mentions Rufus' mother but not his father, so we assume this woman's husband is dead. She lives alone with her son. Who was her husband? Perhaps we could get a better picture of this unnamed mother if we knew.

Mark supplies this information for us. "And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and RUFUS, to bear His cross" (Mark 15:21). Most historians agree this is the same Rufus that Paul salutes. This mother and her young son may have witnessed this awesome scene. They saw the gospel in action.

It should not surprise us then to see this woman as a dedicated Christian. She had been a "mother" to Paul. Paul speaks of many women in the Scriptures. They were faithful, good helpers, devout. This woman was all this and more. She cared for the Apostle Paul as only a mother would. This suggests unselfishness, kindness, long-

suffering, and gentleness.

Yes, this lovely woman goes unnamed in the Scriptures. And, somehow, I think she would have wanted it that way. What a blessing it is to get to know her, and perhaps, be encouraged to faithful service by her example.

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a Lamb, without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18,19.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED." — I Pet. 2:24.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit"—I Peter 3:18.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, does not everybody preach that?" No, they don't; they certainly do not. I have been boiling all over for the last two weeks' time because of a so-called revival meeting being held here in Ashland in the name of Baptists. I first said that I was sorry that they used the term "Baptist" because I hate to think of the Baptist name being thus affiliated, but then I changed my opinion and said I was glad they used it, because it let people know that it was a Baptist meeting, for they wouldn't have known it otherwise. I haven't attended a single night, but I have talked to a number of individuals that were there. Do you know who has praised the meeting the highest? It has been the Holy Rollers and the Methodists and the crowd that believes in salvation by works — the folk who believe you can be saved today and lost tomorrow. They have been the ones that have praised the meeting most. A few Baptists that I have talked with — real, genuine Baptists — have hung their heads in shame that such would go out in the name of Baptist preaching.

I tell you, beloved, the man that has held that revival meeting within the last two weeks could hold a revival for any denomination in the world, and they would be happy with it. I am saying that there is just one way to be saved, and that is not the way that has been preached in this meeting, but the way to be saved is by Jesus — through what Jesus Christ did Himself on the cross.

Jesus paid for our sins. I don't tell you to come unto me, and to join the church, and to make a profession. I don't tell you that the thing you are to do is to make some kind of profession before it is too late. I say to you, you need to realize that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and that the Son of God paid for those sins on the cross. I say it is time to do some genuine preaching on salvation.

IV

WE NEED TO PREACH ABOUT GOD.

Certainly, the God that has been preached here in Ashland for the last two weeks in this so-called Baptist revival, is not the God of the Bible. He is not the God which I read about in the Bible. Listen:

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." — Rom. 8:29,30.

How many did God predestinate back there? I don't know. But I know one thing: Everyone of them that God predestinated before the foundation of the world, is going to be called, because God's Word says, "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called."

How many is He going to call? I don't know, but I know this: Everyone that He predestinated He is going to call, and furthermore, everyone that He calls is going to be justified, for it says, "Whom he called, them he also justified."

How many of them is He going to justify? I don't know. But everyone that He predestinates and calls, is going to be justified.

How many of them are going to get to Heaven? All of them, for all of them that were predestinated, and called, and justified, are going to be glorified.

Now in Heaven we will find a glorified crowd. Who are they? The same ones that were justified in time. Who was justified? The same ones that were called. And who was called? The same ones that were predestinated to salvation from before the foundation of the world.

I tell you, beloved, that is the kind of God I like to preach — a God who handles everything Himself. He was the one that elected us. He was the one that predestinated our salvation. He was the one who justified us. He is the one who is going to glorify us. I believe in a God of sovereignty, a God of election, and a God of irresistible grace, and that God is going to carry His work through to completion.

God never calls a man but one time. The Holy Spirit only goes out one time, but when the Holy Spirit goes after His man, He gets him.

I go back and read the story of Mephibosheth. I read about Ziba who was a type of the Holy Spirit. David said to Ziba, "Fetch me Mephibosheth," and the Word of God says that he fetched him. He didn't try. He didn't make an attempt. He didn't come back and say, "I did the best I could and he wouldn't come along with me." Rather, he fetched him.

That is the way the Holy Spirit works. When the Holy Spirit goes after one of God's elect, He gets His man. A man may go to church many times and feel in his conscience he ought to be saved, but when the Holy Spirit goes after him, He just calls one time and He fetches His man.

Beloved, that is the kind of God that I like. I like a God that does not try to do, but He does fully according to His purpose.

I can see a so-called preacher walking on a platform, wringing his hands, with tears running down his face. I can see him now as he walked down off a platform during a revival many years ago. I can hear him say, "Have you any sinners here? Then let God save you."

The idea of a man saying, "Let God save you." God doesn't ask a man whether he wants to be saved or not. God is in the saving business, and when He sends the Holy Spirit to one of His elect, He gets His man.

I say, beloved, we need to preach on judgment, we need to preach about salvation, and we need to preach about God, that the world might know what the Bible says. I could go on and say we need to preach what the Bible says about the church, for it surely isn't preached much today. There are lots of things we need to preach, but may I say this as I talk about sin, judgment, salvation, and God — we need to preach these things, because there is so little preaching of the truth today.

CONCLUSION

I found myself recently thinking in this connection about the Pony Express. The Pony Express was established by a freighting firm in 1860, in order that it might take over at the end of the railroad at St. Joseph, Missouri, and carry the mail and freight on to Sacramento, California. There were between 190 and 200 relay

stations between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, and they hired slim young men who didn't weight much so as not to slow down the speed of the horse, for the horse traveled at a dead run. Those relay stations were established every 12 to 20 miles apart, depending upon the country. There was a fresh horse awaiting at each station for the rider to jump off one, onto another. If those men were pushed on with a sense of urgency, and if they were concerned about the urgency of the little bit of weight and mail they handled, then how about Baptist Churches today? In the light of the drift of the world, and in the light of the moral, spiritual, and religious drift in this day, surely a sense of urgency ought to push us on, and ought to make us work harder than we ever have before in the preaching of the Word of God.

As I bring this message to a close, I say to you, preach the Word. God help me to preach it. God help you to preach it. God help every one of us to be faithful in the preaching of His Word. If there be one here who knows not Jesus Christ as a Saviour, may God reach down and save him, that he might feel that same sense of urgency for tomorrow and the tomorrows to come, that your life might count for God. May God bless you!

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The sociologist who conducted the poll observed: "The above questions concern basic beliefs of Christianity. Those answering 'No' are subverting the faith they profess to proclaim from the pulpit, and are using their churches to destroy Christianity. They are then making of religion a collective social movement to which no true Christian could subscribe" (See CHRISTIANITY TODAY, Oct. 1967).

These modern new-lighters have a distorted concept of the church's ministry and mission. They preach a social gospel. They believe the church should not preach salvation from sin but salvation from social problems. According to them, ministers should lead young people to social action against injustices and inequities.

The leaders of the NCC want to influence legislation. They want to control the permits for the building of new churches in our cities. They covet control of all religious broadcasting. Already they have urged the networks not to sell time for religious broadcasting, but to give them free time to preach their religious infidelity.

On January 30, 1975, thirty-five leaders of the NCC met with President Gerald Ford for about an hour following the evangelical-oriented National Prayer Breakfast. This was the first time in ten years that an American President had invited the leaders of the NCC to meet with him. During the Johnson and Nixon administrations the White House was off-limits to them because of their criticism of the Vietnam war.

The President indicated at this meeting that this was only the beginning of a continuing dialogue with religious leaders. Dr. W. Sterling Cary, president of the NCC, said concerning this meeting: "... President Ford assured the religious leaders their views would be heard." Ford designated Ted Marrs to act as his personal liaison with the NCC for ongoing matters.

UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Notice that in Revelation 17:3 the Scarlet Whore is seen riding in outward splendor upon the back of Antichrist, the world's coming political dictator. During the first of the Tribulation Period the coming world church will exercise a great deal of authority over the Antichrist. John's description discloses not only that Antichrist shall support the world church, but also the coming church will control Antichrist for a season. That the Beast the woman rides upon is the world political dictator can be seen by comparing Revelation chapter 17, with chapter 13, verses 1 to 10.

I firmly believe the Man of Sin will be a Communist and that his rule will be a Communistic rule. The domination of the world has long been the goal of the Communist Party. It is written of Antichrist "And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Rev. 13:7). In the Beast the Communist Party will control the entire world.

When the Communists take over a country, they do it by a small handful of people in high positions. Then they force the conquered people to embrace their ideology. Daniel tells us of the Willful King: "But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces" (Dan. 11:38).

Communism is atheistic, and so will the Antichrist be when he breaks with the coming world church. Daniel says of him: "He shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods" (Dan. 11:36). In the Revelation, John says of him: "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven" (Rev. 13:6).

The sudden rise and the rapid spread of Communism must be due to Satanic influence. It has grown from a handful to billions in the last 70 years. This is the most phenomenal growth of any political system in the history of mankind. It is a well attested fact that Communism is conquering the world. The continued spread of Communism over the globe is nothing but the god of this world preparing to give Antichrist his throne and great authority. It is no insignificant fact that the Communists now seem to dominate the United Nations.

COMMUNISM AND ECUMENICALISM MERGES

The Antichrist will use the world church for a time to aid in the conquest of the so-called Christian nations of the world. This is already in an alarming stage, especially in America. In an interview, Gus Hall, secretary of the American Communist Party, stated (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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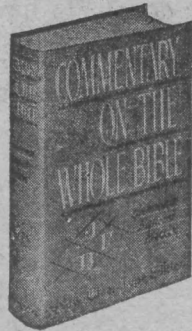
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"The Scarlet Whore"

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ed: "Communism and the church share so many goals that they ought to exist for one another" (APPROACH, July 15, 1968).

An official publication of the American Communist Party related: "They (NCC) may call it 'The Kingdom of God on Earth,' Marxists call it the 'Co-operative Commonwealth'; what do names matter if we mean the same thing" (THE WORKER, July 10, 1962).

In February of 1960, Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said: "The leadership of the National Council of Churches which fraudulently claims to speak for 38 million American Protestants has in the aggregate a record of hundreds of affiliations with Communist fronts and causes" (TULSA WORLD, Feb. 20, 1960).

The Communists and the NCC have cooperated hand in hand to admit Red China to the UN, to establish detente relations, to give Southeast Asia to the Communists, to grant amnesty to draft dodgers, to make abortion legal, to abolish the House of Un-American Activities, to secure social acceptance of women's lib, and to prevent conservatives like Haynsworth and Carswell from being on the Supreme Court.

COMMUNISM AND THE WCC

The World Council of Churches has a long record of supplying money to Communist terrorists groups in many countries. This has been going on since 1969, when WCC created its special fund at a meeting in London under the chairmanship of Sen. George McGovern. The READER'S DIGEST in 1971 revealed that the WCC was giving aid to 19 revolutionary groups. The magazine went on to say at least four of these groups were avowedly Communists, and that three of the four received arms from the Soviet Union.

Instead of stopping this support of Communist terrorists groups, the WCC in August in 1972 voted to increase the fund to one million dollars. It is time people came to see the WCC for what it is — a propaganda and financial aid arm for revolutionary movements. People who are in churches in either the NCC or WCC need to cease support of these two organizations with great speed.

DESTRUCTION OF THE WHORE

What will Communism finally do to the one-world church when it becomes master of the world? The answer is found in Revelation 17:16, where it is written: "And the ten horns which thou sawest

upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." Sometime during the Tribulation Period, the Antichrist will destroy the one-world church so he will have no rival.

When the world dictator no longer needs the support of the world church, he will destroy the harlot. Church property will be confiscated, church buildings burned, church meetings suspended, church leaders liquidated. The political power of Antichrist will stamp out all religion on a world-wide scale. The Beast will set himself up as God and demand worship. All the world will worship Satan through Antichrist and his world government.

THE RAPTURE FIRST

There will never be a one-world church until the true churches and all conservative believers of this age are removed from the world. As long as we are here we will serve as a detention to unification of the religious world. After the Rapture, the only church members left in the world will be lost church members. It will be these lost church members who will unite together in the Scarlet Whore.

There can never be any true unity among the Christians of the world by association, affiliation, and amalgamation. In the world today the great bulk of Christendom has departed from the faith once for all delivered unto the saints and has sunken down in an apostate modernism. To have true church unity, the religious world must turn to New Testament Christianity. There must first be "a unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:13), for two cannot walk together, unless they be agreed (Amos 3:3).

Dear friend, the Rapture may occur at any moment. Then, the Man of Sin shall be manifested, and then, the religious liberals can complete their long dream of a super church. Thank God, the true churches will miss this terrible day!

Sinner friend, will you trust Christ as Saviour, or will you be left behind to worship the Devil's christ, the Man of Sin.

Blood Of Covenant

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character; and thirdly, the relationship which the blood bears to it. "The blood of the everlasting covenant."

I. First of all, then, I have to speak this morning of THE COVENANT mentioned in the text; and I observe that we can readily dis-

cover at first sight what the covenant is not. We see at once that this is not the covenant of works, for the simple reason that this is an everlasting covenant. Now the covenant of works was not everlasting in any sense whatever. It was not eternal; it was first made in the garden of Eden. It had a beginning, it has been broken; it will be violated continually, and will soon be wound up and pass away; therefore, it is not everlasting in any sense. The covenant of works cannot bear an everlasting title; but as the one in my text is an everlasting covenant, therefore it is not the covenant of works. God made a covenant first of all with the human race, which ran in this wise: "If thou, O man, wilt be obedient, thou shalt live and be happy, but if thou wilt be disobedient, thou shalt perish. In the day that thou disobeyest me thou shalt die." That covenant was made with all of us in the person of our representative, the first Adam. If Adam had kept that covenant, we believe we should every one of us have been preserved. But inasmuch as he broke the covenant, you and I, and all of us, fell down and were considered henceforth as the heirs of wrath, as inheritors of sin, as prone to every evil and subject to every misery. That covenant has passed away with regard to God's people; it has been put away through the new and better covenant which has utterly and entirely eclipsed it by its gracious glory.

Again, I may remark that the covenant here meant is not the covenant of gratitude which is made between the loving child of God and his Saviour. Such a covenant is very right and proper. I trust all of us who know the Saviour have said in our very hearts,

"'Tis done! the great transaction's done;
I am the Lord's; and He is mine."

We have given up everything to Him. But that covenant is not the one in the text, for the simple reason that the covenant in our text is an everlasting one. Now ours was only written out some few years ago. It would have been despised by us in the earlier parts of our life, and cannot at the very utmost be as old as ourselves.

Having thus readily shown what this covenant is not, I may observe what this covenant is. And here it will be necessary for me to subdivide this head again, and to speak of it thus: To understand a covenant, you must know who are the contracting parties; secondly, what are the stipulations of this contract; thirdly, what are the objects of it; and then, if you would go still deeper, you must understand something of the motives which lead the contracting parties to form the covenant between themselves.

1. Now, in this covenant of grace, we must first of all observe the high contracting parties between whom it was made. The covenant of grace was made before the foundation of the world between God the Father and God the Son; or to put it in a yet more Scriptural light, it was made mutually between the three persons of the adorable Trinity. This covenant was not made directly between God and man. Man did not at that time exist; but Christ stood in the covenant as man's representative. In that sense we will allow that it was a covenant between God and man, but not a covenant between God and any man personally and individually. It was a covenant between God and Christ, and through Christ indirectly with all the blood-bought seed who were loved of Christ from the foundation of the world. It is a noble and glorious thought, the very poetry of that old Calvinistic doctrine which we teach, that long ere the day star knew its place, before God had spoken existence out of nothing,

before angel's wing had stirred the unnavigated ether, before a solitary song had disturbed the solemnity of the silence in which God reigned supreme, He had entered into solemn counsel with Himself, with His Son and with His Spirit, and had in that council decreed, determined, proposed and predestinated the salvation of His people. He had, moreover, in the covenant arranged the ways and means, and fixed and settled everything which should work together for the effecting of the purpose and the decree. My soul flies back now, winged by imagination and by faith, and looks into that mysterious council chamber, and by faith I behold the Father pledging Himself to the Son, and the Son pledging Himself to the Father, while the Spirit gives His pledge to both, and thus that divine compact, long to be hidden in darkness, is completed and settled — the covenant which in these latter days has been read in the light of heaven, and has become the joy and boast of all the saints.

2. And now, what were the stipulations of this covenant? They were somewhat in this wise: God had foreseen that man after creation would break the covenant of works; that however mild and gentle the tenure upon which Adam had possession of Paradise, yet that tenure would be too severe for him, and he would be sure to kick against it, and ruin himself. God had also foreseen that His elect ones, whom he had chosen out of the rest of mankind, would fall by the sin of Adam, since they, as well as the rest of mankind, were represented in Adam. The covenant therefore had for its end the restoration of the chosen people. And now we may readily understand what were the stipulations.

On the Father's part, thus runs the covenant. I cannot tell you it in the glorious celestial tongue in which it was written: I am fain to bring it down to the speech which sueth to the ear of flesh, and to the heart of a mortal. Thus, one day, runs the covenant, in lines like these: "I, the Most High Jehovah, do hereby give unto my only begotten and well-beloved Son, a people, countless beyond the number of the stars, who shall be by Him washed from sin, by Him preserved and kept and led, and by Him, at last, presented before my throne, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. I covenant by oath, and swear by myself, because I can swear by no greater, that these whom I now give to Christ shall be for ever the objects of my eternal love. Them will I forgive through the merit of the blood. To these will I give a perfect righteousness; these will I adopt and make my sons and daughters, and these shall reign with me through Christ eternally." Thus runs that glorious side of the covenant.

The Holy Spirit also, as one of the high contracting parties on this side of the covenant, gave His declaration: "I hereby covenant," saith He, "that all whom the Father giveth to the Son, I will in due time quicken. I will show them their need of redemption: I will cut off from them all groundless hope, and destroy their refuges of lies. I will bring them to the blood of sprinkling; I will give them faith whereby this blood shall be applied to them; I will work in them every grace; I will keep their faith alive; I will cleanse them and drive out all depravity from them, and they shall be presented at last spotless and faultless." This was the one side of the covenant which is at this very day being fulfilled and scrupulously kept.

As for the other side of the covenant this was the part of it, engaged and covenanted by Christ. He thus declared and covenanted with His Father: "My Father, on my part I covenant that in the fulness of time I will become man. I will take upon myself the form and nature of the fallen race. I will live in their wretched world, and for My people will I keep the law per-

fectly. I will work out a spotless righteousness, which shall be acceptable to the demands of Thy just and holy law. In due time I will bear the sins of all my people. Thou shalt exact their debts on me; the chastisement of their peace I will endure, and by my stripes they shall be healed. My Father, I covenant and promise that I will be obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. I will magnify thy law and make it honorable. I will suffer all they ought to have suffered. I will endure the curse of Thy law, and all the vials of Thy wrath shall be emptied and spent upon My head. I will then rise again; I will ascend into heaven; I will intercede for them at Thy right hand; and I will make Myself responsible for every one of them, that not one of those whom Thou hast given Me shall ever be lost, but I will bring all My sheep of whom, by My blood, Thou hast constituted Me the Shepherd — I will bring every one safe to Thee at last."

Thus ran the covenant; and now, I think you have a clear idea of what it was and how it stands — the covenant between God and Christ, between God the Father and God the Spirit, and God the Son as the covenant head and representative of all God's elect. I have told you, as briefly as I could, what were the stipulations of it. You will please to remark, my dear friends, that the covenant is, on one side, perfectly fulfilled. God the Son has paid the debts of all the elect. He has, for us men and for our redemption, suffered the whole of wrath divine. Nothing remaineth now on this side of the question except that He shall continue to intercede, that He may safely bring all His redeemed to glory.

On the side of the Father this part of the covenant has been fulfilled to countless myriads. God the Father and God the Spirit have not been behind-hand in their contract. And mark you, this side shall be as fully and as completely finished and carried out as the other. Christ can say of what He promised to do, "It is finished!" and the like shall be said by all the glorious convenanters. All for whom Christ died shall be pardoned, all justified, all adopted. The Spirit shall quicken them all, shall give them all faith, and they shall, every one of them, without let or hindrance, stand accepted in the Beloved, in the day when the people shall be numbered, and Jesus shall be glorified.

3. And now, having seen who were the high contracting parties and what were the terms of the covenant made between them, let us see what were the objects of this covenant. Was this covenant made for every man of the race of Adam? Assuredly not; we discover the secret by the visible. That which is in the covenant is to be seen in due time with the eye and to be heard with the ear. I see multitudes of men perishing, continuing wantonly in their wicked ways, rejecting the offer of Christ which is presented to them in the gospel day after day; treading under foot the blood of the Son of Man, defying the Spirit who serves with them; I see these men going on from bad to worse and at last perishing in their sins. I have not the folly to believe that they have any part in the covenant of grace. Those who die impenitent, the multitudes who reject the Saviour, are clearly proved to have no part for if they were interested in that, there would be certain marks and evidences which would show us this. We would find that in due time in this life they would be brought to repentance, would be washed in the Saviour's blood, and would be saved. The covenant — to come at once straight to the matter, however offensive the doctrine may be — the covenant has relationship to the elect and none besides. Does this offend you? Be ye offended even more. What said Christ?: "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given

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me: for they are Thine." If Christ prayeth for none but for His chosen, why should ye be angry that ye are also taught from the Word of God that in the covenant there was provision made for the like persons, that they might receive eternal life. As many as shall believe, as many as shall trust in Christ, as many as shall persevere unto the end, as many as shall enter into the eternal rest, so many and no more are interested in the covenant of divine grace.

4. Furthermore, we have to consider what were the motives of this covenant. Why was the covenant made at all? There was no compulsion or constraint on God. As yet, there was no creature. Even could the creature have an influence on the Creator, there was none existing in the period when the covenant was made. We can look nowhere for God's motive in the covenant except it be in Himself, for of God it could be said literally in that day: "I am, and there is none beside Me." Why then did He make the covenant? I answer, absolute sovereignty dictated it. But why were certain men the objects of it and why not others? I answer, sovereign grace guided the pen. It was not the merit of man, it was nothing which God foresaw in us that made Him choose many and leave others to go on in their sins. It was nothing in them, it was sovereignty and grace combined that made the divine choice. If you, my brethren and sisters, have a good hope that you are interested in the covenant of grace, you must sing that song:

"What was there in me to merit esteem,
Or give the Creator delight?
'Twas even so, Father, I ever must sing
For so it seemed good in Thy sight."

"He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy, for it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." His sovereignty elected, and His grace distinguished, and immutability decreed. No motive dictated the election of the individuals, except a motive in Himself of love and of divine sovereignty. Doubtless the grand intention of God in making the covenant at all was His own glory; any motive inferior to that would be beneath His dignity. God must find His motives in Himself: He has not to look to moths and worms for motives for His deeds. He is the "I AM."

"He sits on no precarious throne,
Nor borrows leave to be."

He doth as He wills in the armies of Heaven. Who can stay His hand and say unto Him, "What doest Thou?" Shall the clay ask the potter for the motive for His making it into a vessel? Shall the thing formed before its creation dictate to its Creator? No, let God be God, and let man shrink into his native nothingness, and if God exalts him, let him not boast as though God found a reason for the deed in man. He finds His motives in Himself. He is self-contained, and findeth nothing beyond nor needeth anything from any but Himself. Thus have I, as fully as time permits this morning, discussed the first point concerning the covenant. May the Holy Spirit lead us into this sublime truth.

II. But now in the second place, we come to notice ITS EVERLASTING CHARACTER. It is called an everlasting covenant. And here you observe at once its antiquity. The covenant of grace is the oldest of all things. It is sometimes a subject of great joy to me to think that the covenant of grace is older than the covenant of works. The covenant of works had a beginning, but the covenant of grace had not; and blessed be God the covenant of works has its end, but the covenant of grace shall stand fast when Heaven and earth shall pass away. The antiquity of the covenant of grace demands our grateful at-

tention. It is a truth which tends to elevate the mind. I know of no doctrine more grand than this. It is the very soul and essence of all poetry, and in sitting down and meditating upon it, I do confess my spirit has sometimes been ravished with delight. Can you conceive the idea that before all things God thought of you? That when as yet He had not made His mountains, He had thought of thee, poor, puny worm? Before the magnificent constellations began to shine, and ere the great centre of the world had been fixed, and all the mighty planets and divers worlds had been made to revolve around it, then had God fixed the centre of His covenant, and ordained the number of those lesser stars which should revolve round that blessed centre, and derive light therefrom. Why, when one is taken up with some grand conceptions of the boundless universe, when with the astronomers we fly through space, when we find it without end, and the starry host without number, does it not seem marvelous that God should give poor insignificant man the preference beyond even the whole universe besides? Oh, this cannot make us proud, because it is a divine truth, but it must make us feel happy. Oh believer, you think yourself nothing, but God does not think so of you. Men despise you, but God remembered you before He made anything. The covenant of love which He made with His Son on your behalf is older than the hoary ages, and if ye fly back when as yet time had not begun, before those massive rocks that bear the marks of grey old age upon them had begun to be deposited, He had loved and chosen you, and made a covenant on your behalf. Remember well these ancient things of the eternal hills.

Then, again, it is an everlasting covenant from its sureness. Nothing is everlasting which is not secure. Man may erect his structures and think they may last for ever, but the Tower of Babel has crumbled, and the very Pyramids bear signs of ruin. Nothing which man has made is everlasting, because he cannot ensure it against decay. But as for the covenant of grace, well did David say of it: "It is ordered in all things and sure." It is—

"Signed, and sealed, and ratified
In all things ordered well."

There is not an "if" or a "but" in the whole of it from beginning to end. Freewill hates God's "shalls" and "wills," and likes man's "ifs" and "buts," but there are no "ifs" and "buts" in the covenant of grace. Thus the tenure runs: "I will" and "they shall." Jehovah swears it and the Son fulfills it. It is — it must be true. It must be sure, for "I AM" determines. "Hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" It is a sure covenant. I have sometimes said, if any man were about to build a bridge or a house if he would leave me just one single stone or timber to put where I liked, I would undertake that his house would fall down. Let me, if there is any one about to construct a bridge, have just simply the placing of one stone — I will select which stone it shall be — and I will defy him to build a bridge that shall stand. I should simply select the keystone, and then he might erect whatever he pleased and it should soon fall. Now the Arminian's covenant is one that cannot stand, because there are one or two bricks in it (and that is putting it in the slightest form; I might have said, "because every stone in it," and that would be nearer the mark) that are dependent on the will of man. It is left to the will of the creature whether he will be saved or not. If he will not, there is no constraining influence that can master and overcome his will. There is no promise that any influence shall be strong enough to overcome him, according to the Arminian. So the question is left to man, and God the mighty Builder — though He put stone on stone, massive as the universe —

yet may be defeated by His creature. Out upon such blasphemy! The whole structure, from beginning to end, is in the hand of God. The very terms and conditions of that covenant are become its seals and guarantees, seeing that Jesus has fulfilled them all. Its full accomplishments in every jot and tittle are sure, and must be fulfilled by Christ Jesus, whether man will or man will not. It is not the creature's covenant, it is the Creator's. It is not man's covenant, it is the Almighty's covenant, and He will carry it out and perform it, the will of man notwithstanding. For this is the very glory of grace — that man hates to be saved — that he is at enmity to God, yet God will have him redeemed — that God's covenant is, "you shall," and man's intention is, "I will not." Almighty grace rides victoriously over the neck of freewill, and leads it captive, in glorious captivity to the all-conquering power of irresistible grace and love. It is a sure covenant, and therefore deserves the title of everlasting.

Furthermore, it is not only sure, but it is immutable. If it were not immutable, it could not be everlasting. That which changes passes away. We may be quite sure that anything that has the word "change" on it, will sooner or later die, and to be put away as a thing of nought. But in the covenant everything is immutable. Whatever God has established must come to pass, and not word or line or letter can be altered. Whatever the Spirit voweth shall be done, and whatever God the Son promised hath been fulfilled and shall be consummated at the day of His appearing. Oh, if we could believe that the sacred lines could be erased — that the covenant could be blotted and blurred, why then, my dear friends, we might lie down in despair. I have heard it said by some preachers, that when he sins, he is crossed out again; that when he repents, he is put in again, and then if he falls he is scratched out once more; and so he goes in and out of the door, as he would in and out of his own house. He goes in at one door and out of another. He is sometimes the child of God, and sometimes the child of the devil — sometimes an heir of Heaven, and anon an heir of Hell. And I know one man who went so far as to say that although a man might have persevered through grace for sixty years, yet should he fall away the last year of his life — if he should sin and die so, he would perish everlastingly, and all his faith, and all the love which God had manifested to him in the days gone by would go for nothing. I am very happy to say that such a notion of God is just the very notion I have of the devil. I could not believe in such a God, and could not bow down before Him. A God that loves today and hates tomorrow; a God that gives a promise, and yet foreknows after all that man shall not see the promise fulfilled; a God that forgives and punishes — that justifies and afterwards executes — is a God that I cannot endure. He is not the God of the Scriptures, I am certain; for He is immutable, just, holy and true, and having loved His own, He will love them to the end, and if He hath given a promise to any man the promise shall be kept, and that man once in grace is in grace for ever, and shall without fail by-and-by enter into glory.

And then to finish up this point. The covenant is everlasting, because it will never run itself out. It will be fulfilled but it will stand firm. When Christ hath completed all, and brought every believer to Heaven; when the Father hath seen all His people gathered in — the covenant, it is true, will come to a consummation, but not to a conclusion, for thus the covenant runs: The heirs of grace shall be blessed for ever, and as long as "for ever" lasts, this everlasting covenant will demand the happiness, the security, the glorification of every object of it.

III. Having thus noticed the everlasting character of the covenant, I conclude by the sweetest and most precious portion of the doctrine — the relation which the blood bears to it — THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT. The blood of Christ stands in a four-fold relationship to the covenant. With regard to Christ, His precious blood shed in Gethsemane, in Gabbatha and Golgotha, is the fulfillment of the covenant. By this blood sin is cancelled; by Jesus' agonies justice is satisfied, by His death the law is honoured; and by that precious blood in all its mediatorial efficacy, and in all its cleansing power, Christ fulfills all that He stipulated to do on the behalf of His people towards God. Oh, believer, look to the blood of Christ, and remember that there is Christ's part of the covenant carried out. And now, there is nothing for thee to do; Jesus has done it all; there is nothing for freewill to supply; Christ has done everything that God can demand. The blood is the fulfillment of the debtor's side of the covenant, and now God becomes bound by His own solemn oath to show grace and mercy to all whom Christ has redeemed by His blood. With regard to the blood in another respect, it is to God the Father the bond of the covenant. When I see Christ dying on the cross, I see the everlasting God from that time, if I may use the term of Him who ever must be free, bound by His own oath and covenant to carry out every stipulation. Does the covenant say: "A new heart will I give thee, and a right spirit will I put within you?" It must be done, for Jesus died, and Jesus' death is the seal of the covenant. Does it say: "I will sprinkle pure water upon them and they shall be clean; from all their iniquities will I cleanse them?" Then it must be done, for Christ has fulfilled His part. And, therefore, now we can present the covenant no more as a thing of doubt, but as our claim on God through Christ; and as we come humbly on our knees, pleading that covenant, our heavenly Father will not deny the promises contained therein, but will make everyone of them "yea and amen" to us through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Then, again, the blood of the covenant has relation to us as the objects of the covenant, and that is its third light; it is not only a fulfillment as regards Christ, and a bond as regards His father, but it is an evidence as regards ourselves. And here, dear brothers and sisters, let me speak affectionately to you. Are you relying wholly upon the blood? Has His blood — the precious blood of Christ — been laid to your conscience? Have you seen your sins pardoned, through His blood? Have you received forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus? Are you glorying in His sacrifice, and is His cross your only hope and refuge? Then you are in the covenant. Some men want to know whether they are elect. We cannot tell them unless they will tell us this. Dost thou believe? Is thy faith fixed on the precious blood? Then thou art in the covenant. And oh, poor sinner, if thou hast nothing to recommend thee; if thou are standing back and saying: "I dare not come! I am afraid! I am not in the covenant!" still Christ bids thee come. "Come unto me," saith He. "If thou canst not come to the covenant Father, come to the covenant Surety. Come unto me and I will give thee rest." And when thou hast come to Him, and His blood has been applied to thee, doubt not but that in the red roll of election stands thy name. Canst thou read thy name in the bloody characters of a Saviour's atonement? Then shalt thou read it one day in the golden letters of the Father's election! He that believeth is elected. The blood is the symbol, the token, the earnest, the surety, the seal of the covenant of grace to thee. It must ever be the telescope through which thou canst look to see the things that are afar off. Thou canst not see thy elec-

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tion with the naked eye, but through the blood of Christ thou canst see it clear enough. Trust thou in the blood, poor sinner, and then the blood of the everlasting covenant is a proof that thou art an heir of Heaven.

Lastly, the blood stands in a relationship to all three, and here I may add that the blood is the glory of all. To the Son it is the fulfillment, to the Father the bond, to the sinner the evidence, and to all — to Father, Son and sinner — it is the common glory and the common boast. In this the Father is well pleased; in this the Son also, with joy, looks down and sees the purchase of His agonies; and in this must the sinner ever find his comfort and his everlasting song — "Jesus, thy blood and righteousness, are my glory, my song, for ever and ever!"

And now, my dear hearers, I have one question to ask, and I have done. Have you the hope that you are in the covenant? Have you put your trust in the blood? Though you imagine, perhaps, from what I have been saying, that the gospel is freely preached to all. The decree is limited, but the good news, is as wide as the universe. I tell it to every creature under Heaven, because I am told to do so. The secret of God, which is to deal with the application, that is restricted to God's chosen ones, but not the message, for that is to be proclaimed to all nations. Now thou hast heard the gospel many and many a time in thy life. It runs thus: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Dost thou believe that? And is this thy hope — something like this: "I am a sinner. I trust Christ has died for me; I put my trust in the merit of His blood, and, sink or swim, I have no other hope than this."

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upon it He has chosen thee. If thy tearful eye is looking to Him, then His omniscient eye is looking unto thee.

But art thou a proud, boastful, free-willer, saying: "I will repent and believe whenever I choose; I have as good a right to be saved as anybody, for I do my duty as well as others, and I shall doubtless get my reward" — if you are claiming a universal atonement, which is to be received at the option of man's will, go and claim it, and you will be disappointed in your claim. You will find God will not deal with you on that ground at all, but will say: "Get thee hence, I never knew thee. He that cometh not to me through the Son cometh not at all." I believe the man who is not willing to submit to the electing love and sovereign grace of God, has great reason to question whether he is a Christian at all, for the spirit that kicks against that is the spirit of the devil, and the spirit of the unhumbled, unrenowned heart. May God take away out of your heart the enmity to His own precious truth, and reconcile you to it and then reconcile you to Himself through THE BLOOD of His Son, which is the bond and seal of the everlasting covenant.



"Repentance"

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I am not hurting anyone but myself, but until the Lord comes into our lives, we are under the power of Satan, and his every motive is to hurt and destroy all that pertains unto God, and until God regenerates us our every motive is sinful. Knowledge and the wisdom of this world is what the depraved sinner uses most to fight against God. The first time we read any thing about Saul, who was later Paul, is when deacon Stephen was being stoned to death, "and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" — Acts 7:58-60.

For the next two years, the history of this young man Saul was of his persecuting the church, binding the saints, giving his voice against them, having them put to death, showing that with the kind of a mind and spirit we are born, there is not one particle of good about us. Paul later writes about just what kind of people we are before regeneration: "for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" — Rom. 3:9-19.

When we can see ourselves in this depraved sinful condition, it is then we will repent. As our text tells us, "repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." From the time that Paul had this heavenly vision on the Damascus road, his life was

then completely changed. He did not take the papers and show them to the authorities and say, "I have come to take back to Jerusalem those people who believe in Christ Jesus, and have them tried and sentenced as prescribed by law." No, he did not do that, but rather he went into the city of Damascus as commanded by our Lord, and there he was properly baptized as a member of the Baptist Church of Damascus, by Pastor Ananias, and straightway he preached that Christ Jesus was the Son of God (Acts 9:20). And he preached this in the synagogue of the Jews, which is the kind of works that proves we have been regenerated — born from above.

A preacher has a great mission — God calls them for a purpose. I have never read any where in the Holy Scriptures where God called a man to preach, and then that man did his own bidding. No, but they have a message and that message is God-given. We are to tell of the things that we have seen, and of the field in the which God will send us. Our God-given message is to be with the power of God, to the extent those that hear us will turn unto Christ as it pleases Him. First, their eyes will be opened, and they will see they are in darkness. The Gospel of Christ Jesus will turn the sinner from darkness unto the light — the Lord Jesus Christ is the light. Why we are born depraved lost sinners is because of Adam's disobedience: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" — Rom. 5:12.

So, without a Saviour, we will die lost in our sins. We hope we can lead someone to see this since man is born a sinner, and helpless. God had to provide a remedy for man's sins, and that is why God, in His mighty power, overshadowed the Virgin Mary, causing her to become pregnant with Christ Jesus our Lord. Mary was a virgin, and knew not a man, and while she was in this virginity, without any man's help, she conceived from God Almighty, and gave birth unto Christ Jesus — the one and only sinless man that ever was born on this earth. He was born that way for one purpose, and that was to save the people of God from their sins: "For as by one man's disobedience (Adam's) many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Jesus Christ) shall many be made righteous" — Rom. 5:19.

That was why Christ Jesus appeared unto Paul on the Damascus road, to prove to him that He (Jesus) was the only way he could be made acceptable unto God our Heavenly Father; that is why Jesus had to die—His life was the one sacrifice that had to be made for our sins.

In the epistle unto the Hebrews, we read this Scripture concerning the animal sacrifices that the priest made each year, first, for his own sins, then after, for the sins of the people.

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Therefore 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 come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God" — Heb. 10:4-7.

The Hebrews are the Jewish people. It was they that God chose out of all people of the world, as His elect nation. God, also, gave them the ordinance of the Passover feast when the lamb would be slain. Each year every male had to appear three times, but only one time each year was there a lamb slain for to make atonement for man's sins, but this had to be done over and over each year.

"And every high priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

But this man (Christ Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice (His body that God prepared Him) for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering (that of His own body, Himself) he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" — Hebrews 10:11-14.

That is the one and only sacrifice that will turn people from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Jesus told the unbelieving Jews, "I go my way, and ye shall see me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come" — John 5:21.

In this same chapter and book Jesus continues: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" — John 8:24.

The greater part of those that heard Jesus speak these words did not believe Him. They thought they did not need Him, just like the average sinner of today. They think they will be saved without faith in Christ Jesus, and to the people Jesus said these words to prove there is an elect people of God, and there is a non-elect people. "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" — John 8:47.

"When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" — John 8:28-32.

In this gathering Jesus was speaking unto, there were some that did not believe Him. In fact the most of them did not believe Him. Then, there were a few that did believe Him and it was to these believers He exhorted them to continue in His Word, and in so doing they would know the truth, and this truth would make them free. You see, there were only those few who believed to the extent that they repented of their sin of unbelief. They would not have believed, had not God given them the faith to believe. Satan loses when God gives us the gift of faith to believe. When we turn from Satan and his power unto God, our eyes have been opened.

We hope these series of messages of repentance have been the means of God, using them to His own glory, in turning someone from the power of Satan unto God, and that someone has seen the light as Paul did. If you have, we say God bless and keep and lead you, and may you apply for membership in a sound missionary Baptist Church.

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