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Thanksgiving Weekend Bible Conference

Calvary Baptist Church has voted to have a Bible Conference November 26-28. We will be doing a little different this year than in former times. The number of speakers will be less but they will be given more time. We will get underway on Wednesday evening and end on Friday night. Our readers are asked to make note of this and to begin making plans to attend. More details and complete information will be announced soon.

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The Benefactor And Robber

"Will a man rob God, yet ye have robbed me?" One Sabbath a gentleman was going to church. On his way he saw a number of boys playing on the common. He wanted very much to show them how wrong it was for them to be so doing, but he knew that if he began to reprove them, they would not listen to him. So he walked leisurely up to them and sat down on the grass. Presently in a pleasant familiar tone, he said: "Boys, I want to tell you a story." Directly they all gathered unsuspectingly around him and he began as follows: "There was once a good man who was noted for his kindness and liberality. At the time of which I speak, he was on a journey. As he was pursuing his way along a lonely road, he met a man who represented himself as having suffered a great loss, in consequence of which he was in deep distress. With his usual kindness, the good man instantly drew out his purse, and after examining it he said: 'I have only seven pounds with me, but I think that with one pound I can get to the end of my journey, and you shall have the rest.' With this he handed the man the six pounds. Was not that generous? Would not you have thought that the beggar must have gone off, feeling very grateful and contented? Certainly, we should have expected this; but he was not. He was not a beggar at all, but a robber; and seeing that the good man had still one pound in his purse,

he knocked him down with a club and stole his last pound from him."

The boys were very indignant on hearing this. They all cried out against the shameful conduct of the robber. One of them went so far as to say he didn't think anybody could be found so wicked as that. "Now, stop!" said the gentleman, "let me tell you, boys, that is just what you are doing. God has given you freely six days out of the seven for your own use. He has kept one for Himself to be kept holy and spent in worshipping Him and you are so mean as to rob Him even of that." The boys hung down their heads. They had not a word to say but broke up their play and went off.—Dr. Newton's Illustrations of the Commandments.

By E. R. ROBERTS
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There are six unanswerable proofs that fermented wine was used by our Lord in instituting and administering the first Communion Service. If He used wine, ought we not to do as He? To ask the question is to answer it!

(1) The Jewish Passover. The elements (the bread and drink) of the Lord's Supper were provided for from the elements of the Passover Supper. As our Lord and His disciples were eating the Passover Supper, He stopped and washed their feet — afterwards, He took the bread and drink of the Passover Supper and instituted the Lord's Supper to take its place. Matt. 27:17-19; Jn. 13:1-17.

Any Jewish historian will tell us that fermented wine ONLY was used in the Passover drink.

(2) Paul refers to the Lord's Supper cup as the "cup of blessing" in I Cor. 16:16. This title was the name for the third cup in the Jewish Passover Feast that was ALWAYS filled with wine mixed with water! This cup Christ used in the First Communion! Listen to the following authorities. An Expository Dictionary of N.T. Words by W. E. Vine, page 261, says, "The cup of blessing . . . is so named from the third cup in the Jewish Passover Feast, over which thanks and praise were given to God." Unger's Bible Dictionary, page 230, says, "It is called in Jewish writings just as Paul, 'the cup of blessing,' and is supposed to refer to the third cup of wine drunk at the Passover Feast." The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible, page 567, The Interpreter's Dictionary

of the Bible, page 159, The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 10, pages 348-349, The One Volume Bible Commentary edited by J. R. Dummelow, page 908, and many others all teach that the cup of blessing is the name for the third cup of wine in the Passover Feast.

(3) Christ called the substance of the cup, "the fruit of the vine," in Matt. 26:29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18. This phrase was the technical term for the wine in the cup of blessing! The blessing said over the cup of wine used this phrase for the wine in this cup. The Preacher's Complete Homiletic Commentary on the Books of the Bible, Vol. 28, page 212, says of the cup of blessing, "cup of wine solemnly drunk at the Passover Supper over which the Master of the feast said, 'Blessed be thou O Lord God, the King of the World, who hast created the fruit of the' (Continued on page 7, column 4)

WINE IN COMMUNION? YES!

Haven't Forgotten T.B.E. Have You?



In the past, you have not forgotten us when we needed your help. Well, we need your help right now more than you can imagine. As everyone knows, inflation is hitting everyone and at present, it is hitting us extremely hard.

In May, we were hit with a labor increase. In June, paper costs were increased. In July, postage rates were increased. And during the summer months, many of our regular supporters aren't able to help as much as they normally do because of their work or lack of work.

Right now, we are exceedingly hard-pressed and regardless of the amount, we would appreciate your offering. Your letters will be an encouragement to us and please remember us in prayer at this crucial time.

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Roy Waugh

"Abortion: Blessing Or Abomination"

PART III

8. What Is God's Message?

One thing seems to be clear!

Those who practice or who promote abortion are providing us with a message. Clearly, they wish they had never been born, or they selfishly resent the birth of anyone else.

All such would seem to be spiritually sick, at least. Their attitude is utterly contrary to that of God. He commanded that His creatures should "be fruitful and multiply."

And on several occasions, He commanded His human creations to "be fruitful and multiply."

These who promote and practice abortion obviously defy the command of God. Further, they evidently blaspheme the Word of God as they insist on destroying fetal life when God has definitely declared: "Thou shalt not kill" Deut. 5:17. God, through Moses, has shown us that "The life of the flesh is in the blood," and the Lord specifies, "Whoso sheddeth man's

blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Gen. 9:6. These who promote or practice abortion have taken a position in defiance of Almighty God.

These who promote and practice abortion show themselves to be "haters of God" and "without natural affection." Very simply, they are sick. And to the extent that American society is caught up in this defiance of God, the society itself is sick, pitifully sick!

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WHITE HOUSE EVIL

By O. B. BAKER
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"When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Prov. 29:2).
"Who can find a virtuous woman?" (Prov. 31:10).

With the above Scripture references before us, let us consider a very important matter relative to the statement and actions of those occupying the place of highest regard in our nation — the White House. The following articles appeared in the DAILY NEWS, published in Dayton, Ohio, on Aug. 11, 1975.

1. "Affairs, pot don't shake Mrs. Ford"

2. "Ford son takes 'undie-dip'."

Call us "Victorian," "Old Fogies," or what ever, but when the wife of the President (?) of

our nation comes out in the news with such statements, as reported in the above article, it is time for God's people to become alarmed.

The Bible is full of warnings, and also of God's wrath being poured out on nations who forsake the leadership of God's moral law. We are reminded of Nineveh, Sodom and Gomorrah, and even God's chosen nation, Israel. We, therefore, fear for our own beloved nation, if we allow this ungodly and immoral philosophy to remain in the White House.

A wife (?) who boasts of being a "liberated" woman, and advocates the same for all other wives, is openly defying the plain command of God which says: "And he (the husband) shall rule over thee" (Gen. 3:16).

A mother (?) who would say that it would not faze her should her 18-year-old daughter say, "Mother, I'm having an affair," (illicit-sex) is an abnormal and (Continued on page 8, column 3)

CATS AND TOBACCO

Cats don't chew tobacco, dogs don't chew of course; Cows don't chew it either, neither does the horse; Hogs are filthy creatures, hens are bad enough They eat most anything, but they won't touch that stuff. Just men and women use it, they smoke right on the street I'd be ashamed to use what dogs and hogs won't eat. There's a little tobacco shop that everyone can close; There's a little tobacco shop, sir, right under your nose.

—Herbert Buffum

WHAT OF ETERNITY?

By Maj. D. R. NAPIER
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Many have heard the doubting remarks of fatuous ones regarding eternal life. Many say them thoughtlessly and some seriously. Most of us recognize them for what they are: merely statements with no conscious thought behind them, as in the case with so many of us in other avenues.

They have failed to recognize and welcome the instinct of immortality that has endured down the echoing corridors of time in every human heart under the sun, including their own. They have apparently ignored the signs that have been everywhere in every age. Moses was at Sinai long before Jesus was born to the virgin Mary. Hope flamed eternal in the breasts of the shepherds at Bethlehem before martyrs burned on the flaming crosses in Nero's gardens.

Nothing can ever vanquish the (Continued on page 8, column 5)

New Subscription Price Takes Effect October 1

Calvary Baptist Church voted September 3, 1975, to double the subscription price of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. This was done after much prayerful and careful consideration of the many things involved. Circumstances are forcing us to double the present price.

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This is being done to keep the paper in the black and to offset ever increasing cost over which we have no control. The inflation in this country is the primary factor in all of this. I feel that as editor I am responsible to pay all bills on time. This I cannot do unless I have the money in TBE fund. Our employees expect their money on Friday just like all people who work.

What we have been charging for a year's subscription does not much more than pay the postage. At the special rate of \$1.00 we were actually losing money. Our new price is still cheaper than most weekly publications of my

knowledge.

Many secular and religious papers and magazines have been forced out of business by increasing costs and inflation. I want to do all in my power to see that this does not happen to TBE. Our church desires to keep the paper in print until Jesus Christ returns. This we will do by God's grace and the help of other churches and interested individuals. It takes something like \$65,000 to \$70,000 a year to keep the paper in the mail.

Had our church not made a liberal donation to the paper fund this week, our fund would not have been sufficient to meet this week's obligations. Our church was glad to do this. I cannot promise that we will be able to continue to do this.

I pray that our readers will accept the new increases in Christian love and understanding. No one would have liked to have kept the price down more than I, but it seemed we had no alternative.

As of October 1, 1975, these new prices will go into effect. This means you can renew or subscribe until then at the old price. I suggest that you take advantage of this opportunity while you can. The good old days of \$2.00 a year will be forever past after the aforementioned date.



Dear Bro. Cockrell,

After receiving my TBE yesterday and reading it, I am impressed to drop you a few lines. First, to say I still appreciate and enjoy it very much. I cannot command words to explain the value of it. I do not see how any true child of God could condemn it.

I was saddened when I read the note from Bobby G. Cyrus, requesting his name to be removed from the mailing list and calling TBE filthy trash. If TBE is trash

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Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now in Glory



"WORSHIP"

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth" (Psalm 96:9).

At the very outset may I remind you that worship is one of the most important aspects in any people's life. The Bible speaks much, and often, about worship. Many times it speaks about false worship. Sometimes it speaks of true worship. Surely, worship must be an important thing, judging by the many times that it is spoken of within the Word of God.

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY GO THROUGH A FORM OF WORSHIP AND YET BE IGNORANT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Take, for example, the exper-

ience of the Ethiopian eunuch. Here was a man who had been to Jerusalem, yet not as a political envoy. He hadn't been there on business of the state. He hadn't been there as an ambassador of his government. Rather, the Word of God tells us that he had been to the city of Jerusalem to worship. Listen:

"And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem FOR TO WORSHIP" (Acts 8:27).

Now here is a man who had gone on a holy pilgrimage. He

had made a journey all the way to Jerusalem for worship purposes yet this man was positively ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ, much so that when Philip joined himself to the chariot of this Ethiopian eunuch and read to him the fifty-third chapter of the book of Isaiah, the eunuch didn't even know whether the prophet was speaking of himself or of some other man. He had no knowledge that the prophet was speaking of Jesus Christ, his Saviour.

Now, beloved, here is a man who has made a holy pilgrimage. Here is a man who has gone far to worship, yet he is ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ as a Saviour. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

promote and practice the shedding of "innocent blood." These, also, are suffering the spiritual and rational sickness which enables them to walk in the miasma of Satanic gloom without being able to see where they are going.

The message of God is clear.

First, He sent His created humans forth to multiply and "fill the earth." Then, in His commands to Noah, Abraham and Jacob, He sent His created humans forth to multiply and replenish the earth." God, in this, testified

WE GOOFED!

We listed in our paper "Cook's History of the Baptists" for \$3.50. It is \$7.00 instead. We must have confused it with Brother Cook's book on Revelation.

The price is also incorrect on the indexed edition of Strong's Concordance. We listed it at \$18.95, when it should have been \$21.95. The plain edition is still \$16.95. All indexed books are going sky high. We are sorry about this, but there is little that we can do about it.

to the sacredness of life. God was giving a holy purpose to sexual activity which the promoters and practitioners of abortion apparently do not know.

Surely, any religious leader, any professional, any legal authority, any civic-minded person, and any individual who has been caught-up in the abortion rage has become an enemy of God and of His Christ. These apparently have never known or they have forgotten that it is the Devil himself who causes the nations to rage and "who, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour." (I Pet. 5:8).

The realization and the recognition that the promotion and the practice of abortion is contrary to the Will and the Word of God should cause all thinking men and women to re-evaluate their positions. All who claim to have a personal relationship with God through faith in Christ and who have become involved in the promotion or the practice of abortion may need to "examine" themselves and determine "whether they be in the faith..." (II Cor. 13:5).

Second, God makes it clear that He is pleased with the conceiving and the giving of birth to children.

In the Word of the Lord which He has provided us through "holy men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (II Peter 1:21), we learn that Adam considered his children to be gifts of God. He said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord" (Gen. 4:

1). Some years later we hear Rachael saying, "God hath... heard my voice, and hath given me a son." (Gen. 30:6). Although David knew the tragedy and the sorrow of loss, he yet could proclaim, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward" (Psa. 127:3).

Those who promote and practice abortion may assume that the "begetting" of children is a totally human act. Yet, just as Moses knew "the life of the flesh is in the blood" thousands of years before scientists and medical men discovered this truth, so God has a message for us concerning the conceiving and the gestation of fetal life.

Job comprehensively declares, "Thine hands have made me and fashioned me round about" (Job 10:8). The Psalmist sees the matter quite clearly several times. In one, we note, "Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves" (Psa. 100:3). Again we hear, "Thy hands have made me and fashioned me." (Psa. 119:73). Surely, the Psalmist reached a glorious height of insight when he said, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knows quite well" (Psa. 139:4).

Can we not grasp the wonder in the words of the ancient preacher? He may have lived more than 2500 years ago, but he speaks a word of great insight and truth for this very hour in which we live. Any who have even a degree of understanding should be able to grasp the import of his words: (Continued on page 6, column 3)

BRIEF NOTES

On September 19, 1975, the Bethel Baptist Church of Covington, Ky., will celebrate its fifth anniversary as a New Testament Church. Special services are planned for September 26-27. Various speakers will be on the program. Brother Don Pennington is the pastor of the church. You are invited to attend these special anniversary services.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland has an official radio voice, called "The Independent Baptist Hour." For many years our church has had a program on Sunday at 8:30-9:00 a.m. on WTCR Ashland. Now we have extended our broadcast to WFTO in Fulton, Mississippi. The editor conducted a program on this station for six years before moving to Kentucky, under the sponsorship of the Union

Grove Baptist Church of Tilden, Mississippi. Due to financial problems, the church there has voted to turn the sponsorship over to Calvary Baptist in Ashland. Those living within listening distance of WFTO are invited to continue to tune in to the program at 1:00-1:30 p.m. each Sunday afternoon.

Patience, brethren! We have had good response in the area of manuscripts for the paper. We can only print a limited number each week.

At present we are receiving too many long manuscripts. The longer the manuscripts the longer we will be in getting it printed. We have a crying need of some brief articles of one to two pages. Many would do well to condense and not be so long-winded.

As editor, I would like to suggest that our writers consider writing more articles of a positive nature. It is good to expose heresy, but we should never get so busy exposing heresy that we neglect to set forth the positive truth. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and sovereign grace Baptist churches will never go very far on the demerits of others. If we are to be blessed of God and fruitful in His kingdom work, we must go on the message of truth which we preach.

The New Testament Baptist Church of Goshen, Indiana, and Pastor Dan Stepp will have special services September 24-28. The meeting will begin on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Ralph Hawkins of Nappanee, Indiana, doing the preaching. On Thursday evening, at the same time, Bro. Joe (Little) Wilson of Toledo, Ohio, and Bro. Ralph Hawkins will speak. Little Joe will be the speaker on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

Services will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. with Bro. Jim Everman of Hobart, Indiana, and Bro. Paul Tiber of Burton, Ohio, as speakers. Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:30. During the afternoon session Bro. Melvin Thompson of Elyria, Ohio, will speak, followed by Bro. Wayne Gregory of Windsor, Illinois, and Bro. Richard Farnham of Noblesville, Indiana.

The meeting will conclude on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Medford Caudill of Hanover, Michigan, doing the preaching. The church is located south of Goshen on state road 15, then on county road 38 west three miles. Those desiring more information may contact Bro. Dan Stepp at 219-862-4668. You are invited to attend these services.

"Worship"

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Though he visited with religious Jews, and though he worshipped within the temple at Jerusalem, he knew nothing of the Lord Jesus Christ. On his way home, when Philip got into the riot and talked with him, the Word of God says that he took the Scriptures and showed him from the Scriptures about Jesus, we read:

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and PREACHED UNTO HIM JESUS" (Acts. 8:35).

I say, beloved friends, an individual may go through a form of worship and yet be ignorant of Christ as his Saviour.

I cite you another instance: when the Apostle Paul went to the city of Athens, he waited for his brethren to catch up with him. The Word of God indicates that he had become separated in the providence of God from some of the preacher brethren who were accompanying him, and while he thus waited he walked about the city of Athens. There he saw a town that was wholly given over to idolatry. On every street they had an idol. On every street there was some kind of foreign god or idol that had been built unto a heathen god. As Paul walked about and read the inscriptions on those idols he was impressed by the multiplicity of those idols and those gods. It had been said by the religious historians that a man could count the population of the city of Athens, but no man could count the heathen gods that were worshipped within the city of Athens.

As Paul walked about and noticed the number of these gods, and read the inscriptions as to whom these gods represented, he saw one god that was strange. It had an inscription underneath it saying, "To the Unknown God."

Here was a city that was so religious the folk had a god to the sun, a god to the moon and a god to all the stars; a god to the fish, a god to the birds, and a god to all the animals. They had a god to everything that they could think of, and then afraid that they would overlook some god, they put up another idol saying, "To the Unknown God."

We read: "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' Hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:22-23).

Now, beloved, notice this fact. Here were people who were so religious that they erected an altar to the unknown god for fear they had overlooked some god, and Paul said, "You are ignorantly worshipping." Here were people who were worshipping, but they were ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Once a man came to see me who was a member of a so-called church of another denomination. In the course of the conversation, he told me of the worship of his church. He told me that he was a high churchman—that he didn't believe in the low church, meaning by that, a church that was "all ritual" in every particular. He told me how beautiful it seemed to him. He said, "Of course, it is not much different from the Catholics, but it is so beautiful." I talked to that individual, and he knew absolutely nothing about the Lord Jesus Christ except that there was one day a man named Jesus who lived within the world, but to say that man knew Jesus Christ as his Saviour—to say that man knew that Jesus Christ had died for his sins—to say that man knew anything other than the ritual of his church would be impossible. I say, beloved friends, both from my own experience and

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:

Where does it tell about a shore dinner for eight persons?

Answer:

John 21:2, 13: "There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples . . . Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise." The eight are accounted for by including Jesus and remembering that there were two sons of Zebedee. The meal took place on the shore, as verse 9 reveals.

from my observation and from my study of the Bible, I am convinced a man can go through a form of worship and still be ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

II

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY WORSHIP AND HIS WORSHIP BE CONSIDERED A VAIN WORSHIP.

"But in VAIN they do worship me, teaching FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN" (Matt. 15:9).

Our Lord said, in substance, some people worship Me, but it is in vain, because the way they worship Me is not according to my word and my teachings and my commandments. They are worshipping me through the commandments of men.

Is it possible that a man might even worship Jesus Christ and yet his worship be vain? Yes. When? When he is worshipping in the light of the commandments of men and not in the light of the teachings of the Word of God.

Let's take an example. There is, supposedly, Easter Sunday. Who said so? The man in the moon. He changes it every year. The fact of the matter is, the man in the moon is wholly and solely responsible whether we have Easter early or late, whether we have Easter in March or April or May. On Easter, if you'd ask the average individual about his worship, he would say that he was worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. In the first place, he is worshipping on a holiday that is designated not by the Son of God and not by any teaching of the Bible, but rather is designated wholly by the spring equinox of the sun and the moon.

Everything pertaining to this holiday is contrary to the Bible. It starts out by a Palm Sunday, teaching that Jesus Christ came into the city of Jerusalem one week before His resurrection, on what is known as Palm Sunday. I challenge any individual that that in itself is a lie, for when the Son of God made His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey, he did not do so on Sunday. I challenge any man to prove that it was on a Sunday.

But not only does it begin with a lie, it continues as such. We have an Ash Wednesday, a Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday in the week preceding the so-called Easter Sunday, yet there is no truth to any of these special religious days.

Sometime ago a man said to me, "This is Good Friday. Why aren't you meeting with the rest of the preachers?" I said, "What's good about it, more than any other Friday?" He said, "This is the day that our Lord died." I said, "Do you believe that?" He said, "With all my heart I believe it."

I said, "My brother, how far did you go in school?" He had gone to the sixth grade. I said, "Well,

up to the sixth grade they at least taught you to count, didn't they? You have sense enough to count up to three, haven't you?" I said, "You listen and count with me. In Matthew 12:40 the Lord Jesus Christ said, 'For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.'" I said, "Now if you have sense enough to count to three, you start with Friday and count three days and three nights and get Jesus Christ crucified on Friday and risen on Sunday morning." He said, "It just doesn't work, does it?"

No, beloved, it doesn't work. There isn't anything about Easter that isn't a lie from beginning to end. There's not one word of truth about Jesus Christ rising from the dead on Sunday morning. If you will take the Word of God and study it carefully, you will find that the Son of God came out of the grave approximately at 6:00 o'clock on Saturday evening, and any thought other than that is a perversion of the Word of God.

In addition, I have a hard time seeing how these funny looking hats that are made of cornstalks, and violets and all kinds of flowers, and bunny rabbits and Easter eggs and Easter candy honors the Lord Jesus Christ. I have a hard time seeing how the Easter parade, with everyone with new dresses and new clothes marching around on the streets observing Easter, has any connection with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Somehow when I see folk

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out walking on Easter I think of that song, "We're marching to Zion with our new Easter finery on." Of course, that is a little change from the way you ordinarily sing it, but that is about the way that it ought to be sung.

I tell you, beloved, that is a commandment of man. Jesus said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

I'll turn from that to Christmas, and I'll say that Christmas is nothing in the world but a heathen, pagan holiday. Not one time are we ever taught in the Bible to observe the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are told to observe His death. But the Devil is a shrewd old Devil. He doesn't want people to think about the death of Jesus Christ. He is shrewd enough that he will teach people that Jesus was born, but, beloved, the birth of Jesus in itself means nothing. In fact, the birth of the Son of God into this world in itself would be no more than the birth of any other child that was ever born. The Devil will teach people to observe the birth of Jesus, and falsely observe the resurrection, but there's not one word in the religious holidays of the world about the observance of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But you say, "Brother Gilpin, when we come to Christmas, we think about the baby Jesus." Do you? How much do you think about Him? He is the cause of Christmas and yet, when you give gifts, you give them to everybody but Jesus. Wouldn't that be some way to observe your birth? (Continued on page 4, column 3)

A REVIEW OF REFORMED BAPTIST ECCLESIOLOGY

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On John Thornbury's Treatise

"THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH"

Dear Brother—

As I consider the wonderful manner in which you Reformed Baptists are standing for the old gospel of Jesus Christ, my heart is gladdened. I thank God and take courage for the spiritual understanding manifested by your presentation of the historic Baptist DOCTRINES OF GRACE. For, after all, as all well informed historians know, John Calvin was brought into the truth through the efforts of some of his Anabaptistic relatives of southern France. Yes, he even had some of our Anabaptistic forefathers come to Geneva later and help him. You may be surprised to find out that at the very beginning of the Reformation, the leaders were upon the border of rejecting totally infant baptism and sprinkling. But due to the fear of going too far too fast, and to keep a hold on the people these human traditions were retained in the Reformed system.

I am thankful that you brethren are believers in the Sovereign and Free Grace of God. I hope this means you have enough spiritual insight to come to the truth concerning the full Counsel of God. Reformed Baptist Brethren—what is the pillar and ground of the truth . . . the Five Points of Calvinism, the Faith of the Reformers, or the New Testament Church and its system? You will do well not to answer that the UNIVERSAL INVISIBLE CHURCH is the pillar and ground because God even has some of His people in Babylon and would you say that with their errors, those in Babylon are upholding the truth? What about the Arminians in the supposed UNIVERSAL, INVISIBLE CHURCH? Are they upholding the truth? I think not. The pillar and the ground of the truth includes ALL THE TRUTH! And very few qualify in that respect. Yes, you have recovered the old historic Baptist gospel, but it will be short lived unless you take precaution of recovering and presenting the truth in God's revealed manner. And, should your present course persist, you will soon be cut down and your witness will be brought to nothing in a few years. Remember that in less than 20 years following C. H. Spurgeon's death, his great church fell into Arminianism and lost most of its power, membership and life. And, brethren, who is now among you or us who has the power and ability of a C.H.S.? Watch, dear Reformed Baptist Brethren, for your foundation is not as Christ did lay.

I closed the last article by showing that many of the great Baptist leaders of both the North and South believed in a figurative, universal, VISIBLE Baptist Church. This was not a literal body or church but only a figurative idea. They held that the VISIBLE UNIVERSAL CHURCH was made up of the sum total of all the local N.T. churches. Dr. Graves' claims were, brethren, ekklesia must always refer either to the local, visible body, or to the figurative meaning, the ideal meaning, one used in the place of all. He labored to show that the UNIVERSAL, VISIBLE CHURCH OF THE GREAT BAPTISTS of the past is nothing more than what he called THE KINGDOM OF GOD! Do you remember Dr. J. M. C. Breaker's statements?:

"In every place where the word occurs, it means either a particular local congregation of professed Christians, or the whole body of the professed disciples of Christ—that is, the aggregate, not of the churches, but of the membership of all THE LOCAL CHURCHES."—Op., Cit.

This was the figurative or secondary meaning which most Baptist giants before the J. R. Graves' era held. I promised to show the difference between Dr. Graves' idea and these brethren and I will now. First, however, you should note that the difference is not one of purpose and extent, but simply of terms. Dr. Graves said:

"If Dr. Breaker will substitute 'kingdom of Christ' of this 'church universal' and hold that it is composed of the local churches, I think it will materially relieve his definition from serious objections, and conform it to the teachings of the New Testament."—Intercommunion, page 111.

What Dr. Graves called the KINGDOM most older Baptists called the general, or secondary meaning of the term church . . . THE TOTAL OF ALL THE LOCAL AND VISIBLE CHURCHES! But, they did not consider it as a UNIVERSAL, INVISIBLE CHURCH made up of all different denominations and that the Baptists were simply one of the many boys.

The Reformed Baptist universal, invisible church is not the same as the historic secondary meaning of the great Baptists of the past. Dr. J. M. C. Breaker wrote for *The Christian Review*, which, with *The Baptist Magazine*, were for years, the standard organs of the old Trinnial Baptist Convention which later became the Northern Baptist Convention. Reformed Baptists claim

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"If a church has differences in believing, can they all still be in one accord?"

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"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another" (I Cor. 12:26).

The doctrinal beliefs of the church are of vital importance and must constantly and strongly be affirmed.

The test of unity will, however, be found in the loving concern of each member for the others.

It is entirely probable — in fact it is entirely necessary — to make allowances for relatively minor difference of beliefs which may exist among the members, otherwise very few churches, indeed, would survive.

We strongly urge that any member who finds himself in minor disagreement with the stated beliefs of the church remain silent. It will serve no useful purpose to "evangelize" the point — unless, of course, he is intent upon dividing the church. The dissenter's love and care for the body will be manifest as to how he conducts himself in this regard.

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I would suggest that this would depend upon how serious these differences in belief are. If there are differences in belief in things that lie at the very heart of the Christian faith, they certainly can't be in accord. Take, for instance, belief in the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, His atoning death, His ascension into Heaven, and His coming again. Persons with different views of such foundational truths are bound to be out of fellowship.

On the other hand, the question as to whether the organ or piano is located to the right or left of the pulpit, should not be a divisive question, and yet I knew a church in years gone by, that divided over that question. I supplied for a church once that had a terrible wrangle over the use of a musical instrument in the church. They didn't even believe in having song books. Each member brought his own book. They had no choir, the leader would get up and twang his tuning fork, and get folk started off on the right tune, and I must

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confess, that that church had about the best congregational singing I ever listened to. I don't think that there was enough difference to have caused the trouble that had ensued, but when it resulted in everybody singing, and such good singing, it would have been a mistake to have stirred up a row in an effort to get an organ back in the church.



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I Cor. 1:10 says: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." This verse says we are to believe the same thing and to teach the same thing. There is no room here for differences. The Holy Spirit does not teach one person one thing and then teach someone else something different. So when we teach things that are different, at least one of us is wrong.

In II Cor. 11:18 we read: "I hear that there be divisions among you." Then in verse 20, the real meaning is: "When ye come together therefore into one place, you cannot eat the Lord's Supper." When some in a church believe one thing, and others believe something different and they call themselves taking the Lord's Supper they are making a mockery of it. We are made to wonder why our Lord does not put them to sleep as He did many of the Corinthian saints in verse 30.

Amos 3:3 says: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" To walk together here simply means to have fellowship together. And for people to really and truly have fellowship together they must be in agreement. Fellowship in a meeting of all kinds of churches, and all kinds of beliefs is nothing but a sham, and a very cheap sham at that. And fellowship in the same church where there are different beliefs is no better. The word "accord" comes from "homothumadon" in the Greek and it just simply means "to be of the same mind." So there is just no way for people who have different beliefs to be of the same mind, that is, to be in accord.

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This is a very difficult question to answer. It certainly cannot be answered with a definite yes or no. We must understand that there is not a person who will perfectly agree with another person. We realize that the Bible says: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3); but we must also know that the Bible gives ample teaching that we must consider one another's thoughts. "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations (or but not to judge his doubtful

thoughts)" (Rom. 14:1).

We know that there will be differences of ideas about certain things, and we are told to consider this. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak" (Rom. 15:1). Even though there are different ideas, we are admonished not to strive or fuss over them. "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (II Timothy 2:23-26).

In other words, the Bible is clearly teaching us that we are to avoid strife. We can disagree in love and still fellowship together. "But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain" (Titus 3:9). The person that disagrees and wants to fuss about it does not profit himself or anyone else.

Titus goes on to say: "A man that is an heretick after the first

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and second admonition reject" (Titus 3:10). If a person wants to continue disagreeing in such a way as to cause trouble then we must separate ourselves from them. "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them" (Romans 16:17).

In fact, the book of Proverbs has a very definite statement about such people: "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19).

Yes, there is a sense that we can be in one accord, as long as there is no striving or divisions caused by a difference in belief.

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day? Suppose your friends gave their gifts to everybody else, and overlooked your birthday?

"But, Brother Gilpin, everybody is doing it. The whole world is observing it." That is all the more reason why I know that it is a commandment of man. If it were of God, the world wouldn't observe it. If Christmas were of God, the world would not be interested in it. The very fact that the world observes it, proves that it isn't of God.

We read: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 22:2).

Beloved, it doesn't matter how many people in this world there are who are observing Christmas, the Word of God says that "thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Beloved, it is just a vain worship. Anything which is a

worship of Jesus which isn't in accord with the Word of God is vain worship.

Let's consider for a moment the worship one finds in Mexico. If you ask the people of Mexico, they will tell you that they worship Jesus. But how are they worshipping Him? By crosses. They have crosses on the hills. They have crosses around their necks. They have crosses in their church buildings. They have crosses in roadside shrines where one can stop and pray. They have crosses everywhere except in their hearts. The meaning of the cross has never one time entered into their hearts.

They have candles. People will spend their last peso to buy a candle that they might light in honor of a departed friend, thinking that as that candle burns the light of that candle will in some way light that individual through the oblivion of death onto the other side into the eternal light of God.

They have beads. I never saw as many beads in my life as I saw in Mexico. People would go around the streets with their hands on their beads—counting beads—praying continuously.

They have a confession. You can't go into a Catholic cathedral without finding people down on their knees confessing supposedly their sins into the ears of a human being, yet we read:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 2:5).

I say to you, beloved, when any man worships the Lord Jesus Christ but does not worship Him according to the Bible, he worships Him in the light of man's commandments. Any individual who does so has nothing but a vain worship.

III

WE ARE COMMANDED NOT TO OBSERVE ANY KIND OF A FALSE WORSHIP.

In the Old Testament there was plenty of false worship. We read:

"And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal" (II Kings 17:16).

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul said there was plenty of false worship in his day, and had always been. Listen:

"We changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Rom. 1:25).

Beloved, even though they had false worship in the Old Testament and false worship in the New Testament, and even though there has been false worship all through the years, we are not to bow to, nor have any part in false worship.

Let me give you an example. When Moses went up into the mountain and left Aaron in charge of the camp, while he was gone the people said, "We don't know what has become of Moses. He has been gone for a long time and we don't know what has happened to him. We want some gods." "All right," said Aaron, "give me your earrings," and I can see people pulling off their earrings and giving them to Aaron, and Aaron putting them into a pot and melting them and fashioning them into a calf.

Just about the time they got their heathen worship service functioning properly, dancing naked around that golden calf, Moses put in his appearance. Strange, but God's man got there just in time to observe their heathen worship. As he did so, did he countenance what they were doing? Immediately he called Aaron up on the carpet and said, "Aaron, why did you do it?" Then Aaron said, "The people wanted it and I put in the gold and the calf walked out." Wasn't that a sorry way to explain his inconsistencies?

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Did Moses countenance what they had done? The Word of God tells us that Moses took that golden calf and ground it into powder and scattered it into their water and made the people drink their god that they had made unto themselves. I tell you, beloved, God's man isn't to countenance it, and God's man isn't to bow to false worship.

We have another example of it in the Word of God. You remember the Samaritan woman who met the Lord Jesus Christ at the well of Samaria as recorded in John 4. Do you recall the conversation that passed between those two? Finally, the subject of husbands got a little warm for her and she turned to worship. I can understand why she did. She had had five husbands and was then living with a man who wasn't her husband. The Lord Jesus told her about it, and she didn't like the idea of Him uncovering her past and her present, and she was afraid probably that He would uncover something more so far as her life was concerned, so she said, "Let's talk religion." Listen:

"Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews" (John 5:20-22).

Beloved, this sounds about like lots of people that I have talked to in life. You get to talking to a man about his sins and about Jesus Christ as his Saviour, do you know what a lot of people will say? "Now, Brother Gilpin, if you will just explain to me this matter of close communion," or "if you will just explain to me this matter of baptism," or "if you will just tell me which is the right church." Unsaved (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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that the secondary meaning of ekklesia is a body which exists now, in a real and actual way, and all Christians of all denominations are in it. It takes priority over the local church so that if one is a member of the so-called TRUE, UNIVERSAL church, then no matter what other error he holds, he is a member of the TRUE CHURCH(?) and should be recognized by what he claims, not by his doctrines, not according to the revealed will of God, and he should be fellowshipped as a VISIBLE minister even if he is a social drinker and wears the robes of the Episcopal Orders. Their UNIVERSAL, INVISIBLE church takes actual and definite corporate being. If they left it invisible then it would matter little what they believe. But by their interchanging of pulpits with all kinds of denominations, and still claiming themselves as Baptists, and what's more, trying to establish as the historic Baptist position, their position on ecclesiology, well, they incur the displeasure of lovers of the FULL COUNSEL OF GOD!

I promised to show that Dr. Graves held to the secondary meaning of ekklesia and now I will show that and prove that Bro. T.'s statement is false in which he claimed that Dr. Graves and Landmarkers taught that "... the church of the New Testament is always a literal, physical assembly of Christians" (page 1). Brother, again you have misrepresented the subject. In fact, you cannot even state what you do believe and use proper Biblical words and ideas. For example — is the church of the New Testament not always a literal, physical assembly of Christians? If so, that means it is a mystical, spiritual something of Christians. But at any rate the word "assembly" cannot be used because an assembly is a visible, local concept. You cannot find THE GREEK WORDS TO USE TOGETHER TO PROVE YOUR POSITION!

Here are some of Dr. Graves' statements which show the misrepresentations of Brother T and his work called ... *The Baptist Concept of the Church*.

"One thing I claim, as already shown above, that if ekklesia is used ninety-one, out of one hundred and ten times, to denote a local assembly, its natural, liberal sense must be a "local assembly" and that the remaining nineteen instances are certainly SECONDARY OR FIGURATIVE USAGES OF THE WORD. This must and will be granted by all candid scholars. But, in this discussion touching the Lord's Supper, we have to do with its literal, real meaning, and not with its IDEAL OR FIGURATIVE.—*Op. cit.*, pp. 127,128.

In Brother T.'s haste to justify his new position and destroy the claims of the true Baptists, he forgot to make sure of what historic Baptists have believed. He has tried to join his train to their train, but he has missed the connection. He seems to THINK THAT HE HAS A FRANCHISE ON THE SECONDARY OR FIGURATIVE MEANING OF EKKLESIA! Get this point—he holds to a secondary meaning of ekklesia, he claims that it is anomalous, that is, when it becomes secondary, it loses its basic features ... local, visible, and assembly. He wants it to assume opposites and still be ekklesia. This is his forced secondary meeting. But the fact is, that the old Baptists also held to the secondary meaning of ekklesia, but it was not what Brother T. and the Reformed Baptists hold to and therefore, they have missed connections and are still at the station waiting to get on the N.T. train of Biblical ecclesiology. I hope they will study the Bible and Baptist history a bit and leave off the Puritan concepts some of the time and maybe they will come to the truth. The point is, EVERYBODY HAS A SECONDARY MEANING OF EKKLESIA ... BUT Bro. T. thinks that all in the past believed in HIS OWN SPECIAL MEANING AND IF THEY DIDN'T, THEN THEY DIDN'T HAVE A SECONDARY MEANING!

Dr. Graves:

"But I do not admit that there are nineteen instances in the New Testament where ecclesia is used even figuratively. A careful examination convinces me that seven or eight of them undoubtedly refer to a local church, while the others are used figuratively, by METONYMY OR SYNECHDOCHE, the ruling idea of each being an organized assembly, and no one giving the slightest support to the Universal Church Visible idea.—*Ibid.*, p. 128.

I could go on and on with like statements, and I will during the historical treatment of the question.

To Brother T. — I simply ask ... why didn't you tell the truth about this issue? Don't you realize that you cannot hide the truth from those who hold to the true position of the church and its doctrines? Why are you so spent on misrepresenting the ideas of others? Just because they don't agree with you is no sign to tell falsehoods about them. But, I know, most people cannot think straight today. Reading is also a lost art and most are able to read and comprehend only TV GUIDE type or level subject matter.

Poor Brother T. — because the old Baptists did not agree with his secondary meaning of ekklesia, and with good reason they didn't, because it is not a real meaning but an opposite (Continued on Page Six)

ADAM'S RIB

WRITTEN BY A WOMAN AND FOR WOMEN

"DARKNESS vs. LIGHT"

Maybe we are born with a fear of darkness or perhaps we are taught it as a child. However it happens, we seem to have a natural fear of darkness. And no wonder. More crimes are committed at night. "They loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

More people die at night than in the daytime. A dark house looks lonely and cold. Add the glow of a fireplace and turn on some lights and it becomes a warm comfortable home.

Darkness is often represented as evil in the Scriptures, while light is shown as good. We read of sinners being cast into outer darkness. We are told of those that sit in darkness, the Lord will be a great light to them (Mi. 7:8). We are admonished to throw off the works of darkness, and he that hates his brother is in darkness. When the Lord Jesus was crucified, the sun refused to shine and there was darkness over all the earth for three hours. One of the plagues of Egypt was darkness over all the land for three days. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

Light speaks of that which is good. Christ is the Light of the world. Israel had light in their dwellings while Egypt was in darkness. "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psa. 27:1). "He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light" (Psa. 37:6). "Truly the light is sweet" (Eccl. 11:7). "The Lord shall be to thee an everlasting light" (Isa. 60:1). We are told of the "light of the gospel" and that we are the "light of the world." Heaven will be a place of pure light. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof" (Rev. 21:23).

In view of these things let us heed the admonition in Eph. 5:8: "For ye were sometimes in darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."

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"Worship"

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folk will bring up anything in the world to get rid of a personal approach on the part of Jesus Christ. This woman said, "Now if you will just tell me where is the right place to worship — whether in Samaria or in Jerusalem." Jesus said, "Woman I can't countenance in any wise at all this Samaritan idolatry. You don't know what you worship. We know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews."

I say to you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ didn't bow to false worship. He didn't countenance it in any wise at all.

I'll give you another example—when the Apostle Paul went to Ephesus. The Word of God tells us in the Book of Acts some of the experiences that the Apostle Paul had in the city of Ephesus—really some of the mighty trying experiences that came to him there. I am sure that you recall the many problems that he had. But that didn't daunt him. The Apostle Paul went right on and continued his ministry in the city of Ephesus, preaching the Word of God until finally the Bible tells us how that the silversmiths rose up. We read:

"So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at naught; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth" (Acts 19:27).

Notice, Paul was preaching, and the people of the city of Ephesus said, "We have got to do something to stop him," and they began to shout, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." It was an uproar, a tumult, a mob that rose up, and for a period of hours they shouted, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians. The world worships her." But that didn't daunt the Apostle Paul. He did not countenance their idolatry. He did not countenance their false worship. He did not bow to their false worship. He stood for the Word of God in spite of their false worship.

I say to you, beloved friends, when it comes to the matter of worship, an individual may go through a form of worship and be ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ: he may worship and yet his worship be nothing but a vain worship. But we are not to bow to, nor countenance a false worship at any time.

IV

OUR WORSHIP MUST BE THE WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ was approached by the Devil. There were three great temptations that the Devil brought to Him, and when the Devil came to Him in these three instances the Lord Jesus met each temptation with a Scripture. One of the temptations was the temptation to worship the Devil. Jesus was tempted to worship the Devil. The Devil took Him up on a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. Listen:

"And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the LORD THY GOD, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:9,10).

Beloved, when the Lord Jesus Christ made that statement to the Devil, he settled once and for all as to how we are to worship and whom we are to worship. We aren't to worship Mary. We aren't to worship saints. We are not to worship bones. We are not to worship relics. Rather, we are to worship Him and Him only.

In Mexico I saw people come up to the side of a glass case in which was a mummy of some individual who had supposedly lived in days gone by, and I've seen these people kiss the glass on the case, which had been kissed by hundreds of other people before, and then rub the affected part of their body expecting a cure. How in the world people could be so deluded as to worship the bones and relics of dead people is beyond me! The Word of God says that we are to worship the Lord our God, and Him only.

Years ago I had a professor in school who every summer took a trip to the Holy Land, directing a tour of Christian people, who accompanied him. Each year he brought the group of people that were with him back through the city of Rome. He said in Rome that they sold bones on every corner. He said you could buy enough bones to build a dozen

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bodies of Saint Peter in Rome every day. On one corner a fellow had a skull of Simon Peter. It was a great big skull. He could prove it was Simon Peter's skull. He moved on over to another corner with his crowd two blocks away and there was a fellow who had a skull of Simon Peter and it was a small one. He asked this fellow, "How is it that you have a small skull of Simon Peter and the other man has a large one?" He said, "Well, this was the skull of Simon Peter when he was a boy and that was the skull of Simon Peter when he was a man."

Though it is laughable and ridiculous to us, at the same time it is pathetic that people would be deluded to worshipping bones and beads and relics and saints. The Word of God says: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

V

OUR WORSHIP MUST BE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

"God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

There is no worship if the Holy Spirit isn't present. There is no worship except which is according to the truth of the Word of God. Now you may go someplace where the truth is preached but the Spirit of God isn't present. There isn't any worship there. You may go someplace where the truth is not preached and even if the Spirit were present (which isn't possible) there wouldn't be any worship. The only way that you can worship is as the truth is preached and the Holy Spirit applies that truth to your heart.

That is why it is when you go to a false church you go away in worse shape than when you went. I ask you if it isn't true that when you go to a false church and you hear heresy, don't you leave in a worse condition than when you went? Why? You have not been worshipping in spirit and in truth.

Some folk who visited me recently were telling me of this very experience. After they began to read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER they couldn't stand the Baptist church that they had been attending, so they attempted to organize another work and it came to naught. Then they tried to (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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go back to the original Baptist church that they had been members of formerly, and they said that it was worse than ever, after they had had a taste of fellowship and worship which was true worship, to go back to a so-called Baptist church where the Word of God was mutilated in every service. They said that they came from the service in worse shape spiritually than when they went.

I contend, beloved, that the time is coming in America when true worship is going to be on the basis of little groups here and there. Why? Because there is so little of the truth of the Word of God preached in the preponderant majority of large churches, and, beloved, you can't worship except in spirit and in truth.

VI

WE HAVE ONE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF TRUE WORSHIP.

We have one perfect example of true worship and that is the experience of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They worshipped God even though it brought them to a fiery furnace. I am sure you recall how that King Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up with pride, put up an image of gold in the plain of Dura, in the land of Babylon. Oh, it must have been an imposing thing that he reared out there in the plain—six feet wide, ninety feet tall, made of gold. Now I don't mean to say that it was solid gold, but I rather imagine that it was gold plated so that it certainly had a marvelous imposing appearance. King Nebuchadnezzar gave orders that every time the people heard his jazz orchestra they were to fall down, and crack their heads upon the ground and worship this image.

Beloved, there were three Jews in that land who knew the Lord and who knew that God had said that they were not to worship any but the Lord. Those three Jews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, when they heard the jazz orchestra turned their heads in the other direction as if they didn't hear it and they passed it by. They paid no attention to the orchestra of the old king, and they didn't worship that golden image. Of course, there were some tattle-tales who soon brought the news to the king. There were some folk who delighted in telling the king that three Jews were not worshipping the image. The result was that the king had them put into the fiery furnace.

I often like to imagine myself

back there. I can see when they tested it and found that they had the furnace heated seven times hotter than they had ever had it before. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to learn they had in mind observing those Jews melt as they were put into that furnace. But you know, beloved, when they picked those Jews up and threw them into the furnace, the Word of God says that they fell down harmlessly into that fiery furnace and then they got up and started walking about. It doesn't say that they started singing "Amazing Grace," but I am sure that they did. It doesn't say they sang "Rock of Ages," but I am sure that they did. It doesn't say that they sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," but I am sure they did. At least, this characterized their spirit. Beloved, they walked about in that fiery furnace unharmed and unhurt. The men who had thrown them in were already dead, and in Hell (for the heat of the furnace killed them) but these Jews were walking about unharmed.

Then the king said, "I told you to throw three men in, but there are four. I see four and they are walking around. I told you to bind them but instead, they are walking around loose. What is wrong?" He called to those three Jews, and when they came out, he said, "The likeness of that fourth one is that of the Son of God Himself."

Oh, my brother, my sister, of all the perfect examples of worship in the Bible, this is it. Three men who refused to worship a heathen image! Three men who worshipped Jehovah God! Three men who refused to turn from Jehovah! They were thrown into a fiery furnace as a result of their convictions, and when they got into the furnace, instead of it melting them immediately, they walked about unscathed, unhurt and unharmed within that furnace, and the Lord Jesus Christ walked with them.

As I have often said, I would rather walk in a fiery furnace with Jesus than to walk on the outside without Him. I would rather have Jesus walk with me inside a furnace than to walk on the outside without Him. These Jews could have walked on the outside with the king and cracked their skulls on the ground in worship of the golden image, but they walked in the fiery furnace with Jesus and remained true to the Lord.

I can see that old king when he called them out of the furnace thoroughly convinced that the

God of the Jews was the God that he should fall before, and the God that he himself should worship. A little later on we read in the Bible, a chapter that old King Nebuchadnezzar wrote. When he wrote that chapter in the book of Daniel we find that he acknowledges that the God of the Jews is the God of the universe. I tell you, beloved, it paid for those three Jews to worship God. Their testimony was the means of causing that heathen king to become a believer. When I shuffle off the mortal coil of this life and when I, too, pass over to the other side,

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I expect to see that old heathen king there who was convinced that God was God, primarily because three Jews refused to worship, except to worship God.

CONCLUSION

I ask you, do you worship Him today? You can't worship Him except to worship Him in His way. You can't worship Him if you worship Him through the commandments of men. You have to worship Him in spirit and in truth in the light of the Bible.

Oh, may God help you to realize that your business is to worship the Lord and to worship Him through His Son, who died for your sins, and who rose again for your justification. May God save you, may God bless you, and may God help you to worship Him from day to day, worshipping Him in the light of the Bible, the Word of God.



Abortion

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"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all" Eccl. 11:5.

Men and women who promote and practice abortion, and those whom they can get to join them in their folly, may suppose their decisions in the matter of abortion are final marks of earthly wisdom. It is quite obvious that these decisions to promote and practice abortion have been made without any regard whatever to God's Holy Word, the Bible, and without any consideration of His Commandments and His authority. Such determinations, then, may very well be seen as both foolishness and foolhardiness.

9. Murdering The Innocents

Men — whoever they may be — who would use the concept of responsibility or their positions of responsibilities to invalidate the Laws of God by their own prejudicial decisions are really guilty of the very crimes which they apparently deem themselves worthy to judge. Men and women who would attempt to justify the shedding of the blood of fetal life without providing the innocent ones the due process of the law and their "day in court" are undermining and betraying the very law by which they attempt to adjudicate.

Jesus spoke to those who were going about to kill Him and said, "Moses gave you the law, yet none of you keep the law." John 7:19. Similarly, today, these who promote and practice abortion appeal to law to justify their killing of innocent fetal life — the murdering of the innocents — when the law, itself, is against murder! In the name of the law, these are in

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meaning, therefore, he concluded that they didn't have a secondary meaning of ekklesia at all. This is a natural mistake for one who follows the Puritans, but not for one who reads and studies the Bible and Baptist history!

Dear Landmark Brethren, cannot you see that in the first chapter Bro. T. has misstated the problem and misrepresented the historical Baptists? You can also observe that he has two historical errors in this first notice. The historic Landmark Baptists did not deny the figurative meaning of ekklesia, but they didn't agree with Bro. T., so he claims they didn't believe in a secondary meaning at all. Brother T. does not believe as they believed about the secondary meaning of ekklesia. But, he claims that there are two bodies or two different types of churches now in existence. And, that these two churches are opposites, but both come from the same word to show their meaning. Now, brethren, it is a law of philology that one word cannot mean two opposite things at the same time.

Furthermore, he stated that his position was the older position among Baptists. Now, let's do some more checking among historic Baptists and you will see that he was even wrong here. Brother T. — why didn't you even take the time to study Baptist and Anabaptist Confessions of faith? The least you could have done was to have studied the subject before making such rash and false statements!

- 1) The Confessions of 1644, 1646, 1656 were all from the Calvinistic Baptists and not a one had anything therein about the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH OR THE UNIVERSAL, INVISIBLE CHURCH! In fact, there are no divisions in defining the Church.
- 2) The Confessions of 1677 and 1689, among the Calvinistic Baptists, contain the first expressions of the Holy Catholic Church. And I will prove in due time that it was not the universal, invisible church of the modern Reformed Baptists.

The error of Bro. T. here is, NONE OF THE EARLY CONFESSIONS OF THE ENGLISH CALVINISTIC BAPTISTS HELD TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE HOLY, CATHOLIC CHURCH! The fact is, Dr. Graves followed the earlier *London Confession of 1644*, and not the Confessions of 1677 and 1689. Dr. Graves was a Sovereign Grace Baptist, but he did not like the idea of borrowing from the new and unscriptural Ecclesiology of the Westminster Confession of Faith. Observe the true conclusions as found from Dr. Graves again:

"It is the true mean between these (the universal, invisible and the any-assembly is a church-idea, R.E.P. II) that I shall attempt to find. It will be observed that the trend of Baptist opinion is strongly setting toward the local idea, the definition FIRST PUT FORTH BY BAPTISTS, BEFORE THEY HAD BEEN LED CAPTIVES BY THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH, through which the church universal idea has been engrafted upon, and ingrained into, the faith of our people"—*Intercommunion*, pps. 113,114.

Remember, Dr. Graves was a SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST, his objections against the Westminster Confession, the 1677, the 1689, and the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, were all ecclesiological and not THEOLOGICAL!

Soon, Brethren, I will marshal before your eyes all the KNOWN BAPTIST AND BAPTIST FOREFATHERS (Baptists by different names) CONFESSIONS OF FAITH and you will be blessed to see that the first distinction was given in the 1600's. It resulted because the English Presbyterians and Episcopalians did not believe that the old Baptists believed what they confessed. Therefore it was thought necessary to join with the dissenters in England, not in a real working way that Reformed Baptists do, and to adopt their confession of faith showing that they were

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the process of committing the high crime of murder, and they prove thereby that they do not keep the law.

The Word of the Lord is quite definitive concerning such murdering of the innocent, the destroying of life in its innocent state:

"Whoever offends one of these little ones, it were better for him that a millstone be hung about his neck, and he be dropped into the depths of the sea" Matt. 18:6.

How can anyone be guilty of such and justify himself?

Surely, we live in a day of tragic paradox!

Here in America, we have outlawed the capital punishment of criminals who have been adjudicated as guilty of crimes worthy of death. On the other hand, we have legalized the murder of innocent, fetal lives who have never had their day in court! Where is justice when the criminals are protected from the punishment accorded them in the courts of the land, and the innocent ones are destroyed even though they have committed no crimes?

Is it not a piteous tragedy, utterly beyond comprehension, that in sophisticated, abundantly blessed, 20th century America that the murder of innocent life — abortion of fetal life — should become a way of life for multitudes? Is it not doubly tragic that a people who might be attaining great heights as Christians and as Baptists must stand with their hands dripping with the blood of the little ones whom they destroyed while yet in the fetal state? Surely, the word with which Jesus met the murderers of the Innocent One in another day are applicable to those who murder the innocent ones in our day:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

John Greacen, head of the National Institute for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, says that 15 per cent of the nation's young criminals ought to be "locked up because they're dangerous and we don't know what to do with them."

Greacen went on to say, "I don't see any substantial likelihood that the amount of youth crime in the United States is going to go down any substantial degree between now and 1990."

According to statistics compiled by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the rate of arrests per 100,000 juveniles increased from 7.4 in 1963 to about 12 in 1973. The juvenile arrest for violent crimes more than doubled during this same period. FBI statistics show that persons under 18 accounted for 23 per cent of all arrests for violent crimes in 1973.

Such facts reveal the continued break down in the homes of our nation. The prophet Joel wrote centuries ago: "And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink" (Joel 3:3). Back behind all juvenile crime is an unconcerned mother and father, who generally are too interested in making money to have time to care for their children.

There continues to be much talk

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about Betty Ford's frank comments on premarital sex. Bible Belt Republican leaders in such states as Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas and South Carolina have denounced her stand for premarital sex and permissive parents. Religious leaders in fundamental circles are critical of her statements. The Catholic Church has said nothing. There has been no comment from the neo-evangelist, Billy Graham.

The young people of America will appeal to Mrs. Ford's statement to justify their premarital sex and their use of marijuana. She has furnished the leaders of women's liberation movement with new and high ranking material. The liberals are bragging about how this indicates the changes that have occurred in American society. The news media does not believe the comments of the First Lady will have any political effect on the upcoming election.

President Ford will know the real consequence of his wife's statement by the vote of Americans. If Ronald Reagan, his potential rival for the GOP nomination, is chosen instead of him, then Mr. Ford will know that Americans are not ready for the revolutionary changes his wife speaks out for. Or, if he is chosen by the GOP and loses the election, he will have his answer.

The only thing which has carried the Republicans to victory in the last two presidential elections was the social issues. Richard Nixon was elected because of the rage among Americans against what they perceived as a Democratic-abetted breakdown in traditional values. Since the GOP will not have that going for them this time if Ford is nominated, I predict that we will have a Democratic president in the upcoming election.

The 144th annual report of the Trinitarian Bible Society shows an encouraging high level. The number of complete Bibles distributed again exceeded a quarter of a million—266,493 compared with 286,073 in the previous year; New Testaments 174,943 compared with 133,771, an increase of more than 40,000.

The audited accounts again reveal a large increase in total income, which amounted to \$681,690; an increase of \$87,389.

The work has greatly increased in recent years, as the circulation and expenditure figures clearly show. In the 1955 Report—about 8,000 Bibles and total expenditure about \$32,900; in 1965—70,000 Bibles, and expenditure of \$122,200; and in 1975—266,000 Bibles and expenditure of \$564,000.

Christoph Bertram, the director in London of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS), says the combination of improved weaponry and crumbling alliances has increased the likelihood of wars in the next 15 years.

In a recent 10-day series of lectures at Oxford on European and Atlantic relations, he said: "The arms of the 1950's and 1960's were more deterrent. In the 1970's and 1980's they are more for use."

THE MILITARY BALANCE published by the ISS is the standard annual on the world's armed forces, which is used by officers and diplomats everywhere as the authority on armed strength. They publish completely revised figures every spring of the man power, weapons, deployments and assessments of their effectiveness.

There continues to be wars and rumors of wars, just as Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:6) and Daniel (Dan. 9:27) predicted centuries ago. Men of foresight, like Mr.

Bertram, can see that the world is headed to the wars of the early days of the tribulation (Rev. 6:4) and finally Armageddon (Rev. 16: 14-16).

A federal study revealed that alcohol misuse costs the nation \$23.57 billion a year. Some \$9.35 billion is in the form of lost of production in business, a sum that inevitably finds its way into the price of goods.

The Labor-Management Committee of the National Council of Alcoholism puts the cost to American industry at \$12.5 billion a year.

Things are going from bad to worse. In the last few months we have heard a lot about "streaking"—the Satanic compulsion to strip completely naked and run across a campus or down a street. On August 23, 1975, over 500 naked bathers gamboled on the beach in Truro, Mass., in a demonstration against a ban on nude bathing. Nobody was arrested for this.

The craze among so many to strip completely naked is alarming in this country of ours. There is no doubt in my mind that all of this is due to demon possession or demon influence (Mark 5:15).

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beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him . . ." John 8:44.

10. Abortion Spawns Grief

Needless to say, the subject of abortion is crucial in our day. There are those who justify their promotion and practice of abortion by their supposed fear that the world is becoming too populous. Others sometimes appeal to statistical evidences that those who are too young or too old should not be permitted viable offspring. Some, with very little attempt even at rationalization, will justify their activities for abortion or the practice of abortion by reference to the decisions of the courts of our nation, and especially the landmark decision of our Supreme Court.

These justifications are obviously defensive mechanisms. The relativisms and the uncertainties which exist among the proponents and the practitioners of abortion are prima facie evidences that their discussions are little more than simple "plays on words." None of them indicate a willingness to be ultimately certain about anything. Yet, in their promotion of abortion among those with questions of concern, they give the appearance of certainty, "speaking lies in hypocrisy."

Many involved in the promotion or practice of abortion attempt to satisfy their own consciences by calling upon the pro-abortion counsel of their ministers, doctors, or some confidants. However, the very fact that these spend much of their lives seeking for assurances from first one and then another, that their activities or their actions were or are correct, is rather positive evidence that their consciences are never really satisfied. Still, they persist in their heinous

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efforts and conclude "speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their consciences seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:2).

It seems that most girls or women involved in the promotion or the practice of abortion never find any real peace. Even though God in faith may "forgive" them in Christ Jesus for the "murder" of fetal life in the body of a friend or in their own bodies, they find it most difficult to be at peace with themselves. Always there is that gnawing anguish and that uncertain wondering! They must live endlessly with a multitude of questions which revolve around whether the murdered "he" or "she" would have been a blessing.

These may wash their hands a hundred or a thousand times a day, and even bathe repetitiously, but always there is the "blood" of the innocent one. Regardless of who they are or what they are, these promoters and practitioners of abortion can never clear their consciences of the truth that abortion is abomination to God.

It matters not how men and women, or young men and young women, attempt to justify their murder of the innocent little ones who were experiencing fetal life, the Word of God is final. In high moments and in low, in hours of failure and success, those who promote and practice abortion realize they stand in danger of the judgment of Almighty God. The Apostle Paul delineated their characters in some detail when he spoke of their double-tongued hypocrisy with the words:

"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:32).

If these who promote and practice abortion cannot comprehend the error of their way by the Word of God, it is quite evident that they are ignorant of the Word of God or they do not know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. To know Christ Jesus is to know life and to promote life—not destroy it! To know Christ Jesus in saving faith and His Word as truth is to have a concern for one's "neighbor," whether in the fetal state or the born state.

If we can accept it, the message of God is unmistakable. First, we are to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved" (Acts 16:31). Second, we are to promote and proclaim the things of God, the truths of His Holy, written Word, Jesus as the truth, and His Holy Purposes in the midst of men.

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Wine In Communion?

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vine."

The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible, page 1001, says concerning the phrase "fruit of the vine": "the designation used by Jesus at the institution of the Lord's Supper, is the expression employed by the Jews from time immemorial for the wine partaken of on sacred occasions, as at the Passover and on the evening of the Sabbath (Mishnah, Berakoth vi. 1). The Greeks also used the terms as a synonym of wine which was capable of producing intoxication (Herod, 1,211f).

Josephus, that Jewish historian who lived in the days of John the Baptist and Christ, uses the phrase "fruit of the vine" in the words of Joseph to the king of Egypt as meaning the same as wine! Here is what Josephus says, "Joseph bid him be of good cheer and let him know that God bestows the fruit of the vine upon men for good; which wine is poured out to him . . ."

This phrase limits the wine to the fruit of the vine, i.e., grapes! (4) Corinth, a New Testament Church, used wine and were not condemned for so doing! Paul praised the Corinthian Church for keeping the ordinances—they had not neglected them, I Cor. 11:2.

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However, Paul did not praise, but rebuked the Corinthians for he wrong way they kept the Lord's Supper, I Cor. 11:17-22. Paul corrects them for several things they were doing wrong in observing the Supper. He rebukes them for not taking the Supper together, but one at a time or a group at a time. Vs. 21. He rebukes them for making the Lord's Supper into a real supper, and eating in God's House, Vs. 22. However, Paul does not rebuke them for the drink they were using in the Lord's Supper. They were using fermented wine for they were getting drunk on it by making the Lord's Supper a real meal, I Cor. 11:21!

(5) Consistency of symbolism demands, yes, demands only wine to be used. Leaven in Scripture is referred to 91 times (in the English Bible). In every single passage, it is used to speak of something evil. It is a substance that sours and corrupts the whole matter that it contacts. Hence, unleavened bread is used in the Lord's Supper, for leavened bread would picture something evil. Unleavened bread pictures something pure. Now, grape juice is loaded with leaven! Wine is pure from leaven! In other words, grape juice is a leavened drink, and wine is an unleavened drink! Consistency demands unleavened drink (wine) with the unleavened bread! To use leavened drink (grape juice) in the Lord's Supper is to picture the blood of Christ (of which the drink pictures) as an unholy thing! Anyone who uses crackers and grape juice is picturing a Christ with sin! See the following passages where leaven is used of something evil: I Cor. 5:6-8; Matt. 16:12; Mark 8:15.

Listen to these words I once read, "Wine is pure as Christ's blood was pure. Fermented wine contains neither leaven nor rottenness. Grape juice will rot, therefore it is not pure. Wine is medicine as Christ is the cure for the sin-sick soul. I Tim. 5:23; Luke 10:34. As wine cleanses, purifies, and aids healing, the blood of Jesus cleanses and heals the soul wound." (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Wine In Communion?

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ed by sin."

God is jealous over His types, symbols, and illustrations. Moses smote instead of speaking to the rock (the second time), thus de-

stroying the type of Christ the smitten rock as crucified twice! For this he was not permitted to enter into the Promised Land. God help us if we are destroying the symbolism by grape juice!

Many Baptists refuse to sprinkle because that would destroy the

symbolism of baptism as a burial and resurrection. However, these same Baptists refuse to use wine in the Lord's Supper and destroy the symbolism by using grape juice. Inconsistent Baptists!

(6) Church History. The writings of the Early Church show that they used wine in the Lord's Supper. Only until after the Probation Period and the Modern Temperance Movement did churches in any large scale start to use grape juice in communion. The Tatianis were the first group in the church to oppose wine in communion. These also taught that marriage and animal flesh were of the devil. False cults in the Early Church were the first to oppose wine in communion.

Let me close with these final remarks. Many do not use wine in the Lord's Supper today for the excuse of morality. Let it always be remembered that morality standards higher than the Bible's standards are Satan-inspired! Cp. I Tim. 4:1-5. If Christ used wine in Communion, what holy hypocrites are we to object on the grounds of morality in using grape juice in the Lord's Supper! Are these people trying to be holier than the Son of God!

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White House Evil

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unconcerned mother. And surely, does not speak for the many normal mothers of this great nation, of which she is the so-called "First Lady." It certainly disqualifies for such an exalted title.

A lady(?) could never say, "Premarital relations (unlawful sex) among the right partners might even reduce the divorce rate." In other words, we could understand by such remarks that there is nothing wrong with legalized prostitution, providing the partners were right for each other. Certainly, this would reduce the divorce rate, for there would be no marriage ties to break.

In other words, ladies (?), you have no need for a marriage contract; you see, such things are out-moded and useless in our modern society. And, ladies (?), if you should get pregnant, the legal slaughter house (abortion clinics) will rid you of that non-person so that you will not have to worry about being responsible for rearing and caring for a real, but unwanted, person.

What does our appointed President think about all this chatter? "The President has long since ceased to be perturbed, or surprised, by his wife's remarks," according to his White House spokesman.

So much unlike Job who said: "You speak as one of the foolish women" (Job 2:10). Of course, Job was not a politician, and had no need to court the favor of the "libbers" but like King Ahab, who took the advice of his wife, Jezebel, to get what he wanted, President Ford is letting Betty plot his course for next election day. See I Kings 21. Perhaps the President is not yet fully hen-pecked, but he surely demonstrates the character of one who has chicken-house-ways.

WAKE UP AMERICA

We don't need the Fords in the White House; neither do we need the Rockefellers. Sarah suggested and plotted a course for her husband Abraham, and Ishmael has been warring with Isaac ever since. Surely, we must say that Sarah's maid was not "a right partner" for Abraham.

As for the "undie-dip," we are reminded of the playing of Israel while Moses was on the mountain receiving the law (Exodus 2).

Victorianism? Call it that if you like, but fathers and mothers are responsible for the actions of their offspring, especially in their own

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I HAD NO TIME

The day slipped by and time was spent
And all good things that I meant
To do were left undone because
I had no time to stop and pause,
But rushed about, went here and there,
Did this and that, was everywhere.
I had no time to kneel and pray
For that lost soul across the way;
I had no time to meditate
On worthwhile things. No time to wait
Upon the Lord, and hear Him say:
"Well done, my child," at close of day.
And so, I wonder, after all
When life is o'er and I hear the call
To meet my Saviour in the sky,
Where saints live on and never die,
If I can find one soul I've won
To Christ by some small deed I've done
Or will I hang my head and whine,
"Forgive me, Lord, I had no time."

—Mrs. Herbert Bell

A Review of Baptist Ecclesiology

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not guilty of the terrible doctrines of which they had been accused. Furthermore, you will see that the London Baptists put forth two confessions of their own which were ONLY LOCAL AND VISIBLE before they were forced to fly under the colors of the WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH. Yes, it was the same people both times that put forth the confessions of faith in 1644 and 1677.

Now, judge ye, brethren, since Bro. T. appears incapable of a correct opinion when it comes to matters of age—Which is the older position of the Baptists, the local visible only concept of 1644, 1646 and 1655 or the Westminster, Romanish ideas of 1677 or 1689? Brother T. is incapable of telling the difference in age between 1644 and 1677. But I know that my Landmark Baptist brethren can tell time and still apply the principles of subtraction. Reformed Baptists may be caught up in the NEW MATH AND THEREFORE CANNOT TELL IF 1644 is newer or older than 1677, but I know my Landmark brethren are not social Darwinites in math or in languages or in Biblical ecclesiology.

The fact is that Dr. Graves followed the LONDON CONFESSIONS of 1644, and 1646 which were BAPTISTIC, and not the 1677 or 1689 which were REFORMED, and forced upon the Baptists to protect them from the slanders of the intolerant REFORMED AND EPISCOPAL POWERS OF THE STATE!

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backyard. These young people been classified as a Republican, were not little innocent children, but this matter reaches far beyond but adults with all the lusts and political persuasions. We have a sex-appetites belonging to such. moral responsibility.

So, it is hard for us to believe this was an innocent affair. Again, we would say, "Wake-up."

Mrs. Ford acclaims the actions of the Supreme (?) Court on abortion as "a great, great decision." We must assume that the President is in agreement, since he "has long since ceased to be perturbed."

Of course, we can have no doubt of the position held by the appointed vice president, Mr. Rockefeller. He has advocated legal abortion (legalized murder) for years. But when he was trying so hard to get the presidential nomination, he preached (?) in Baptist churches (?), and was known as a Baptist lay-preacher (what ever that is).

Dear Baptist friends, whether you be Democrat, Republican, or Independent, you and I should shout loud and long, "Away with such men from the White House."

We don't need our marriage institution abolished. We don't need to have slaughterhouses for our unborn children. We don't need our men put in the "chicken-house" for the hens to peck. We don't need legalized prostitution and we surely don't need the Ford-Rocky team for '76.

We are going to be held to account, whether we admit it or not.

NOTE: This writer has always

What Of Eternity?

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belief in eternal life, not even the fears of a just retribution. It would be foolish indeed for us to think that God would make us capable of longing for immortality and not have the power of infusing within our very beings that immortality for which most all people long.

There have been too many answered prayers, too much music yet unwritten, too many songs of praise yet unsung, too many younger ones with joy in their hearts, and too many older ones with the smile of eternal spring on their lips, for there to be no eternal life. And, since Almighty God has vouchsafed unto all true believers a home in Heaven, it necessarily must follow, according to the Scriptures, that all who fail to believe on His Son will spend eternity in Hades. Those who put their trust in His Son Jesus are not the bedraggled survivors of a broken down cause. Every believer on our Lord Jesus Christ has the exaltation of victory in his heart and the light of victory in his eyes.

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