

The Baptist Examiner

Baptist Is Our Middle Name

Paid Circulation In All States And In Many Foreign Countries

"To the law and to the Testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

Vol. 45, No. 7

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, MARCH 5, 1977

WHOLE NUMBER 2110

EVILS OF "OPEN COMMUNION"

CLARENCE LARKIN
(1850 - 1924)

"Open communion" is a modern innovation, having no sanction in Scripture, in the history of the church, or in reason; and is attended by many inconsistencies and dangers.

By means of it, men or women whom we would not fellowship in our homes, in our places of business, or on the street, may come into our churches, and there, without even a challenge, be permitted to use their partaking of it as a means of deceiving others, who, seeing them there at the Lord's Table, and not knowing them as we do, receive them to their hurt.

Do we not owe a duty to our Lord and Master to protect His table? And can we better do it than by inviting to the Lord's Table only those whom we know to be His consistent — that is, Scriptural — followers?

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How shall we treat an immersed member of a Pedobaptist church? Immersed members of a Pedobaptist church, by having insisted on immersion, bear testimony against infant baptism and sprinkling, yet by uniting with a Pedobaptist church, they lend their influence to those things they practically deny. Such conduct is inconsistent, at least it is held to be so by Baptists; and such persons cannot reasonably expect to be recognized as Baptists, or accorded the privileges of a Baptist Church.

Ought Baptists to sit down at the Lord's Table in Pedobaptist churches? No; for by so doing they tacitly admit that the members of the Pedobaptist church with whom they sit down have been Scripturally baptized. Such conduct is inconsistent. And further, it is not right to accept a courtesy that we cannot return; for we cannot in loyalty to our Lord invite them to the Lord's Table in our own churches.

Baptists who live beyond the reach of any Baptist church, and have no opportunity of partaking of the Lord's Supper, except with Pedobaptists, should remain firm to principle; for if it is inconsistent thus to unite with Pedobaptists in the same town where there is a Baptist church, it is inconsistent to do it anywhere.

But it is said: "Baptists hope to commune with Pedobaptists in Heaven. Why not here?"

There is a kind of impression that to "commune with" any one, means always to sit at the Lord's Table with him. Surely, however, our Pedobaptist friends do not mean to say, "You expect to sit at the Lord's Table with me in Heaven; why do you refuse to do so here on earth?" The Lord's Supper and the Lord's Table of the New Testament belong to the churches here on earth. The very words of

its institution — "Do this in remembrance of me" — indicate that, "when He comes," it shall, at least as an ordinance, be done away. To eat and drink in remembrance of one who is actually present is an absurdity.

But we hope to "commune," (that is, to enjoy fellowship) in Heaven, not only with many Pedobaptists, both Protestants and Roman Catholics, but with many who were never baptized, and have here no right to the Lord's Supper, with Quakers, with a multitude of idiots, and infants, with many now living in sin, who will hereafter be led to repentance. Shall we invite all such to the Lord's Table here?

"BUT IT WILL PROMOTE GROWTH AND UNION."

It has been suggested, that if the Baptists were to become "open

communists," they would grow more rapidly in numbers.

In England, where this practice has been largely adopted, the growth of the Baptist denomination has been retarded, in proportion to the growth in population, almost thirty-three per cent; while in the United States, where the Baptists invite to the Lord's Table only baptized believers in good standing, the growth has been increased fifty per cent in proportion to the growth in the population.

The "Free Will" Baptists of the United States, who practice "open communion," in the fourteen years from 1844 to 1858, decreased in number 322, while the Regular Baptists gained during the same period 300,000 members.

Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Methodists are "open

Kentucky Baptists History

WILLIAM CATHCART
(1826-1908)

The Baptists were the pioneers of Kentucky. The first explorers of its territory were the brothers Daniel and Squire Boone. The latter was a Baptist preacher. The first settlement was made at Boonesborough, in what is now



WILLIAM CATHCART

Madison County, in the summer of 1775, by Col. Daniel Boone, his wife and daughters being the only women in the small colony.

Col. Richard Calloway and his family joined the settlers the first day of September. They also were

Baptists. The same fall a small settlement was made at Harrodsburg, some thirty miles southwest of Boonesborough. Early in the spring of 1776, Thomas and William Hickman, Baptist ministers, came to Harrodsburg. "Mr. Tinsley," says Mr. Hickman, "preached almost every Sunday." Hickman also preached. Nothing more is known of Mr. Tinsley except that "he was," says Hickman, "a good old preacher." Mr. Hickman returned to Virginia the following summer.

Emigrants, principally from Virginia, now began to pour into the new country rapidly. Among these were Gen. Henry Crist, Gen. Aquila Whitaker, Gen. Joseph Lewis, Col. Robert Johnson, Col. William Bush, Hon. James Garrard, Gabriel Slaughter, the Clays, and many others, who became prominent in the camps and councils of the State. These were all Baptists.

During the years 1779 and 1780, William Marshall, John Whitaker, Benjamin Lynn, John Garrard, and Joseph Barnett, Baptist ministers, settled in the new country. John Taylor and Joseph Reding visited it and preached during this period.

The first Baptist church formed in Kentucky, or in the great Mississippi Valley, was constituted of 18 members by Joseph Barnett and John Garrard, on the present site of Elizabethtown, forty miles

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any

other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:35-39).

In Romans 8 the Apostle Paul is unfolding the glorious truth of Divine consolation. Having pointed out the grounds on which the inward fears of believers are relieved, he now seeks to fortify them from fears without. To do this he calls attention to the love of God for His people. Among all the uncertainties of life there forever remains God's love for His elect. Nothing in the universe shall pre-

vail to separate the believer from the love of Christ. This love knows no variability nor shadow of change.

Those "rooted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17) should often meditate upon God's "great love wherewith he loved us" (Eph. 2:4). The Apostle John says: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us" (I John 3:1). The desire of the renewed heart is to be "able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (Continued on page 2, column 1)

THE UNDER ROWER

By RAY HIATT
Hollywood, Florida

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord" (Prov. 18:22).

"He that hath wife and children hath given hostages to fortune; for they are impediments to great enterprises either of virtue or mischief" (Sir Francis Bacon: Essays). The greatly learned Sir Francis who was so gifted in so many

chained in a pit as Prometheus was to the rock, but the graciousness of God has supplied our need wonderfully.

The wife and children of the Christian minister are his stay when all else fails and falls into disarray. When his best efforts are thwarted and his best words are twisted, all is not quite darkness for he has the wife of his bosom and the children of his body for comfort. There are few pains that thankless churches and heartless religionists can bring that the FAMILY cannot solace. There is little that thoughtless folk in their careless ways can inflict upon the minister that can oppress him for long with his family about him.

Quality, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. Yet, is there not a metre for the distinguishing of quality among the offspring of Adam? I have written recently of the equality of all the saints as a barrier to the formulation of religious cliques. This remains true and yet God does temper some of this poor human clay and refine it in the fires until it shines forth with a higher gloss than others. If tribulation indeed works patience and if the refiner does indeed remove the dross by fire to bring forth a greater lustre, then the wife and children of the "under-rower" should give forth a greater sheen than most. This is by virtue of the sacrifice they make and the pain they are made to suffer.

I speak here not of a basely assumed superiority but of the molding by God of the minister's family unto God's service. The



RAY HIATT

areas and who knew much of most things knew little of the life of the "under-rower" or else he would not have spoken so. I much prefer Solomon's view.

While the "under-rower" is responsible alone for his labor, the Lord in His wisdom has decreed that he shall not BE alone, and thus has provided those precious soul's companions—his wife and children. How horrid and drear our lives would be without them! If need be we could serve totally alone

The Difference As To A Christian Is On The Inside

Let me tell you the story of a girl I knew when I was in London. Her name was Beatrice, and before her conversion she was found three or four nights a week — as often as she could afford it — in the theatres; and after her conversion she turned back upon it all, and for several years seemed to be one hundred per cent for Christ. One day she came to me in great sorrow. She said, "Pastor, I do not know whether I am a Christian or not?" I said, "What is the matter?" "Oh," she said, "I have gone back again into the ways of the world." And I said, "Will you not tell me about it?" And she replied, "You know all my former associates were nice girls, and the other night they came to me and said they were getting up a theatre party and asked me to join them, and I had not the strength to say 'No'; in a moment of weakness I consented — went." I said, "I am sorry to hear that, but how did you get on? Did you enjoy yourself?"

"Not a bit." "Well, just tell me about the experience." She said, "All I know is that I was never more miserable in my life." And I said, "How have you got on since?" "Oh, the misery has continued." (When I was down South I got used to the talk of some of the Negroes, and I found they never have a "pain" in their heads; a Negro down South will tell you he has got a "misery" in his head — it is always a "misery," (not a pain). Well, this girl had a "misery" in her heart, and was as uncomfortable as she could be. I knew her very well, and I said, "Beatrice, let us talk this thing through a little bit. Before you were converted what was your habit?" She said, "I was often in the theatre." "Why?" She said, "Because I liked it." "You really enjoyed it?" "Oh, greatly. Every evening I could possibly manage it, I was there, and had a good time according to that standard." "All right," I said, "now before you were converted you were in the theatre in the company of certain friends, and you enjoyed it. Now after you were converted, last week, you were in the theatre — the same place?" "Yes." "In the same company?" "Yes." "Was everything exactly the same?" "No." "What was the difference?" "There was no difference in your outward circumstances; you were in the same place, and in the same company — where was the difference?" "Why," she said, "before I was converted I enjoyed it, and last week I did not enjoy it at all." "Well," I said, "where was the change, outside or inside?" She said, "It must have been inside." "Yes," I said, "and who makes the changed interests?" Instantly her face brightened and she said, "Only God could do that." I said, "Certainly, shall we bow down here now and tell Him you are sorry, and let Him blot it out and will you walk with Him again?" and she did.—Shields.

**TUNE IN TO
THE INDEPENDENT
BAPTIST HOUR**

EACH SUNDAY

WCM! Ashland, Ky.
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

WFTO Fulton, Miss.
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

The Baptist Examiner

The Baptist Paper for the
Baptist People

MILBURN COCKRELL --- Editor

Editorial Department, located in
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, where
all subscriptions and communica-
tions should be sent. Address:
P.O. Box 910, Zip Code 41101.

PUBLICATION POLICIES: All matter for
publication should be sent to the editor.
All manuscripts sent should be typed and
double spaced. All such material becomes
the property of TBE and will not be re-
turned unless requested by the writer. We
reserve the right to edit and condense all
materials sent to us for publication. Church
news items must reach us one month prior
to publication.

The publication of an article does not
necessarily mean the editor is in complete
agreement with the writer, nor does it
mean he endorses all this person may
have written on other subjects.

COPYING PRIVILEGES: Unless otherwise
stated any article published in this paper
may be copied by other publications, pro-
vided they give a proper credit line stat-
ing that such was copied from this publi-
cation, and the date of publication; pro-
vided that such materials are not publish-
ed for profit. If we are not on an ex-
change list with the publication copying,
it is requested that a copy of the issue
containing the articles be sent to our ad-
dress. All copyrighted materials may not
be copied without written consent.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY, with paid circula-
tion in every state and many foreign
countries.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One year --- \$4.00; Two years --- \$7.00
Five years --- \$14.00; Life --- \$50.00
CLUB RATE: 15 or more --- each \$3.00

When you subscribe for others or
secure subscriptions --- each \$3.00

BUNDLES: 10 to 50 copies to one address
\$20.00 for each 10 yearly; 60 to 100
copies to one address \$20.00 for each
10 yearly.

FOREIGN: Same as in the United States.
PLANNING TO MOVE? --- Notify us three
weeks in advance. The post office does
not forward second class mail unless the
addressee guarantees the forwarding
postage. They charge us 25c for each
"change of address." Please save us this
expense and the post office time.

Entered as second class matter MAY
9, 1961, in the post office at Ashland,
Kentucky, under the Act of March 3,
1879.

BRIEF NOTES

The Pinehaven Baptist Church
on highway 69 south of Columbus,
Miss., and Pastor Elvis Gregory
will host a Bible Conference March
15-17. The theme of the meeting
this year is taken from Titus 2:10:
"Adorning the doctrine of God...
in all things." The church will
furnish food and lodging for all
their guests from Monday evening
until Friday morning.

We still have a good supply of
the editor's Bicentennial Message
which was published by Calvary
Baptist Church. These are free for
the asking. There is a limited sup-
ply of the tract on "The Imminent
Coming of Christ" for free distribu-
tion.

Elder Murl Combs of McLeans-
boro, Ill., asked our printer to pub-
lish 500 copies of my sermon on
"The Master of the World." The
editor is also having 500 printed
for free distribution. These should
be ready to mail out by the time
you read this. Postage appreciated.

Triumph Of Love...

(Continued from page one)
and to know the love of Christ,
which passeth knowledge" (Eph.
3:18-19).

A VITAL QUESTION

In verse 35 it is written: "Who
shall separate us from the love of
Christ?" Does the apostle mean
our love to Christ as some sup-
pose? Or does he mean who can
hinder us from loving Christ? This
is not the meaning, for a person
cannot be separated from his own
feelings.

He speaks of Christ's love to His
people. Paul is writing to assure
believers of God's love. He is as-
serting God's predestination, call-
ing, justification, and glorification
of those loved by Him. Paul does
not say, "Who shall separate Christ
from our love?" but rather, "Who
shall separate us from the love of
Christ?" Verse 37 proves this is
the meaning of verse 35 by the ex-

pression: "We are more than con-
querors through him that loved
us."

I could not bring myself to be-
lieve that God loves any human
being, if the Bible did not say so.
How could a Being Who dwells in
inaccessible light love a man whose
foolish heart is darkened by sin?
Why should an immortal Being
concern Himself with a creature
who is dust and ashes, dwelling in
a house of clay? That a holy God
should hate and despise one who
is by nature a child of wrath and
an enemy, I can easily believe.
But to hear that the high and lofty
One Who inhabited eternity loves
a sinner is more than I could be-
lieve, if the Bible did not in un-
mistakable terms declare it to be
so.

IMPOTENT ENEMIES OF LOVE

Is there any evil in the world
that can make Christ stop loving
the believer? In reply to this ques-
tion the apostle introduces an an-
tagonistic army of villains. He enu-
merates seven evils.

First, there is "tribulation."
Thirty-seven times this word tribu-
lation ("thlipsis") and its verb are
used to denote those direct trou-
bles that afflict saints because of the
gospel. Jesus said: "In the world
ye shall have tribulation" (John
16:33). But Satan has never suc-
ceeded in separating any saint
from the Saviour's love by tribula-
tion. Not even the Great Tribula-
tion to come can touch in the small-
est degree the secret bond that
binds the heart of Jesus to His
chosen ones.

Second, Paul focuses our concern
on "distress." This word is trans-
lated "anguish" in Romans 2:8.
The word means a narrow, cramped
place where one is in straits.
It points to difficulties and critical
situations. It means to be under
pressure without a way of escape.
But there is no extremity that can
effect the flow of Christ's love to
His people.

Third, he mentions "persecu-
tion." This is affliction for the pro-
fession of the gospel. Across the
centuries Christians have been
constrained to flee from place to
place, but no persecuted saint has
ever been forsaken by Christ.
Whatever persecuting enemies may
rob us of, they cannot rob us of
the love of Christ.

Fourth, he introduces "famine."
God does not always provide lib-
erally for His saints. Christ warn-
ed there would come "famine"
(Matt. 24:7). We may be separated
from food for the body by famine,
but we cannot be separated from
Christ. Famine does not cut the
bond of love between Christ and
the believer.

Fifth, he speaks of "nakedness."
Christ's disciples have often been
reduced to poverty, stripped by
their enemies, and forced to wan-
der naked and hide in caves of the
earth (Heb. 11:38). In I Corin-
thians 4:11 Paul wrote: "Even unto
this present hour we both hunger
and thirst, and are naked, and are
buffeted, and have no certain
dwelling place." But no nakedness
can intercept the love-tokens of
Jesus Christ.

Sixth, there is reference to "per-
il." This is the dangers to which
the Lord's people are exposed.
"We stand in jeopardy every hour"
(I Cor. 15:30). In New Testament
times there was Jewish hatred,
Roman jealousy, pagan blindness,
and false brethren. Modern Chris-
tians face similar problems, yet
none of these things can deprive
us of the love of Him Who died for
us and lives to plead our cause in
Heaven.

Seventh, the last item brought
forth is "sword." This is extreme
persecution even to death. Paul
then quotes Psalm 44:22: "For thy
sake we are killed all the day long;
we are accounted as sheep for the
slaughter."

In Paul's day the saints were
killed perpetually. It is said that
Herod the king "killed James the
brother of John with the sword"
(Acts 12:2). The heroes of faith
were "slain with the sword" (Heb.
11:17). The early Christians were
treated as sheep for the slaughter

Memorial Pulpit

By JOHN R. GILPIN

Our Beloved Pastor and Editor, Now In Glory



WHAT JESUS IS DOING TODAY

"I have finished the work which
thou gavest me to do"—John 17:4.

There are a lot of folk who read
this passage about Jesus having
finished His work and they think
that Jesus Christ isn't doing any-
thing at all today. May I say that
when Jesus was talking about the
work that He had already finish-
ed, as He brought His ministry to
a close, He was talking about His
earthly ministry. He had finished
the types and the shadows of the
Old Testament. He had finished
all the prophecies of the Old
Testament that had to do with
Him concerning His earthly min-
istry. He had finished redemption,
or at least would finish it very
shortly. In fact, I could name a
number of things that Jesus had
already finished so far as His
earthly ministry was concerned,
but the Lord Jesus Christ, while
He had finished His earthly min-
istry, had another ministry ahead
of Him, and my text, while it
refers to the finishing of His work

on earth, does not indicate that
Jesus had already finished all the
work which He had to do.

As I would answer this question
as to what Jesus is doing today,
may I say that the Lord Jesus
Christ is not idle. You can be
certain of one thing, the Son of
God isn't idle. I don't think God's
child ought to be idle either. I
don't think that God's child ought
to ever sit down and say, "Well,
I have done enough." If God has
given you an ability to do any-
thing, you ought to be using that
ability and that talent in the serv-
ice of the Lord. I am satisfied the
Lord Jesus Christ isn't idle to-
day, and you ought not to be idle
either.

As we study what He is doing
today, may I show you also what
He isn't doing?

He is not on His throne. Too
many people think that Jesus
Christ, when He left this world,
went to His own throne. But that
is not so. Listen:

"Now of the things which we
have spoken this is the sum: We
have such an high priest, who is
set on the right hand of the throne
of the Majesty in the heavens"—
Heb. 7:1.

Notice, He is not on His throne,
but rather, He is set on the right
hand of the throne of the Maj-
esty.

Notice again:
"Looking unto Jesus the author
and finisher of our faith; who for
the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the
shame, and is set down at the
right hand of the throne of God"
—Heb. 12:2.

Both of these verses tell us that
the Lord Jesus Christ is not on
His throne, but is set down now
at the right hand of the throne
of God.

Let me say also that Jesus is
not trying to save everybody. The
majority of preachers present a
message that makes Jesus Christ
(Continued on page 3, column 1)

by pagans, priests, and popes.

The world will never change its
attitude toward the saints. At all
times and in many countries be-
lievers are this day being called
upon to give the supreme sacrifice
for Christ's sake. In Russia, China,
and other countries hatred of God's
saints is breaking out. Intolerance
unto death for any who will not
bow to a totalitarian state is assert-
ing itself throughout the world.

These seven foes may separate
us from joy, hope, health, friends,
food, clothing, and even natural
life, but none of them, or all of
them together, cannot make Christ

moral influence, human merit, the
ballot box, the betterment of the
world, or interracial understand-
ing as the modernists claim. Weak
and wavering man could never
overcome without Divine help. It
is altogether in Christ who loves
us, and not through human means
of any kind, that we are more than
conquerors. It is not by our own
loyalty and resolution. We are
conquerors through Christ's death
which took the sting out of all
these troubles.

The expression, "him that loved
us," is in the past tense. These
words point to some one fact as
being the greatest instance of love.
The reference is to the time when
God "spared not his own Son"
(Rom. 8:32). On the cross the love
of God and of Christ was once for
all and supremely set forth.

A POSITIVE CONCLUSION

The Apostle Paul says: I am
persuaded." This is a confidence,
a heart satisfying persuasion. His
mind, his conscience, his heart, his
whole being, were sublimely com-
mitted to what he is about to say.
There was no doubt and uncer-
tainty in his mind. In his own ex-
perience God's love had enabled
him to overcome many trials and
to surmount numerous dangers.

In the preceding verses Paul
proclaimed the triumph of believ-
ers within and without. He now
proceeds in the same triumphant
language to set forth the absolute
inability of all created things to
turn away Christ's love from those

UNINFLUENCED BY CHANGES IN CONDITON

Our writer begins his catalog of
vanquished foes by a pair of op-
posites: "Neither death, nor life."
These terms represent the ex-
tremes of changes which can be-
fall the darlings of Heaven. If these
two conditions, so far from each
other, are within the realm of
God's love, then no condition can
be far from it. If the most violent
change which we experience does
not lessen the grasp of Christ's
love, then no less violent change
can either. "For whether we live
therefore, or die, we are the
Lord's" (Rom. 14:8). Christ's love
is unchanged by the mightiest
changes. No condition can hinder,
hamper, or hurt it.

Death is a solemn thought, and
it has the appearance of God's
displeasure. Even in death we
have the fellowship with Him Who
disarmed Death. By His death He
destroyed "him that had the power
of death, that is, the devil; And
delivered them, who through fear
of death were all their lifetime sub-
ject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14-15).

So far from separating us from
God, mortal death is God's mes-
senger to bring us home to Him.
Death changes the believer's cir-
cumstance, but it has no effect on
the outflow of God's love to the
soul. It separates from friends, oc-
cupation, home, and society, yet it
can never break the bond of God's
(Continued on page 8, column 1)

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TBE

Balance, January 1	\$2,019.23
Receipts	4,901.83
Total	6,921.06
Expenditures	4,947.78
Balance, January 31	1,973.28

love us any less. They are neither
a cause nor an evidence of the
abatement of His love. When Paul
was whipped, beaten, imprisoned,
and stoned, did Christ love him
any less? By no means, but the
contrary.

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Though killed all the day long,
a child of grace is more than a
conqueror. The triumph of the be-
liever is this: "Nay, in all of these
things we are more than conquer-
ors through him that loved us."
Alexander the Great was a mighty
conqueror, but he never knew the
conquest of one loved by Christ!
Behold the victory of the Christian
soldier in the good fight of faith!
The Christian is a conqueror in all
these terrible situations.

We are not just conquerors, but
we are more than conquerors —
we gain a surprising victory — we
are preeminently conquerors! We
not only vanquish our adversaries,
we also are gainers by the assault
of our enemies. This is not a hair's
breadth victory snatched out of the
jaws of defeat. We convert the
enemy conquered into a friend and
helper. Paul does not say that we
shall be conquerors in some far-
off Heaven, when the noise of bat-
tle has ceased, but it is in this life
that we overcome. Moment by mo-
ment we are today conquerors on
this side of eternity.

Believers do not conquer through



THE TABERNACLE, PRIESTHOOD AND OFFERINGS

By
I. M. HALDEMAN

408 Pages

\$6.95

This is the best book we have ever read on the Taber-
nacle. It exalts the substitutionary, sacrificial work of Christ
as that to which the Tabernacle system pointed. On nearly
every page, our attention is called to something which typifies
the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P.O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Jesus . . . Doing Today

(Continued from Page Two)
an absolute failure — that He is trying to save the world and the world "won't" let Him.

Several years ago, a local evangelist went out to a church, 35 miles from here, to hold a revival meeting. One night, he broke down in one of those crying fits for which he was noted, and he said, "You just 'won't' let God do anything. You folk out here are so hardened you just 'won't' let God save you."

I tell you, beloved, a man that would make a statement like that ought to be taken out of the pulpit, and never allowed to enter a pulpit again. God isn't trying to save anybody. He has never tried to save anybody. In fact, He has never tried to do anything. God just does what His will is. So Jesus Christ isn't trying to save everybody today.

Neither is Jesus Christ a spiritual king ruling over some kind of spiritual kingdom. The majority of the Protestant churches and a great number of Baptist Churches, particularly the Convention crowd of Baptists, talk about "bringing in the kingdom." They say that by our preaching we ought to be "bringing in the kingdom," as if to indicate that the Lord Jesus Christ is some sort of a spiritual king, and He is reigning over a spiritual kingdom, and that it is our business by our work and our exertion to bring in the kingdom of God. I tell you, the Lord Jesus Christ is not a spiritual king over any kind of a spiritual kingdom, and it is not our business to be "bringing in the kingdom" today.

Now having shown to you what Jesus Christ is not doing, let me call attention to some things that Jesus Christ is doing today.

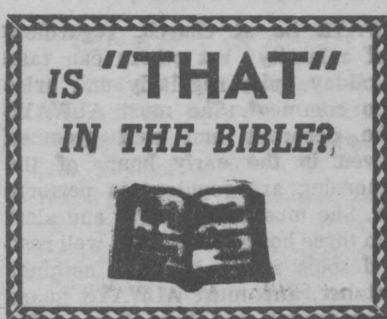
I

JESUS CHRIST IS PREPARING A PLACE FOR HIS BRIDE.

We read: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" — John 14:2.

Who is the Bride of Christ? Lots of folk would tell you immediately that all of the saved of the world make up the Bride. One man I know of, even went so far as to say that Abraham would be the Bride, yet Abraham never knew what it was to be a member of a church. He had never heard of a church. A lot of people would tell you that the Bride of Christ is made up of all the saved. Let me show you how foolish that is.

Suppose that it is so. Then you are the biggest fool in this world if you ever contend for any truth that people differ with you on for seventy years here in this world and then die and go to Heaven and everybody is going to be in the Bride? That is the most ridiculous thing in this world. I have preach-



Question—

WHAT FOUR MEN AND SIX WOMEN HAD THE SAME NAME AS A COUNTRY?

Answer—

The name is Maachah, sometimes Maacah. It was a small Aramean country east of the Sea of Galilee, mentioned in Second Samuel 10:8 and First Chronicles 19:6-7. The following four men and six women bore this same name:

The son of Nahor, Genesis 22:24.
The father of Achish, First Kings 2:39.

The father of Hanun, First Chronicles 11:43.

The father of Shephatiah, First Chronicles 27:16.

A wife of David and mother of Absalom, Second Samuel 3:3.

A wife of Rehoboam and mother of Abijah, First Kings 15:2.

The mother of Asa, Second Chronicles 15:16. This woman is by some scholars identified with the preceding, and reckoned as the grandmother of Asa.

A concubine of Caleb, First Chronicles 2:48.

A wife of Machir, First Chronicles 7:15-16.

A wife of Jehiel, First Chronicles 8:29, 9:35.

ed through the years that Baptists only have the authority to baptize and that Baptist baptism is the only baptism that will ever be recognized in Heaven. I have preached that a Baptist church ought to observe what we call close communion — that is, one church observing the Lord's Supper for itself, without any alien assistance or interference. I have preached through the years that Baptists are the only people that have a commission. Nobody else has a commission to do anything today, because all other churches are man-made churches.

Now, beloved, listen: I live, we will say, for seventy years' time and die and go to Heaven, and here are all these heretics that I have contended against — they live seventy years, they die and go to Heaven. They are saved, but they are in the wrong church. They are not in the church that Jesus built. When they die, we all funnel together into the Bride of Christ, so the majority of the world believes. They believe that regardless of what we believe down here, we are all going to be funneled together into the Bride of Christ.

Beloved, listen, we are going to be there forever. Wouldn't I be the biggest fool in this world to

contend for Baptist Church truth down here for seventy years and then that crowd that hated me and hated the truth that I preach, I am going to be with them throughout a never-ending eternity. I say to you, the idea that all the saved make up the Bride of Christ is the most ridiculous piece of foolishness in this world.

I contend that the Bride of Christ is a select number and is going to be made up of a group that is known only to Himself today. When I read Revelation 19:1, which says, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb," and I study the word "called" to realize that it means "invited," I say that could not mean the Bride, because the Bride isn't invited to her own marriage. There are going to be some people at the marriage that are invited guests, who are not a part of the Bride.

I go back to the Old Testament and read a remarkable text of Scripture relative to the Bride. Listen:

"The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions" — Psa. 45:13-14.

Notice, the Bride is going to have some companions. They are going to be virgins too, but they are not going to be in the Bride.

Beloved, what is Jesus Christ doing today? He is preparing a place for His Bride. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." He wasn't talking about Heaven. The man who takes John 14:2 and says that is a reference just to Heaven alone is ridiculously misapplying the Word of God. He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." What is He doing? He is getting a place ready for His Bride.

Those of you who have been married know that when you got married, you gave it some little thought before hand as to where you were going to live and what you were going to have by way of furniture. You prepared something for your bride.

Beloved, that is what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing today. He is making preparations for His Bride.

Whenever I read Revelation 21 as to the wall that is built around the Bride, it becomes more and more precious to me. This is not talking about Heaven alone. This is talking about a select group inside of a select group, and that select group is walled off from all the balance.

If you will read this chapter, you will find that it is amazing how many times the word "wall" is found. That wall is to tell how that our Lord has built a wall all the way around His Bride even in Heaven, to shut them off from the other folk who are there who are saved that are not in the Bride.

People say, "I guess Baptists are going to be the only ones in Heaven." No, there will be a lot of people in Heaven. People say, "I guess Baptists will be off in one little corner having close communion." Beloved, you can be certain of one thing, you may not have used the right language, but Baptists are going to be in a crowd by themselves in Heaven. They are going to have a wall around them to shut them off from everybody else. What is our Lord doing? He is getting that place ready now. He is preparing a place for His Bride.

II

JESUS CHRIST IS CARRYING ON AN INTERCESSORY WORK FOR US.

I believe that Jesus Christ intercedes for me. I believe that He is interceding for every one of you. You need intercession. Listen:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, see" (Continued on page 6, column 1)

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

MARCH 5, 1977

PAGE THREE

"Man's Monstrous Purpose On The Moon And Mars"

RAYMOND A. WAUGH, SR.

Part V

Man Blindly Persists

There is no question, of course, but that these scientists have put instrumented packages and men on the Moon and instrumented packages and Landers from Viking I and Viking II on Mars. Needless to say, men such as these stand in the forefront of man's intellectual and technological advance. Yet, it is in the very midst of their greatness that they manifest such piteous foolishness.

These are so incapable of abandoning their disproved and obviously unprovable evolutionary hypotheses regarding life, that we must wonder as to whose "drums" they are marching. Certainly, they are not marching to the drums of God's knowledge or to the drums of God's wisdom! If they were, they would recognize the "blind alleys" into which their pursuits led them, and the utter illogicality of the non-factual structures which they raise.

As the Apostle in another day spoke to the worldly wise of his day, perhaps he yet speaks to these of this day. *"Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe . . . Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men"* (I Cor. 1:20-21,25).

What we may be seeing is a picture, or at least a prelude, of that final experience of men who will actually suppose they are right when they will be wrong. The Apostle describes the coming of this day wherein men will be so fully evil that *"God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness"* (II Thess. 2:11-12). We may very well be at the door of that day, for the greatest men, it seems, appear to be most vigorously committed against God, His Christ, and His Word.

These have the name of being wise among their fellows and among mankind, when, in fact, they have simply accumulated a few miniscule details regarding the universe which becomes more of a mystery with each supposed advance. Despite their knowledge and their technical capabilities, these foremost scientists of our time have not really touched the knowledge or the wisdom of God with all of their research and technical efforts.

Thousands of years ago, God spoke to such as these! His Word, His Knowledge, and His Wisdom are yet unassailed by the likes of men. Then and now the inquiry of God is the same, *"Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?"* (Job 38:2). Though Satan continues to work mightily in the hearts and minds of men, the questions of God are yet unanswerable, *"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? . . . Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place . . . Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?"* (Job 38:4,12,31).

Perhaps from the days of Democritus until the nineteenth century of this era, men of worldly knowledge and wisdom have dealt with atoms as the "building blocks" of the universe. Yet, almost 2000 years ago God provided, *"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear"* (Heb. 11:3). This, of course, is a marvel of wisdom and knowledge which yet staggers the mind and the imagination of men. Even to this hour, they refuse to accept the wonder. Once, when atoms were supposed to be the building blocks of the Universe, those who held to the Word of God were deemed to be most unwise.

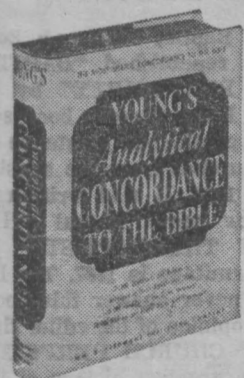
Men have "split" the atom in recent decades so they take a rather dim view of the supposed scientific insight of other generations regarding this matter. Still, these who have "split" the atom suppose that the sub-microcosmic or sub-microscopic "particles" are the basis of that which exists. There is, even now, a determined rejection of "the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Even the journey of men to the Moon and the presence of the Landers on Mars are designed to accomplish this purpose. They even expect to prove that the elementary particles on those distant lands have somehow produced that which we call life.

These may give the appearance of "men of science," and perhaps even honest men, when they have, in fact, determined to prove their hypotheses and thereby discount God as Creator. These give the appearance of men who are seeking truth or who are dealing with truth, when they, in fact, may be those who have been sent "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

What an appalling thought, men of science believing a lie!

(Continued on Page Five)

MASTERPIECE — INVALUABLE — SERVICEABLE



YOUNG'S CONCORDANCE

118,000 References not found in other Concordances

\$15.95

Plain

Indexed \$18.95

Young's contains nearly 5,000,000 references — 1280 pages — 311,000 translations arranged in strict alphabetical order — 30,000 readings of the Greek Testament — 70,000 Hebrew and Greek words with translations.

Indispensable — Informative — Analytical

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

The Baptist Examiner Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT TO:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER — P. O. BOX 910 — ASHLAND, KY. 41101

"Is it Scriptural to engage in religious debates with false teachers?"

ROY
MASON

RADIO MINISTER
BAPTIST PREACHER
Arlpeka, Florida



We have Scriptural instances given in the New Testament of Jesus and Paul debating religious subjects. Read the New Testament and you will find many instances where Jesus argued religious questions with the Scribes and Pharisees and Sadducees. They were forever picking at things He said and did, trying to put Him in the wrong light. Jesus came back at them good and hard. Likewise, Paul had many discussions with those who took issue with him. In Acts, the fifteenth chapter, we have a debate between Paul and some others with those Jews who were trying to mix the law and the Gospel. Several joined in this discussion. Then we have the story of Paul's encounter with some of the Greek philosophers on Mars Hill. Wherever and whenever enemies of the Gospel jumped on Paul, he responded with the truth. I think that we of today should follow his example in standing up for the Gospel and for the truth.

But when it comes to religious leaders of different faiths arranging a formal debate in an attempt to talk one another down, I do not believe that it is best to engage in this sort of thing. The Church of Christ ministers are taught the art of debate in their schools, and many of them are very able debaters. Several of these pastors came to my home once and challenged me to an all-out debate on our religious differences. I was preaching to the largest congregation in the city at that time. I said to them, "I decline to engage in such a debate for several reasons. First, I have more people to preach to than you do and I would merely advertise you. In the second place, I am living where there are Church of Christ people mixed up with my neighbors. The chances are I would make them good and mad, and I'd rather not lose their friendship. In the third place, you fellows are so set in your heresy that I couldn't convince you of your errors, and there is no use of my trying."

Perhaps I should go ahead and tell you about what followed. They

got a Holiness preacher to debate them, using a big City Hall. I happened to be passing the Hall when I remembered about the debate, so I went inside. The Church of Christ debater had been well trained in the art of debating. The Holiness pastor had not received such training. The Church of Christ preacher simply demoralized him. Some days later, I met that poor Holiness preacher, and he said to me, "You were at the debate the other night, weren't you? Didn't that Church of Christ preacher skin me alive? I'll never get mixed up in another thing of that kind as long as I live!"

One of the Church of Christ pastors lived a block or so from me, and a young man who rented a room in his house asked me if I would debate this pastor privately, if he brought him over to my house some night. He said, "I want to get straightened out on some things." I agreed, so one evening they came over. We sat in my study and discussed our differences while the young man listened with great interest. I didn't suppose I had changed the young man's thinking, but about a couple of years after this, I had a long-distance call one night. It was from this same young man. He said, "Your discussion with the pastor I brought to your house really got me on the right road. I think you'll be interested to know that I not only was baptized into a Baptist church soon afterwards, but I'm now a Baptist preacher and pastor of a Baptist church."

No, I don't believe it is Scriptural or best to open up our churches and have religious debates with false teachers, but when one has the opportunity to discuss religious beliefs, as I did that night in my study, I believe that one should make use of the opportunity.

E. G.
COOK

701 Cambridge
Birmingham, Ala.

PASTOR
Philadelphia
Baptist Church
Birmingham, Ala.



If there is any Scripture to support a religious debate with false teachers I have not found it. Neither do I know of any good that can come from a debate. When I was in my early teens there was a debate in Winfield, Alabama, between

a Baptist preacher and a Holiness preacher. The debate was planned for three days. But by the end of the second day the Baptist preacher had his opponent wrapped and ready for shipping. So that night his crowd put him on the train and shipped him out of town. The result of the debate: it fed the ego of the Baptists and brought to the boiling point the hatred in the hearts of the Holiness people, both of which are very undesirable.

There is just no fair way for a born-again child of God to have a debate with a false teacher. The thoughts of the child of God are in the spiritual realm, and there is just no way for the false teacher's thoughts to get out of the material realm. I Corinthians 2:14 says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

So if you just have to debate with a false teacher, I suggest that it be on the subject, "Which Was the Greater President, Washington or Lincoln?" He will probably wrap you up and have you ready for shipping. And I might add, that will be good enough for you, because Ephesians 5:11 says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." There is one brand of false teachers that would debate against Jesus Christ at the drop of the hat. And when the debate is over they will proclaim from the housetop that they won the debate. And in their deceitful, wicked hearts they will really believe they did win it.

The Under Rower

(Continued from page one)

Bible speaks of rewards and degrees and also of present and future blessings for things left behind and things laid aside in sacrifice to Christ's service. I submit that few have left more and have endured more than the families of ministers who are consecrated to Christ's cause. If I am right in saying that "ministers" and "sacrifice" are synonyms, then can there be a lesser corollary of terms as concerns the minister's family? These dear and blessed souls that follow their head wherever he leads be it into poverty, danger or desperation.

What price think you could buy such devotion and such trust? If any must live a life of exemplary faith the minister's family are surely these. By trust in God and trust in their patriarch they give themselves over to whatever calamities or joys befall them. They follow the "under-rower" blind and one of the crushing burdens of the minister's lot is that if his judgment of matters prove false his family must suffer his pain and share his woe.

The minister's wife bears the brunt of the burdensome daily occurrences that come the family's way. She must very often be the strongest of the twain for she very often must carry the heavier load. What with mending old clothing, preparing scant food, doctoring sick children, attempting to make 24 hours do service for 30 and often managing a household on a pittance, she has a wearisome, wearisome load. In addition she must listen with unfeigned patience to leisure folk with nothing better to occupy their time than to tell her at great length of their petty, trifling troubles.

The minister's wife must AL-

WAYS be at church, regardless of calamity; but others can take holiday quite regularly and arise no comment. She must ALWAYS be decorous and well groomed even in the early hours of the morning are required to perform it. She must be attentive and alert on three hours sleep while well rested souls mouth intricate nothings at her. She must ALWAYS guard her tongue and keep her candor under lock even under the most severe provocation. She must be witty and wise, humble and subservient to opulent members while trying to think of an untried recipe for third hand left overs.

She must be civil to all, over friendly to none, sympathetic to the hypochondriac, patient with the sometime member who occasionally ornaments a pew, a greeter of the visitors, a caller of the sick, a helper of the lame and an encouragement to the lazy. She must be a paragon of talents and ever ready to serve or go when called upon. She must NEVER lose either her patience or her demeanor and she must let pass casual insults from thoughtless souls with sullied minds. She must perform these tasks and yet, as Kipling says, she must not "look too good nor talk too wise." Compared to her daily labor, the task of the minister sometimes seems strangely simple and unfettered.

Now, how think you is the minister's wife requited for her unstinted devotion and service? If there was justice abroad in the land you would imagine that she would be recognized and appreciated handsomely. However, there is scant justice about. The minister's wife who labors and sacrifices most is quite often recognized the least. Like the king-makers of old she must labor in silence behind the scenes and her labors are seldom recognized and still less seldom are they ever appreciated. She must suffer abuse and reveal it not to the minister lest in a moment of weakness he be driven to exact the Mosaic toll of any eye for an eye.

She must be patient and forbearing while the Griper and Grumbler Corps uses her as a conduit by which to appraise the minister of his failings and faults. If any could be said to be "skilled of lamentation" (Amos 5:16) it is she. Yet she dare not show it. To borrow the Freemason's childish ploy she must "ever conceal and never reveal" her anguish of soul lest she harm her husband's ministry.

Come we now to the children of the minister. How fare they do you suppose? Are they treated with the respect and kindness that should be accorded the offspring of the overseer of Christ's church? If the "under-rower" is a drudge and his wife is a scullion, what then are his children? The answer shall be that these dear ones must suffer alongside those that love them so dearly. Children of any culture are play-

ful and precocious due to childish spirits and energy but there is little harm in any of them. However, the minister's children are expected, YEA DEMANDED, to be something more than children. A very foolish genius once said that "children are just men of a smaller growth." Of all the ineffable idiocy to utter about children, this is surely the most harmful. Children are nothing but children whether they identify with the pulpit or the pew. But the minister's children are demanded to conform to a loftier pattern of performance. What a cruel and vicious double standard this is!

Ministers are told that they must rule their own houses well "having their children in subjection with all gravity" (I Tim. 3:4), as if this applied only to them. People with disrespectful and unruly children are rather fond of quoting this Scripture to ministers, while they are blindly ignorant of bratish and brutish behavior in their own children.

Who determines if a minister's children are "in subjection?" Is there an appointed judge to affect this particular point of jurisprudence? Assuredly not, and yet, copious judges arise and issue indictments against the minister's children with all the pompous wisdom of Justice Holmes issuing a dissent. The folly and blindness of some people beggars description when they issue unthought decrees concerning the minister's family.

I am told that minister's children tend to go to the bad in later life and if true as alleged, then I know the root cause of it. It is because that from their childhood they were exposed to religious hypocrites by the gross who spoke Christianity with their tongues and malice with their faces. The minister's children see masters of religious polemics who never seem to annex to themselves the spirit of a Christian.

Do minister's children go bad? If so, then the sight of their father's suffering under cruel hands of identified Christians cannot be entirely eliminated as a cause. If members of Baptist churches were kinder to their minister, then the minister's children might not stray quite as often as they are alleged to do.

Growth is a natural, progressive thing whether it be in the body, the emotions, the psyche or the personality. You cannot force growth; if you try you will distort it. All must grow at their own speed as God ordains. It amazes me that there are not a great many minister's children with severe emotional and psychological problems. Tension and stress are contagious and when the "under-rower" is under unrelenting pressure this transmits itself to his children.

To place unrealistic demands on the minister's children in addition to their already heavy burdens is both barbaric and unchristian. Yet, (Continued on page 5, column 3)

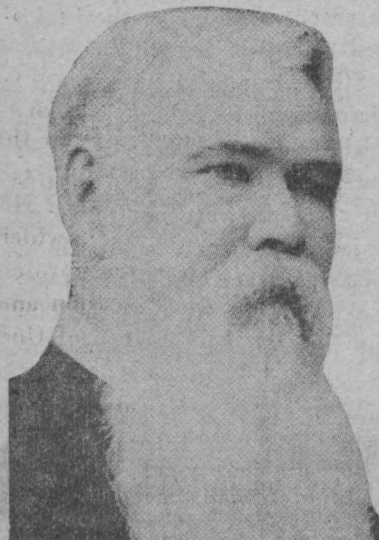
AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

by B. H. CARROLL

Elder B. H. Carroll was a widely known evangelist, preacher, and teacher in Texas. He was one of the founders and early presidents of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

These six volumes are the fruit of many years of teaching. Studying these books is like sitting in the classroom of a master teacher. Carroll was known for his practical, down-to-earth application of the Word, one of the traits that made him so popular as a preacher.

These books are an unusual and rare blend of paraphrased portions of Scripture, concise and readable introductions, word studies, character studies, model sermons, pertinent illustrations, brief expositions, and much more. They are newly reprinted and offered to the public once again. Price \$75.00.



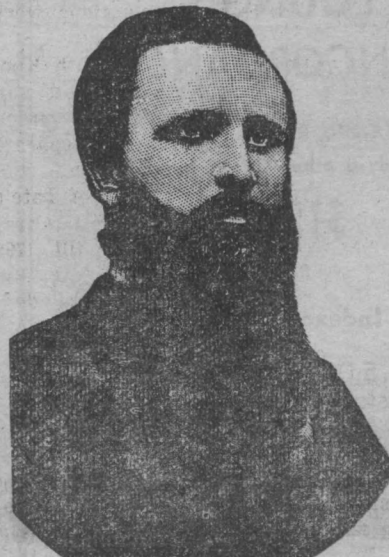
ORDER FROM CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE
336 1/2 - 13TH STREET P.O. BOX 910 ASHLAND, KY. 41101

A GREAT NEW BOOK BACK IN PRINT! "BAPTIST CHURCH PERPETUITY"

Calvary Baptist Church Book Store has republished "BAPTIST CHURCH PERPETUITY" by W. A. Jarrel. Elder Jarrel's book sets forth the continuous existence of Baptist churches from the apostolic age to 1894. It was written to answer the more liberal "HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS" by Thomas Armitage in 1887. The liberals will never answer this book.

It is the opinion of the editor that "BAPTIST CHURCH PERPETUITY" is the greatest history of the Baptists in print today. Jarrel was more in agreement with our views than almost any other historian. It is an excellent book for seminaries and Bible colleges to use.

Place your order today for this great Baptist classic. It is a fine gift to give young preachers. The price is \$8.95 each. Available in hardback only.



ELDER W. A. JARREL

ORDER FROM CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE
P. O. BOX 910 — ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

Communion . . .

(Continued from page one)
 communion," so far as to permit each other to sit at the Lord's Table in their respective churches; but whoever heard of a Presbyterian administering the Lord's Supper in an Episcopal Church, or an Episcopalian presiding at the Lord's Table in a Presbyterian Church?

Why not? Do they not recognize each other as regenerated men? Certainly they do. Do they not regard each other as baptized? Most certainly they do. The fact is, the various Pedobaptist denominations, as distinct bodies, find it a moral impossibility to sit at the Lord's Table with each other, until they can settle the points upon which they predicate their several existences as distinct bodies.

The fact is, that "open communion" is a theory but little carried into practice.

Why then, as "open communion" does not cause Christian union among Pedobaptists, should they demand it of the Baptists, and charge them with standing in the way of Christian union?

The Baptists of England for the most part are "open communion-ists," and yet it is an open secret, that the other religious bodies of England are no more closely united to them, than are the Pedobaptists of the United States to their "close communion" Baptist brethren. Are Presbyterians and Methodists more affectionate towards each other, and do they work together with more harmony, than do the Presbyterians and Baptists? If so, is it brought about by "open communion" among them?

That "close communion" is not in harmony with the spirit of liberalism, rationalism, and skepticism that marks the age, we do not deny; and therefore, as Baptists, we feel the duty of guarding with sleepless vigilance those institutions and principles that our Lord has entrusted to our care, lest, borne away by the strong current of the times, the Master, when He comes, shall find us sleeping.

Is it bigotry to obey Christ? Is it wicked to observe the ordinance of baptism as He observed it? Is it uncharitableness to adhere to the order instituted by Christ Himself?

Who are excluded by it? Only those who prefer their own way to Christ's way. Baptist churches are open to all Christians who are willing to come in, in Christ's way — by immersion in water, upon a profession of their faith in the Lord

GREAT BOOKS ON BAPTIST HISTORY

A History of the Baptists — John T. Christian	\$ 3.50
Origin of the Baptists — S. H. Ford	\$ 1.00
History of the Middle Tennessee Baptists — J. H. Grime	\$ 8.00
(No discount)	
History of Alien Immersion and Valid Baptism — J. H. Grime	\$ 1.00
(No discount)	
Catechism of Ecclesiastical History — J. H. Grime	\$ 1.00
(No discount)	
Baptist Confessions of Faith — W. L. Lumpkin	\$10.00
My Church — J. B. Moody	\$ 6.95
Churches of the Valley of Piedmont — Samuel Moreland	\$10.00
A Concise History of Baptists — G. H. Orchard	\$ 4.95
South Carolina Baptists — Leah Townsend	\$15.00
Martyrs Mirror — Thieleman Van Braght	\$17.95
The New Directory for Baptist Churches — E. T. Hiscox	\$ 6.95
Pillars of Orthodoxy — compiled by Ben M. Bogard	\$ 7.50
(No discount)	
History of the Baptists — Thomas Armitage	\$25.00
A History of Kentucky Baptists — J. H. Spencer	\$35.00
History of the Baptists in Virginia — Semple	\$15.00
Minutes of the Philadelphia Baptist Association	\$11.00
Fifty Years Among the Baptists — David Benedict	\$ 8.95
History of the Welsh Baptists — J. Davis	\$ 5.00
Baptist Patriots and the American Revolution — W. Cathcart	\$ 2.65
Baptist Church Perpetuity — W. A. Jarrel	\$ 8.95
Studies in Baptist Doctrines and History — D. N. Jackson	\$ 1.50
Baptist Church Manual — J. M. Pendleton	\$ 3.95
Baptist Church Manual — J. E. Cobb	\$ 1.50

Order From

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE

P. O. Box 910

Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Jesus.

And yet they say we exclude them. They are mistaken; they exclude themselves.

If we show them the law of Christ, and they refuse to obey it, is that our fault? Must we give up Christ's way, and adopt theirs, in order to win them back? We should not succeed if we did. We love our brethren much, but we love Christ more. We dread their harsh, bitter, unjust words, for they hurt; but we dread the displeasure of our King more. . . .

They coerce no man's conscience, but they demand liberty for their own. "And now, why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized."

Ky. History . . .

(Continued from page one)
 south of Louisville, June 18, 1781. It still bears its ancient name, Severn's Valley. The second church was constituted by the same ministers, July 4, 1781. It is called Cedar Creek, and is located forty miles southeast from Louisville. The third church in Kentucky was Gilbert's Creek, in Garrard County. It was constituted in Spottsylvania Co., and removed to Kentucky, under the pastoral care of Lewis Craig, in the fall of 1781. Here it held its first meeting the second Sunday in December of that year.

Then followed Forks of Dix River, in 1782; Providence, in 1783; South Elkhorn, in 1783; Gilbert's Creek (Separate Baptists), in 1783; Beargrass, in 1784; Cox's Creek, Clear Creek, Great Crossings, Tate's Creek, Limestone, Brashear's Creek, Rush Branch, Pottinger's Creek, and Head of Boone's Creek, in 1785.

In 1785 three Associations were formed, Elkhorn and Salem of Regular Baptists, and South Kentucky of Separate Baptists. In 1793 an effort to form a union between the Regular and Separate Baptists failed in its object, and resulted in the formation of Tate's Creek Association of United Baptists. From this period till 1799 religion was at a low ebb, and open infidelity much abounded. In 1800 the religious awakening known as "The Great Revival in Kentucky" began, and continued three years. In this period the number of Baptists in the State was more than doubled. It was at this time that the jerks and the barking and dancing exercises prevailed and in some degree among the Baptists, but much more extensively among the Presbyterians and Methodists.

In 1801 the Regular and Separate Baptists formed a union, and

all assumed the name of United Baptists of Kentucky continued to prosper, with little to interrupt their harmony. About this period Daniel Parker introduced his two-seed doctrine, and with it the anti-mission spirit. This caused much trouble, dividing many churches and Associations. These factions still exist, but have become weak and insignificant.

(Continued on page 6, column 3)

The Under Rower

(Continued from page 4)

crass and unfeeling souls who live by the letter and seldom by the spirit keep their jaundiced eye on the minister's children and mark any deviation from the path of "subjection," as they define subjection, of course. Poor, benighted souls. If they would keep their eyes fixed more upon Jesus and less upon the children of the minister, they might possibly discover their own faults and less of the faults of others.

Holiness is a cherished Christian doctrine to which we subscribe and yet, there are some dear Baptists who are so "holy" that they are not fit for human company. Their lives are censorious, particularly in regard to the minister and his family. Poor souls. Would to God that they would learn something of the "beauties of holiness" (Psalm 110:3) and then they might be bearable company. As it is they have a mismatic lacquer of "holiness" that barely conceals a malevolent heart and a system of guile.

All children and particularly the children of ministers are very discerning about the motives and morals of people. Children discern hypocrites (play actors) very readily for they see beyond the outer lacquer. How we need to acquire the wisdom that Paul declares in I Corinthians 7:1 and purify the spirit as well as the body. It is not sufficient to cleanse the outer man without purifying the inward man as well. Many religious zealots bring their body into subjection to the extent that they insure that their bodies go to church, shun worldly habitats and shun worldly habits. While this is fine and well it is only a partial victory and a pharisaic victory without purifying the spirit. Every minister's family has endured zealots who are outwardly pure (and proud of it) but whose spirit would wither you at a glance. Exalted Pharisees in Baptist guise. Acid personification. (Continued on page 8, column 3)

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

MARCH 5, 1977

PAGE FIVE

MAN'S MONSTROUS PURPOSE . . .

(Continued from Page Three)

Men of science being enemies of God Almighty!

Yet, if God is Creator and men of science insist that it has all happened by some "chance" evolutionary process, then they are opposed to Almighty God. Obviously, they have set themselves against the plain teachings of the Word of God, even the Holy Scriptures. Since these and others at their peer levels are definitively influential in all levels of our modern educational system or systems, the future of our youth tomorrow is very dark intellectually, and even darker spiritually.

Man Battles Against God

What we are observing, of course, are evidences of that continuing battle which was enjoined when Satan said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High" (Ezek. 14:13-14). What we are seeing is a continuation of that battle between God and Satan as it is extended in the lives of believing and unbelieving men, and between teachings of truth and teachings of lies.

The world of men quite obviously prefers Satan, unbelieving and lies. This is evident on every hand as men fall in abject service before Satan and choose his lies rather than the truths of God.

Among men, this battle began in the Garden of Eden. In those pristine moments of human history, God had declared to His newly-created man, "Of every tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day that thou eatest of it, thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:16-17). Even at that hour, Satan was ready to delude Adam's helpmeet, Eve, with that most fatal of all doubts, "Yea, hath God said . . . ?"

The battle was further engaged when Abel and Cain chose between God's way of salvation and man's way of salvation; when believing Noah stood almost alone against an unbelieving world; when Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10); when Moses, "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt . . . he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king," as God tells us, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:26-27,25); and when Elijah stood alone in faith against the 400 prophets of the groves and the 450 prophets of Baal. Others such as David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, Zechariah, and other similar men of faith chose God and His Word for time and for eternity.

The battle reached a very high point when Jesus, God incarnate in human flesh, met Satan on the Mount of Temptation. There, in that crucial moment in time and eternity, Jesus was engaged by Satan in a debate which had as its issue man's eternal destiny. Although he was face to face with the One "by (whom) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers . . . and by Him all things consist" (Col. 1:16-17), Satan did not hear any scientific jargon, psychological subtleties, or sociological superlatives. Rather, Satan was met at the point of human need with, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4); at the point of human power with, "Thou shalt not put the Lord, thy God, to the test" (Mt. 4:7); and at the point of human worship with, "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Mt. 4:10).

Some who followed the Lord Jesus very closely were quite definite regarding their allegiances and their choices. A man called Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16). Obviously, he had no question about the Lord's divinity or the eternal verity of His words. A man called John said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

Man Enslaved By Satan

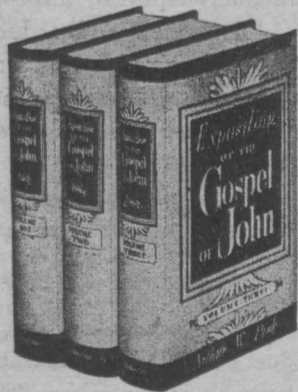
In their depravity and evident spiritual ignorance, men, in our generation, may rationalize the exclusion of God from the Earth, the Moon, and Mars. As conspirators against God, His Son, and the Scriptures, these may even exclude God and His Word from today's classrooms. So intense is the darkness which pervades the beings and the practices of the pompous professionals of our day that they blaspheme the God of creation and call their efforts a blessing, and they impugn the Word of God and call their efforts intelligence.

Any who have even a modicum of insight or wisdom of the historical past or the vital present should be able to realize that Satan is "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). Further, that "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (II Cor. 4:4)! Needless to say, "the prince of the power of the air" and "the

(Continued on Page Six)

The Gospel Of John

BY A. W. PINK



Now Printed In One Volume

\$14.95

This is perhaps the best of Bro. Pink's writings. You will find these books almost inexhaustible in setting forth the meaning of the Gospel of John. As was Pink's custom, he has put much time and study into the preparation of this set.

We highly recommend this commentary. It is written in such a way that it is easy to read and understand. If you have been looking for the best on John's Gospel, we suggest that you get this set.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 P. O. Box 910, Ashland, Ky. 41101

WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST ISSUE?

Please note the date by your address on this paper. If it says 3/77, it indicates that your paper will stop the last week of March. We value our subscribers highly, and we deeply regret the loss of some at the end of each month due to expiration of their subscription.

We cannot afford to send out letters telling individuals that their subscription has expired. We do not have either the help or the money to do this. Thus, we are forced to remove each name when the subscription has expired. Please enclose \$4.00 in an envelope and get it to us immediately, if the date on your paper indicates that we are about ready to pull your name due to expiration. Send your renewal to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, P.O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky 41101. This way, our paper may continue its unique ministry in your home.

Jesus... Doing Today

(Continued from page three)

ing he ever liveth to make intercession for them"—Heb. 7:24,25.

Notice, this is talking about Jesus, and it says that Jesus has an unchangeable priesthood. In other words, He has an unalterable priesthood; His priesthood doesn't pass to somebody else.

The Catholics say that when Jesus Christ was here, He handed His priesthood over to Simon Peter and Simon Peter handed it over to the next Pope, and they have been handing it down until the priesthood is in the hands of the Pope today.

I tell you, beloved, Jesus Christ has an unalterable priesthood. He doesn't turn His priesthood over to anybody else. He is still the priest, and what is He doing? "He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Thank God, Jesus Christ is up yonder in Heaven making intercession for you. I do not think there is a saved person here but what realizes that he needs the intercessory work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world"—I John 2:1,2.

First of all, every man sins. In fact, we have sinned many times since we have been saved. But if any man sin (that takes in you and me, because all of us sin), we have an advocate, and that advocate is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here's a man who has a business and he hires a legal firm to represent him. He gives them what we call a retainer fee so that they are hired in his behalf. At any time any legal difficulty comes up, he calls on that firm and asks them for advice. This man doesn't wait until trouble arises or he needs advice, but he has a retainer by way of this legal firm standing by.

Thank God, I have a retainer in Heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ is my advocate, and He is the propitiation, or the sacrifice for my sins. He isn't there to make an excuse for me. A lot of people think that the Lord Jesus Christ is up in Heaven making an excuse for His people. Not at all. He isn't there to make an excuse. He isn't there to ask God the Father to be lenient. Rather, He is there to present His blood.

His blood was spilled for our sins. This is the reason why we are saved on earth. This is the reason why we are being kept saved. Because of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is there in Heaven today, keeping our sin debt paid from day to day. I say, beloved, that is part of His work today — He is carrying on an intercessory work for us.

Notice a similar Scripture:

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true;

but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us"—Heb. 9:24.

Where is He, beloved? He is entered into Heaven. Why is He there? To appear in the presence of God. Why does He need to be in the presence of God? He does not. Then why is He there? Beloved, He is there to appear for us.

Thank God, if you are saved, you have an advocate. You have a lawyer at the right hand of God. That advocate, that lawyer, is the Lord Jesus Christ. What is He doing today? He is preparing a place for His Bride and He is carrying on an intercessory work for us.

III

JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING FOR HIS ENEMIES TO RUN THEIR COURSE.

We read:

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool"—Heb. 10:12,13.

Notice, the Lord Jesus Christ is in an attitude of expectancy. What is He expecting? He is expecting His enemies to be made His footstool.

You see a woman walking along the street who shows unmistakably the signs that pregnancy has taken place so far as her physical body is concerned, and you would say, "She is expecting."

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is expecting that His enemies be made His footstool and He is just waiting today for His enemies to run their course.

Take all these false churches. Do you believe that all the churches in the world today are true churches? No, you couldn't believe that. There are a thousand or more in existence today and of those thousand or more churches, some of them teach that you are saved by grace and some teach that you are saved by works; some teach baptism by immersion and some teach baptism by sprinkling; some teach close communion and some teach even closer communion like we do, that communion is just for one local church, and some throw it wide open to the world. Do you mean to tell me that the Lord is back of all that? Beloved, you know better.

These churches, the most of which are false, Satanic-built, man-constructed churches, have come into existence because of the work of man and the work of Satan. What is going to happen to them. Listen:

"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up"—Mt. 15:13.

Notice, it says that they are going to be rooted up.

Listen again:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire"—Rev. 17:16.

The whore that is spoken of here is the false churches of the world, headed up by Roman Catholicism and all the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome, and

it says that the beast, whoever he may be, is going to hate the whore and is going to make her desolate and naked, and eat her flesh and burn her with fire. In other words, there is going to be a literal destruction so far as these false churches are concerned.

What is He waiting for? He is expecting. He is waiting for His enemies to run their course. These false churches have to run their course.

There isn't a doubt in my mind but what the Lord allowed these false churches for a purpose, and I think that purpose is to make Baptists to be more Baptist. The sad thing is that the majority of Baptists compromise. I heard a Baptist say some time ago to a fellow that was a Campbellite, "There's not much difference between us and you." For shame that a Baptist would ever compromise in that respect! For shame that a Baptist would see how near like somebody else he could be! We ought to magnify our differences, so the world would know that there is something about us that is different from them.

But what is Jesus doing? He is waiting until His enemies have (Continued on Page 7, Column 3)

Ky. History...

(Continued from page five)

In 1823, Campbellism began to disturb the denomination, and continued to distress the churches until the Campbellites were cut off. The formal separation began in 1829, but was not completed till 1835, when the Campbellites became a distinct sect, known by various names in different localities.

In 1832 the Baptist State Convention was organized. Its operations were unsatisfactory, and, after a trial of four years, it was dissolved. In 1837 the General Association of Kentucky Baptists was constituted. Its special object was to promote the spread of the gospel in the State. Its success was encouraging from the beginning. It is estimated that 50,000 persons have been baptized under its auspices.

Meanwhile, the anti-missionary spirit, which had first manifested itself in the churches about the year 1818, was fully aroused by the organization of the General Association. Divisions were produced in many churches and Associations. In not a few of these a majority was on the anti-missionary side. The formal division began in 1840. Since that time the Baptists of Kentucky have been divided into missionary and anti-missionary churches. The latter have now an aggregate membership of about 7000.

Since the division last referred to, the denomination has enjoyed a good degree of harmony and prosperity. Until the close of the Civil War, the white and colored people worshipped together in the same churches. Since that period the colored people have formed churches and Associations of their own. The separation was harmonious, and the feeling between the brethren of the two races is kind, and their correspondence is fraternal.

The subjoined table will show the growth of the Baptist denomination in Kentucky from 1790 to 1880:

Date	Population of The State	Number of Baptists
1790	73,677	3,105
1810	406,511	---
1812	---	21,666
1830	687,947	---
1831	---	34,827
1840	779,828	47,325
1846	---	60,991
1850	928,405	69,894
1860	1,155,684	81,262
1870	1,321,011	---
1875	---	144,269
1878	---	159,743
1879	---	161,190
1880	---	163,696

(THE BAPTIST ENCYCLOPEDIA, Vol. I, pp. 650-651, Edition 1881).

MAN'S MONSTROUS PURPOSE...

(Continued from Page Five)

god of this world" has mankind firmly in his evil grip, ensnared and enslaved, and they know it not!

Today, educators, scientists, technologists, sociologists, philosophers, psychologists, and even theologians proceed to ensnare the youth of this generation in their evil, satanic control. By their evil efforts, these ensure that the youth will remain in ignorance of God, His Christ, and His Holy Word.

It even appears that Satan and his slaves are winning!

As the educators, priests, and people, as well as the Roman leaders, supposed the day of crucifixion was their hour of victory, so these anti-Christ intelligentsia of our day and their proteges may suppose this is their hour of victory over God and His Word. Yet, nothing could be further from the truth!

Across the ages, the earthly world's mightiest forces — intellectual, physical, and psychological — have been arrayed against the Lord and the faithful children of the Lord. It has appeared, at times, as though the Lord and the children of God were losing the battle. The thing which Satan and his servants have not comprehended, however, is that the weapons of the faithful, believing children of God were not and are not carnal.

Surely Satan and the godless men of that day supposed they were on top of the situation as the Apostle announced that he had experienced "stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often" (II Cor. 11:23) along with perils, watchings, fastings, cold and even nakedness. As Saul seemingly had once gained the victory over Stephen who had died at his hands, so the world of godless men seemingly was gaining the victory over him who had become known as Paul.

He knew, however, that such was not so. Therefore, in the climactic days of his life, he could declare, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." (II Tim. 4:7-8).

In finality, the Apostle, as all others who serve the Lord Jesus Christ in faith, and who are embattled against Satan and his evil cohorts, knew that the victory was his. He could rejoice in the truth of which Jesus had spoken so clearly, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). He could abound, even as another of the Lord's faithful ones, in the glorious truth, "Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

The enemies of God, His Son, and His Word may seem to be winning the battle. The very opposite is true! Those who serve Satan know not the truth. Hence, they are not free, even though they would have those whom they delude with their demonic, godless teachings suppose that they are free. Even more, their destiny is even greater darkness, "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thess. 2:11-12).

Thankfully, however, those of us who walk in faith with the Lord Jesus Christ, believing His Word, in truth, are free. We can know that God is yet in control.

Almost 2000 years ago, when men were involved in their godless "spontaneous generation," our Sovereign, Omniscient, and Omnipotent God declared, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13). Now, almost 2000 years later, men are still involved in their "new" but dark, demonic doctrines of "spontaneous generation" as their explanation of godless, satanic, unscriptural, unproved and unprovable evolution. Obviously, "Evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived," even now!

Man's monstrous purpose on the Moon and Mars may have been designed to outlaw God from His Universe and to discredit His Holy Word as truth. But, today, the conspiracy is out of hand! The very men who are finally involved in the intellectual and educational future of the youth of our land are in the process of destroying them before God!

America educates for Anti-Christ!

And the youth of America will be the eternal losers!

The children of America "ask for bread," but their parents, professors, professionals, and even their preachers "give them a stone." They "ask for a fish," but they are "given a serpent." They "ask for an egg," but they are "offered a scorpion" (cf. Luke 11:11-12). So completely deceived are parents, professors, professionals, and preachers, that they profess to be concerned about their children's physical and psychological welfare, while they prepare them spiritually for eternal damnation in "The Lake of Fire and Brimstone."

Satan has fully accomplished his deception among those who profess to be worldly wise. In the process, the youth of this generation join their parents on "the broad way that leadeth to destruction" (Mt. 7:13).

What an impossible travesty!

What an incalculable, paradoxical tragedy!

Yet, because of their satanic enslavement, parents, professors, professionals, pastors and preachers who question or reject

(Continued on Page Eight)

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

Near Salisbury, Rhodesia, 12 black Communist guerillas killed three Jesuits and four Dominican nuns in a raid at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Mission on February 6. The 12 gunmen who invaded St. Paul's, in the Musami tribal area, were armed with Soviet weapons and were members of the outlawed Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) under the alleged control of Robert Mugabe.

An English Jesuit, Dunstan Myerscough, said he survived the massacre at the Roman Catholic mission 36 miles northeast of Salisbury by throwing himself to the ground as the shooting began. Black nuns and workers at the mission were ignored by the attackers.

Five other missionaries — three Catholics and two Methodists — have been killed in Rhodesia in the past two months.

Cyrus Vance, the new United States Secretary of State, indicated in his first press conference that the Carter Administration is ready to accept establishment of a Marxist-controlled government in Rhodesia. The majority rule which the Carter Administration seeks in Rhodesia is the kind already established in Angola and Mozambique where the Communists rule by brutal repression. When such a government is finally established, incidents like the one at St. Paul's Mission will be repeated on a national scale.

In Rome the Italian Parliament is debating a bill that would give the country one of the most liberal abortion laws in Western Europe.

Women's Lib suffered another defeat as the Virginia Senate rejected (20 to 18) the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Thirty-five states have ratified the E.R.A. since 1972, but two (Nebraska and Tennessee) have since rescinded their ratifications, leaving E.R.A. supporters five states short of the 38 they must have by 1979 to amend the Constitution.

America is only nominally Christian. We talk much about being "born again" while manifesting little evidence of the Divine nature. There are 123 million churchgoers in the United States — more than ever before. In the light of such encouraging figures one would expect morality to be on the increase and crime on the decrease. But startling facts prove just the reverse.

Crime is on the increase. Our crime bill is 20 billion dollars a year. It is increasing five times faster than our population, and juvenile crime is increasing seven times faster. Illegitimacy has increased 100 per cent. Venereal disease has increased 300 per cent in ten years — 72 per cent in one year. Pornography has become a \$200,000,000 a year business — multiplied four times in two years. Our nation has five million alco-

holics and 3.5 million problem drinkers.

For every dollar we spend on churches, we spend \$12,000 on crime. Combine all our churches, synagogues and temples and they are outnumbered by our taverns by 175,000. Ours is the most civilized, most Christianized nation on earth, yet 37 million of our children receives absolutely no religious instructions.

Centuries ago the Apostle Paul described our day as "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:5). Again he wrote: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16).

The independent Italian magazine L'EUROPEO charged in late December that the Vatican, in addition to the 108-acre Vatican City itself, owns one fourth of the property in Rome plus 5,000 acres on the outskirts of the city.

An Internal Revenue Service ruling (76-323) in August 1976 may lead to a tightening of tax exemptions on income earned by members of religious orders. Under a 1919 I. R. S. ruling, monks and nuns who work in secular jobs are exempt from income taxes on the dubious ground that they have taken vows of poverty and obedience. All assets go to the religious order, which is itself tax exempt.

The Roman Catholic Church has been the sole beneficiary of this tax loophole, though Hare Krishna and Unification Church members have been trying to take advantage of it.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here has again attacked a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for its attempted definition of an "Integrated Auxiliary of a Church."

In an article on "The Churches and the IRS" in the February issue of Report From the Capital, James E. Wood Jr. charges that the government through the IRS regulation has entered the religious realm that constitutionally has been reserved to the churches alone.

The focal point of Wood's objection, according to his article, is that "The IRS has, in effect, arrogated to itself the highly questionable role of determining what is and what is not 'religious' activity of church agencies and institutions. In doing so, the IRS has violated both the letter and the spirit of the First Amendment," he said.

"The IRS regulation on 'Integrated Auxiliary of a Church' must be regarded as a serious encroachment of government on religion and an exercise of political authority totally unacceptable to the churches," Wood declared.

Jesus . . . Doing Today

(Continued from page six)

run their course. All these false churches are going to go right on just as they have. They are His enemies. They are not the friends of Jesus. He said, "You are my friends if you do whatsoever I have commanded you." They are not His friends because they do not do what He commanded. They preach things contrary to what He has commanded. They are not His friends. What is going to happen? He is going to wait until these enemies run their course.

That not only takes care of the false churches, but it takes care of the unsaved. He is waiting on the unsaved to run their course. Listen:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead"—Acts 17:30,31.

What is He doing now? It says "The times of this ignorance God winked at." He is just letting men go on and do as they please. If men want to get drunk, let them get drunk. If men want to live for the world, let them live for the world. The Lord Jesus Christ is just letting this world run its course. Like a horse on a tether that is staked out, that horse can go just as far as that tether allows it. The Lord Jesus Christ has this world on a tether and the world will go just as far as He allows it. What is He doing? He is waiting for His enemies to run their course.

IV JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING TO RECEIVE HIS KINGDOM.

As I have said, Jesus Christ is not a mystical, spiritual king over a spiritual kingdom today. But, beloved, He is going to have a real kingdom someday, and He is going to be king over that kingdom. He is waiting to receive His kingdom. Listen:

"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come"—Luke 19:12,13.

Listen again:

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned"—Rev. 1:15-17.

Some of these days, Jesus Christ is going to set up His kingdom right here within this world, and all the kingdoms of the world are going to become the kingdoms of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Roman Empire is going to be revived. Russia, Great Britain, the United States, and all the kingdoms of the world are going to become the kingdoms of our God and of Jesus Christ. Beloved, He is waiting to receive His kingdom, and while He waits, He says to us, "Occupy till I come." In other words, He is saying to us, "You keep my house until I get back."

V JESUS CHRIST IS CALLING OUT A PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF.

As I have said, Jesus isn't trying to save anybody. He isn't trying to do anything. He doesn't try to do anything — He just does what is His will. But right now He is calling out a people for Himself. Listen:

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, TO TAKE OUT OF THEM a people for his name.

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world"—Acts 15:14-18.

This was at the time that they were having that great Jerusalem conference on the subject of whether a person had to be circumcized or do works to be saved. As they discussed the matter of works for salvation, the final conclusion was brought when James stood up and said, "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name."

Beloved, that is what He is doing today. He is taking out of this Gentile world a people for His name.

We are living in a day when churches are building immense church plants. Great big colossal church buildings, the like of which the world has never seen, are being built today. We are living in a day when those churches are spending multiplied thousands of dollars for recreational equipment; when these big ecclesiastical monstrosities are spending great sums of money in order to entertain the bellies and the bodies and the flesh of their members.

I was in a Baptist Church some time ago that had a kitchen that cost better than \$50,000. I know of one Baptist church in the Southern Baptist Convention that their budget calls for \$600,000 for the recreational facilities of that church each year. I say, beloved, we are living in a day when those immense church plants are being built and they are spending thousands upon thousands of dollars for recreational equipment. Yet, few are concerned about God calling out a people for His name.

We are living in a day when hospitals are being built in the name of the Baptist denomination. Great scholastic systems are being built in the name of Baptists. I tell you, beloved, you will never read in the Word of God where a hospital or a school to teach secular education was ever a part of the program laid down by Jesus Christ. You just won't find those things in the Word of God.

What is He doing if He isn't in the business today of entertaining through His church; if He isn't in the business of having recreational equipment for these big churches that are being built; if He isn't in the hospital business and in the teaching business whereby algebra

CLERGY'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX GUIDE \$2.95

1977 Edition for 1976 Returns

This book is a must for every minister. This guide is the minister's special key to our changing tax structure and its meaning for the clergy. A complete tax guide with special emphasis on clergy tax requirements, it conveniently covers 1976 tax law revision.

The editor, Fred H. Heath, is a Certified Public Accountant since 1956 and obtained his B. S. in Business Administration from Auburn University.

We order a limited supply of these books which usually are gone by the end of March if not before. If you want one, please order early. Presently, we have a good supply and are ready to send them out immediately.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE
P. O. Box 910
Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Eld. Fred T. Halliman Missionary To New Guinea



FRED T. HALLIMAN

Send your offerings for the support of Brother Fred T. Halliman to:

New Guinea Missions
c/o Calvary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 910
Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Be sure to state that the offering is for the mission work of New Guinea. Do not say that it is for missions as this will only be confusing since we have other mission works.

Write Brother Halliman frequently. His address is:

ELDER FRED T. HALLIMAN
Sovereign Grace Baptist Mission
P.O. Box 19, Koroba, via Mendi
Papua, New Guinea

and geometry and the material things of this world are being taught — if He isn't in that business, what is His business? I can tell you what His business is. He is visiting the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

I am glad to be aligned with a program like that. I believe that as a church we have one business and that is to present Jesus Christ to the world and it is God's business to take out of the world a people for His name.

CONCLUSION

What is He doing today? I have told you five things that He is doing today.

He is preparing a place for His Bride. Glorious day when that time comes!

He is carrying on an intercessory work for each of us. It is glorious to know that He is interceding for us now.

He is waiting for His enemies to run their course. Sometimes you and I get tired of waiting on our enemies to see how they are going to react. Sometimes I think that God is awfully slow in waiting on some of my enemies, when He makes me wait to see what He is going to do. But God is letting His enemies run their course today.

He is waiting to receive His kingdom. He is going to be a king. He is waiting to receive that kingdom.

He is taking out from among the Gentiles a people for His own name.

I ask you, are you one of those that He is waiting on to let you order your course now? I think that every unsaved person is ordering his course today and is just going his way and God is letting him go his happy way. But some day it is coming to an end. Is God allowing you to run your course, unsaved one? May I insist that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, and may you today trust the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. Might it please God that He might call you out from among the Gentiles, to be a part of that group that will be a people chosen for His name.

May God bless you!

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER
MARCH 5, 1977
PAGE SEVEN

THE SPOKEN WORD OF GOD

The entire King James Version of the Bible on cassette tapes, all high-quality tapes, with albums to hold your set of tapes.

Deluxe edition contains 96 tapes in 8 beautiful padded albums.

Regular edition contains 64 tapes in 4 padded albums, but still has the entire Bible — the tapes are just longer than on the deluxe edition.

Deluxe Edition — \$200.00 Reg. Edition — \$155.00

*Kentucky Residents, please add State Sales Tax.

Order From

Calvary Baptist Church Book Store

P. O. Box 910 — Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Triumph Of Love . . .

(Continued from Page Two)
Love which is stronger than death. Life is sometimes more difficult than death. It has its burdens, its bitterness, its disappointments, its uncertainties. Life has temptations, pleasures, prosperities, and sinful practices, yet all its dangers and difficulties cannot separate us from this unchangeable love of God in Christ.

UNDIVERTED BY ANY ORDER OF BEINGS

"Nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers," Paul continues. Here he goes past the conditions affecting ourselves to living beings beyond ourselves.

"Angels" include good and evil ones. Good angels would have no desire to separate us from God, for they are God's ministers to the heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14). Malignant angels are restrained enemies without any power to hurt us without Divine permission. Thus it may be said that good angels would not separate us and evil angels cannot. All angelic beings together, good and evil, could not prevent the flow of God's invincible love.

"Principalities" may mean either human authorities on earth, or angelic authorities in heavenly places. The same may be said of the world "powers." These two words include all the horrible working of Satan and his host of evil spirits in spiritualism, bewitchment, sorcery, necromancy, and mystic spells. There is no cause for the believer to fear banishment from God's love by Friday the thirteenth, passing under a ladder, seeing a black cat, or breaking a mirror! We are safe in Christ!

NOT AFFECTED BY THE POWER OF TIME

God's love is not hindered in any way by the power of time. He adds: "Nor things present, nor things to come." Time works fatal-

ly on all human love, but it is powerless over God's love. If time does not witness the diminishing of His love, then neither does eternity. The present does separate us from the future, and the future will separate us from the present, but both are powerless over God's everlasting love to His people.

The great stream of eternal love pours out of God's inmost Being without pause in an unchanging duration, unmoved by the past, the present, or the future. There is nothing which can happen to the beloved of God which He has not appointed and over which He has not complete control. Job is proof of this.

LOVE IS EVERYWHERE

The apostle ends his catalog with a singular trio of antagonists: "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature." There is nothing above us, nor nothing below us that can separate from God's love. There is no power in Heaven above or in Hell beneath. These words include the height of prosperity and the depth of sin. God's love equally went out to Solomon in all his glory and to Lazarus in all his misery. His love diffuses itself in all directions at the same time.

He completes the climax with the expression: "Nor any other creature." All possible created existence in the whole universe cannot separate us, for they are subordinate to Christ's power. This should banish all fears, no matter what troubles the human mind may conjure up.

Someone says, "What about the Devil?" Satan is a created being, and he cannot separate us from Christ's love. The objector continues, "But I can separate myself by sinful acts." No, you cannot! You are a creature also, and no creature can do it — not even yourself. We may say with the Psalmist: "My flesh and my heart fail: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever" (Psa. 73:26).

The triumphant sovereignty of

God's love over all antagonists makes us lords over them. They only serve to unite us more fully to that love. An understanding of God's love frees from the dread of death and the fear of life's heartaches. It delivers us from superstitious dread of the unseen world and the fear of evil men. It emancipates from care about the present and future. In every condition we are the objects of love illimitable and eternal.

LOVED ONLY IN CHRIST

Christ is the channel and course of God's love: "The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Christ is the Mediator of God's love. This is the reason why His love cannot be hindered, because Jesus Christ in Whom He loves us is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The love of which Paul speaks is covenant love. It flows entirely through Jesus Christ. It is exercised only through the atonement made to the justice of God, by the sacrifice of Christ. We are loved only in Christ — wholly in Christ. Our place is unchanged by our failure before God for we are wrapped in the same eternal affection shown by God to His dear Son.

Those who reject Christ and hope to partake of God's love through any other means than by Christ's blood and righteousness will be disappointed. Faith in Christ unites us to a bond which no foe can break, no shock of change can snap, no time rot, no distance can stretch to break.

In 1676, Paul Gerhardt wrote "My High Tower." A part of it goes like this:

"No hatred of all devils can part me from Thy love;
No hungering nor thirsting, no poverty nor care,
No wrath of mighty princes can reach my shelter there.

No angel, and no Heaven, no throne, nor power, nor might,
No love, no tribulation, no danger, fear, nor fight,
No height, no depth, no creature that has been or can be,
Can drive me from Thy bosom, can sever me from Thee.
My heart in joy upheaveth, grief cannot linger there—
While singing high in glory amidst the sunshine fair!
The source of all my singing is high in Heaven above;
The Sun that shines upon me is Jesus and His Love!"



The Under Rower

(Continued from page five)
tions of religious hypocrisy. Misanthropic play actors who deal in piety and poison.

The frescoes that the ancient masters perfected were and are amazingly beautiful. Yet, frescoes are literally only "skin deep." Michelangelo and others created frescoes by a method of incising geometric lines into the wet plaster of walls and ceilings. Paint was inserted into these incisions just before the plaster dried and the result was a beautiful art that lasted for centuries. However, although beautiful, it is only "skin deep."

The minister's children are early exposed to pious religionists who have a "holiness" like the medieval frescoes; just "skin deep." The body is cleansed (so they can boast of what they have given up) for Pharisees always do this, but the spirit seemingly remains untouched. There has been an INCISED operation which beautifies the outer man, but children are not fooled for they can see that there is no INFUSION of holiness that permeates the entire being. Minister's children early encounter religionists whose outer being is hyper clean, but whose spirit lacerates as they quarrel about multiple definitions of God.

Let it not be thought that I am

MAN'S MONSTROUS PURPOSE . . .

(Continued from Page Six)

the Word of God as eternal truth accede to the eternally-fatal doubt, "Yea, hath God said?" (Gen. 3:1). Thereby, these who appear to be the leaders of this era are, in truth and in fact, manifest enemies of God, His Son, and His Word.

As such, they stand as the enemies of the people and of our land, America. As professional and religious hypocrites of another day professed an interest in the welfare of people as they prepared and proceeded to the crucifixion of Jesus, the Christ, and laid the foundations for the destruction of Jerusalem and environs, so these of our day lay the groundwork for the persecution of the people of God and the destruction of America, while giving the appearance of men of goodwill.

These enemies of God, the people, and our land have conspired against the Lord of Glory and His Holy Word. With almost one voice, these dramatize their anti-Christ intent by their monstrous purpose on the Moon and Mars. Ultimately, of course, their intent will be finalized in that anti-Christ human action which was prophesied almost 2,000 years ago, "The time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2).

"When we've heard the last chime and anthem,
And mothers have voiced their last prayer,
When freedom's no longer an issue, and
The sound dies out in the air;
When our flag, Old Glory is trampled, and
Honors no longer a rule;
When God and our country's forgotten, and
The Bible is barred from the school;
When minority rules that our liberty
Has at last come to an end,
And riots destroy our cities with no tho't
Of the Saviour —

WHAT THEN?"

making over much of the travail of those who share the lower deck with the "under-rower." All Christians suffer and endure, but suffering is a quantitative thing and a matter of degree. If the Christian minister suffers more than the other servants of Christ (and I assuredly affirm that he does), then will not those that love him suffer as well as they share his pain? Assuredly they will. I am not dealing here in similes but in synonyms. Those who view the lot of the minister and his family as an untroubled and complacent existence have all the mental acumen of heated pneumatics.

"A false balance is abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight" (Prov. 11:1). I must therefore balance the lot of the minister's family ere I paint the picture inordinately black. The minister's family suffers a great deal more than they should and they suffer it from the hands of identified Christians for the most part. However, a minister's family, united in one behind their head, is a joyful scene to behold. Love flows through them and joy abides until they would have no part in a plutocracy if it meant being severed from the family. Of all the compacted unities upon earth the minister's family is surely unique. They have their own

particular set of problems as I have catalogued in these papers, but God has provided a compensating joy that eases the way in times of crisis. They have God and they have each other. Calamity drives them together and they face outward in calm assurance of shared strength and trust in God. Of all the blissful sights this dark earth has to offer I treasure the view of a minister's family united in service to Christ.

Members of Baptist churches need to take care in their doings for there are babes in the woods. A minister cannot serve fully and well if his family is in pain. Take care, dear Christian, that you take care of the minister's treasures, for that is where his heart is. Provide for his family with tenderness, kindness and unflagging compassion and he will provide a ministry for you that will enrich you and bless you beyond measure.

Have a care though, my friends—fail in this and your minister will fail in his services to you. It cannot be otherwise. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (Jas. 1:8). No man can serve with a divided mind. Treasure his family and see the minister provide rich argosies of treasure for you. Fail to do so and see a withered ministry and an abiding loss and sadness.

At Least Five People To Whom You Can Send TBE

1. _____ (A SINNER)

Address _____
Zip Code _____

2. _____ (A PREACHER)

Address _____
Zip Code _____

3. _____ (A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER)

Address _____
Zip Code _____

4. _____ (A CHURCH MEMBER)

Address _____
Zip Code _____

5. _____ (A YOUNG PERSON)

Address _____
Zip Code _____

Enclosed \$ _____ for _____ Subs

Your Name _____

Address _____

YOU KNOW WHO NEEDS IT!

GIVE 5 GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

P. O. Box 910 — Ashland, Kentucky 41101

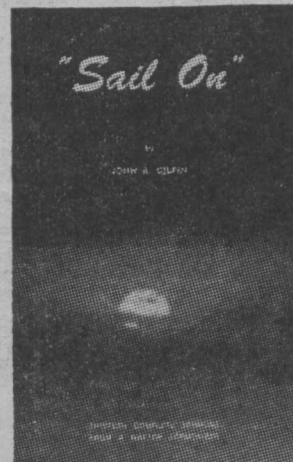
SEND US 5 SUBSCRIPTIONS, WE'LL RENEW YOURS FREE!

5 SUBS \$10.00

Have This Paper Delivered Every Week — For a Whole Year!

GIVE US READERS
We Will Give Them The Truth

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER
MARCH 5, 1977
PAGE EIGHT



"SAIL ON"

BY

JOHN R. GILPIN

140 Pages

Hard Back

\$6.95

A veritable gold mine of sermons for all Bible lovers. Ideal for gifts to your friends, pastor, Sunday School teacher and others. Offers fine suggestions for homiletical purposes.

Rare combination of Bible truth and simplicity.

LIMITED EDITION — ORDER TODAY!

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOKSTORE
P. O. BOX 910 — ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101