

WHAT ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?

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The homosexuals and their supporters are trying to make a strong case with law-makers and church authorities to gain acceptance of their life-style; to obtain guarantees of their civil rights; and to convince doubters that they can "live a faithful and Christian life." In recent weeks, they've not only come "out of the closet," but now seem to be coming out of the woodwork. This is apparently because of the publicity for their

cause, and the increasing boldness and permissiveness of our society.

Although a delicate and distasteful subject, it is nevertheless one that needs to be examined. The homosexuals made no headway at the 1976 General Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC), but this does not mean that they will quit trying. Keith I. Pehl, editor of the "Michigan Christian Advocate," in commenting on the UMC's handling of homosexuality at the 1976 conference, said "Ignorance abounded

far beyond the capacity of grace to cope." Let's try to remove some of the ignorance, and call upon our hearts for the "grace to cope." Perhaps we should consider four basic questions: (1) What do the homosexuals want? (2) What do the churches say? (3) What does the Bible say? and (4) What is the solution? We need some facts to reach decisions and conclusions.

First, what do the homosexuals want? They want public approval, and moral and legal acceptance

in all fields. Recently in America there were 38 city and county ordinances which prohibit "discrimination in the areas of housing, public accommodations and employment against persons based on their effectual or sexual abnormality." In addition, the U. S. Congress is considering HR 2985 sponsored by Representatives Ed Koch and Pete McClosky and 36 others. This bill would give homosexuals the protection of civil rights laws; and would prohibit the FBI and other security organ-

izations from rejecting homosexuals in employment. It would require all public schools (kindergarten through high school) to hire gays if they were qualified teachers.

The net effect of these laws is to legitimize and protect sexual perversion — to slip them by the people and to force public acceptance without regard to public desires or accepted standards of morality. One lady didn't accept it though and as a result, there are (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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A FAITH THAT CAN DAMN YOUR SOUL

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"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19).

Many persons by giving assent to Biblical truth, say they have faith, and are going to Heaven. James says you do well to believe in one God, yet so do the demons. It may surprise you that James is here comparing the faith of some professing Christians with that of demons.

The purpose of this little article is to show how correct and orthodox demons are in their beliefs; yet Hell is prepared for the Devil and his angels, yea, and for those who have similar faith (Matt. 25:41).

WHAT DO DEMONS BELIEVE?

1. Demons believe in one God, the God of the Holy Scriptures. The devils are not atheists, agnostics, polytheists, deists, or believers of an impersonal god, or any other form of an un-Biblical religion. They give assent to the articles of Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures (Deut. 6:4).

2. Demons believe in the essential truths concerning Jesus

Christ.

"And, behold, they (demons) cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"



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And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying: If thou cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of swine" (Matt. 8:29-31).

First, these demons acknowledged the humanity of Jesus Christ. They do not hold to some docetic view of the Saviour that would say God merely appeared to be man in the flesh. The name "Jesus" refers to His humanity.

Secondly, these demons have assent to Christ's divinity by calling Him the "Son of God." In the Scriptures this title refers to Jesus being God in flesh (I John 2:22, II John 7). Thirdly, the demons confessed Jesus' sovereignty. They knew that Jesus had power to cast them out and into the swine. The Bible makes it clear that Christ has all power in every realm there is (Matt. 8:27, 28:18; John 5:22).

3. Demons believe in eschatology, that is future events. They are not like many who believe that this world will continue forever (II Pet. 3:4), but they believe that Jesus Christ will return the second time to take away His people and to bring judgment upon the devil, his angels, and the wicked of this world. The demons said to Christ, "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Matt. 8:29).

4. Demons are religiously moved with emotions. They are (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Baptists And Protestant Evangelism

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There was a time when the term "Baptist" distinguished the wearer as an individual separated from all other religious movements. (I use the word "religious" advisedly). The term "Baptist" itself was well defined, and described an individual who held to the literal, Biblical, separatist position. However, today the term "Baptist" has been brought into disrepute, and the lines of distinctive separation are being speedily obliterated. Many Baptist churches are facing an unavoidable sense of insecurity and loss of Scriptural identity because of their failure to analyze the insidious designs of co-operative evangelism and compromising Protestant theology.

In order to preserve the identity and Scriptural sanctity of Baptist pulpits, we must immunize ourselves against the mongrelizing efforts of assimilation being thrust upon us by evangelical "Protestant" organizations.

Failure to recognize the inroads being made by "Unionizing Evangelists" and "Interdenominational Preachers" traveling under the

guise of Baptists, will spell death and extinction for many Baptist churches unless they re-evaluate their doctrines, and change their present course.

We need to recognize that there are certain basic characteristics, (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with

the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Rev. 17:5-6).

If the Church of Rome be guilty here, or hath this black mark and character upon her, she is the unhappiest church and people in all the world, and gives cause enough to angels, as well as to the apostles and holy men to wonder, i.e., to see a woman pretending to have nobly descended as the daughter of the great King of Heaven and earth, the only chaste spouse of the Lamb, the mother of all peace, holiness, and innocence, not only defiled with all those foul and abominable errors, idolatries, and detestable pollutions, but also guilty of so much blood of saints and of the precious blood of the martyrs of Jesus, and not only guilty of blood, but also drunk with blood, yea, drunk with much blood; but that this the Church of Rome is guilty of nothing is more clear, which indeed gives cause to every good man in the world to abhor her. And that we may make this most evidently to appear. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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THE PURPOSE OF SATAN

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Cor. 2:11).

The Greek word ("noema") translated "devices" in this text means "thoughts" or "plans" or "designs." Hence, we discover from the Holy Book that Satan does have purposes or plans. To be ignorant of these puts a Christian at a disadvantage in his spiritual warfare. A good understanding of the Satanic purpose enables the believer to guard against the wiles

of the Devil.

Satan does have a purpose, and he employs all his wisdom and power to bring this purpose to pass. Just what is it that Satan proposes to do during the ages of time? The answer to this vital question can be found only by looking into the infallible Word of the living God.

TO BE LIKE GOD

From the time of Satan's original sin, he has been in desperation to "be like the Most High" (Isa. 14:14). The Devil wants to

be worshipped as God. To a large degree he has succeeded in this age-long purpose as he is "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). Satan is being worshipped by millions through the medium of an idol in heathen lands and through his own impersonation of Jehovah in false churches. He is so determined to execute this purpose that he called upon Christ to fall down and pay homage to him (Matt. 4:9). The culmination of the Satanic purpose is seen in Revelation 13:4: "And (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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Purpose Of Satan

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they worshipped the Dragon which
gave power to the beast."

The Devil never intended to be
a friend, delighting only in tor-
ment of unfortunate souls in the
flames of Hell. Instead he sup-
posed himself in legitimate com-
petition with God for the worship
of mankind. He has his own
churches, bibles, preachers, and
even his own mock millennium.
Satan, in hope of being like the
Most High, is working toward a
universal kingdom of morality
and peace upon earth, which will
be temporarily realized under the
reign of the Beast. He is the au-
thor of the world-wide movement
of self-development and the im-
provement of social conditions
apart from regeneration by the
Spirit of God. His purpose for this
age is to have a cultured people
who are devout worshippers of
himself.

The Apostle John writes of a
blasphemous trinity during the
coming tribulation who apes the
Divine Trinity. In an attempt to
be like the Most High Satan is to
imitate all the separate manifesta-
tions of the three Persons of the
God head. We read in Revelation
16:13: "And I saw three unclean
spirits like frogs come out of the
mouth of the dragon, and out of
the mouth of the beast, and out of
the mouth of the false prophet." Here
John distinguishes between three
personages; therefore, they cannot
be the same. These persons make
up the Satanic trinity.

John gives considerable informa-
tion about these three creatures in
Revelation. Let us try to identify
these wicked beings and notice
how they imitated the Divine Trin-
ity.

The Dragon is clearly identified
in Revelation 12:9: "And the great
dragon was cast out, that old ser-
pent, called the Devil and Satan."
Then the Dragon is Satan, the one
Paul called "the god of this world."
According to Revelation 13:1-2 the
Dragon will give the Beast a throne
and power, just as

the Father will to Christ. The
Dragon is the anti-God, Satan's
imitation of God the Father.

The Beast mentioned in Revela-
tion 13:1-10 is the anti-Christ. This
is Satan's imitation of Christ. The
Beast is said to have received a
deadly wound and to live, which is
an imitation of the resurrection of
Christ (Rev. 13:3). This Beast re-
ceives divine worship, according to
Revelation 13:4. He is given power
over all kindreds and powers and
nations, just as Christ is to have
during the Millennial Reign. Ac-
cording to II Thessalonians 2:4,
this Beast claims to be God. This
is Satan's imitation of Christ Who
rightfully claims to be God.

The False Prophet is the anti-
Spirit. His speech is like the Drag-
on's (Rev. 13:11). By this he imi-
tates the Holy Spirit Who speaks
for God (John 16:13). His relation
to the Beast is the same as the
Spirit's relation to Christ. He
causes people to worship the Beast
(Rev. 13:12). We know from John
16:14 that the Holy Spirit causes
people to worship Christ. The Sec-
ond Beast of Revelation 13 has
power to give life, according to
Revelation 13:15. In this the False
Prophet imitates the Holy Spirit
Who gave life to Jesus Christ
(Rom. 8:11). The False Prophet
does great wonders in the same
manner the Holy Spirit does
(Rev. 13:13-14).

MAIN PURPOSE TO OPPOSE GOD

From this beginning Satan's am-
bition has been to oppose any and
everything which pertains to God.
His master passion is to wage an
unceasing warfare against Jehov-
ah. Satan is determined to over-
throw God, in spite of the judg-
ment God has decreed on him. The
enmity between God and Satan is
of long standing (Gen. 3:15). Espe-
cially is Satan's hatred directed
toward Jesus Christ.

When the Devil learned of the
woman's promised seed Who was
destined to bruise his head, he un-
relentingly sought to prevent His
entry into this world. Possibly he
thought that Abel was the prom-
ised seed. So he stirred up Cain,
"who was of that wicked one," to
murder his brother.

His second attack can be seen
in Genesis 6 where he led some
fallen angels to cohabit with the

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daughters of men in an attempt
to destroy the human race by pro-
ducing a race of monstrosities.
How nearly Satan succeeded in this
attempt is seen in the Bible ---
with the exception of Noah and
his house, all mankind perished in
the flood.

At a later date God revealed
that the promised seed would come
through the descendants of Abra-
ham. Satan then worked to get the
Israelites into Egyptian bondage
and moved Pharaoh to issue an
edict commanding that all the
male children of the Hebrews be
put to death.

At another time God made
known that the royal seed would
be of the house of David and of
the tribe of Judah. Shortly after
this was known, Satan divided the
kingdom of Israel and prompted
the ten tribes to try to exterminate
the tribe of Judah. He succeed-
ed in destroying the kingdom of
Judah in 606 B.C. He continued
his anti-Christ campaign under
Haman's plot to slay all Jews, but

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excitement forgot to send the edi-
tor the name of this young lady.
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22, and it is to be followed by a
honeymoon in the mountains of
West Virginia and Kentucky. We
are happy to know that God has
provided a wife for Bro. Cook to
assist him in the Lord's work.
Often times it is said that young
people are not old enough to know
what they are doing when they
get married. I do not believe that
anyone can accuse our brother of this.

God preserved them through
Queen Esther.

When Christ was born at the
time appointed of God, the Devil
promptly made an effort to de-
stroy the young child's life. John
pictured this in Revelation 12:4 by
saying: "And the dragon stood be-
fore the woman which was ready
to be delivered, for to devour her
child as soon as it was born." Through
Herod he slew all the children
of Bethlehem from two
years old and under. Satan's pur-
pose failed again. Being warned
of God in a dream, Joseph had
taken the young child to Egypt.

At the commencement of the
Lord's ministry, Satan renewed
his age-old purpose and sought to
make Christ cast Himself down
from the temple. Later, he so stir-
red up the Lord's enemies that they
"rose up and thrust him out of the
city, and led him unto the brow of the
hill whereon their city was built,
that they might cast him down head-
long. But he passing through the midst
of them went his way" (Luke 4:29).

Satan prompted Peter to dis-
suade Christ from going to Cal-
vary (Matt. 16:21-23). He tried to
kill the Saviour in the Garden of
Gethsemane and prevent Calvary.
He entered Judas and led him to
sell Christ to His enemies. Through
the mob present at the crucifixion
the Devil attempted to get Christ
to demonstrate His deity by com-
ing down from the cross. The pur-
pose of Satan failed in all these
cases. Yet the untiring Tempter
made it his business to see that
the tomb of Christ was sealed and
guarded by a company of Roman
soldiers. But the grave could not
hold the One Who said: "I am the
resurrection and the life."

OPPRESSES GOD'S PEOPLE

Satan's purpose not only includes
opposition to God, but it also in-
volves oppression of God's elect.
He directs his hostility toward be-
lievers who are partakers of the
Divine nature (II Pet. 1:4). Satan
hates the Divine Person Who in-
dwells the believer. The Christian
is the medium of connection be-
tween the Divine Person and the
Devil. The child of God can ex-
pect the fiercest opposition from
Satan because he is just another
way of getting at God.

The deep-seated enmity of Sa-
tan toward God's elect on earth
is seen many places in the Word.
It is seen in his opposition to the

nation of Israel: "And Satan stood
up against Israel" (I Chron. 21:1).
Here the sworn Adversary of God
and His people is seen in an at-
tempt to weaken the strength and
eclipse the glory of the God of
Israel. His animosity is seen again
in Zechariah 3:1: "And he show-
ed me Joshua the high priest
standing before the angel of the
Lord, and Satan standing at his
right hand to RESIST HIM."

If he were not restrained by
God, Satan would devour the saints
like a hungry lion (I Pet. 5:8). He
takes pleasure in buffeting (II Cor.
12:7) and sifting a child of God.
Christ said: "Simon, Simon, be-
hold, Satan hath desired to have
you, that he may sift you as wheat:
But I have prayed for thee, that
thy faith fail not: and when thou
art converted, strengthen thy
brethren" (Luke 22:31-32).

The passage in Luke 22:31-32 is
remarkable. In what sense did Sa-
tan desire Peter? The Greek word
("exaiteo") here means to ask ex-
cessively. Satan cast an evil eye
upon this loud-mouthed apostle.
Satan asked God for permission to
put Peter under his power that he
might cover the wheat of grace
with the chaff of sin. The Devil
accomplished much with Peter. He
succeeded in causing him to deny
Christ with an oath. He showed up
the chaff in Peter's life. The Dev-
il's sieve rejects the good and pre-
serves the bad.

The Prince of Darkness directs
his malice against Peter's faith,
the shield which keeps off his fiery
darts. Satan did weaken Peter's
faith by this attack, yet it failed
not because of the prayer of Christ.
When converted from his denial,
Peter's faith was made stronger---
so strong he strengthened the
faith of other disciples on the day
of Pentecost by his mighty ser-
mon.

The Devil keeps up a steady ef-
fort to mar the life and service of
the born-again believer. He is bent
on the destruction of the believer's
testimony before a lost world. The
sins of the saints attest all too
well Satan's able execution of his
purpose. That the Adversary hin-
ders the saints in serving God is
seen in I Thessalonians 2:18:
"Wherefore we would have come
unto you, even I Paul, once and
again: but Satan hindered us." The
Prince of Darkness employed
agencies to hinder Paul from visit-
ing the church and encouraging it
in its work.

The Devil throws everything in
our path to hinder, to barricade,
and to stop our growing in the
grace and knowledge of Christ.
Why do visiting friends come
just before church time? Why do
the best TV programs come on
during the hours of church? Why
does nothing go right when you are
trying to get ready for church? These
are nothing but obstacles
from Satan to hinder us in Chris-
tian living.

Satan is so determined to rid
the world of God's children that
he appears before God to accuse
us of our sins and to try to excite
the wrath of God against sinning
saints. Revelation 12:10 says: "For
the accuser of our brethren is
cast down, which accused them

before God day and night." Satan
accused Job of serving God for
material gain before God. The Ac-
cuser of God's children engages
in this work "day and night" in
Heaven. The Devil watches our
lives, he takes note of all we do,
then he brings an actual, personal
accusation of us in the presence
of God.

TO DESTROY THE BIBLE

The Prince of Darkness wants
to destroy all the written oracles
of Jehovah. His malice is against
the inspired Word because it ex-
poses him to the whole world. He
misquotes it and plays down its
Divine inspiration. He ever seeks
to cast doubts upon its authentic-
ity and authority. He has tried to
destroy it for centuries.

The Evil One moved Jehudi to
burn the book of the prophet in
Jeremiah 36:23. He tried to get
spurious books in the Old and New
Testaments canons. During the
Dark Ages Satan stirred the Great
Whore to prohibit laymen from
having copies of the Bible. When
John Wycliffe gave his country-
men the Bible in their native lan-
guage in A.D. 1380, the Bride of
Satan sought to destroy him. When
she failed, she finally had his
bones dug up and publicly burned.

The Waldenses and Anabaptists
preserved the Holy Writ during the
Dark Ages despite Satanic oppres-
sion. The Protestant Reformation
and the invention of the printing
press brought about a mass cir-
culation of the Bible for the com-
mon man. While Satan's purpose
remained the same, he changed
his method. In the 1800's and 1900's
there came the Higher Criticism of
the German liberals and the Neo-
Orthodoxy of Karl Barth and Emil
Brunner. The Devil cast doubt up-
on God's book by telling men it
was contrary to modern science.

In very recent time the Prince
of Darkness has flooded the world
with new translations of the Bi-
ble. In the main these are not new
versions but perversions. The Sa-
tanic influence in this area is seen
in the fact that many of these new
versions play down the deity of
Christ and omit blood redemption.

TO ELIMINATE THE CHURCH

In the Old Testament period Sa-
tan's wrath was centered on the
nation of Israel, the chosen wit-
nesses of sin and redemption. In
this present age the Devil purposes
to eradicate the church, the body
of Christ. In the early days of the
church, which Christ founded dur-
ing His personal ministry, Satan
raised up pagan persecution. Later
he caused the apostate churches
to persecute and murder the scat-
tered true churches. At the time
of the Protestant Reformation the
Prince of Darkness originated
some neat imitations of the true
churches, which had existed from
the days of Christ on earth. In
more modern times he has sent
forth the false cults to be rivals
of the true churches.

Today Satan has attacked the
church from within. He has mingled
his wicked children among the
children of the kingdom (Matt.
13:38). By depositing these within
the churches he destroys the mor-
tal cast down, which accused them
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Homosexuality

(Continued from page one)

now only 37 local pro-gay ordinances. She is Singer Anita Bryant who formed Save Our Children, Inc., and won a smashing victory over the commissioners of Dade County, Fla., in defeating a pro-homosexual Miami ordinance.

Miss Bryant's Christian values won over two out of three Miami voters in repealing a five-month-old law guaranteeing homosexuals job rights even in private and religious schools. This is a classic example of what people can do when they are informed. The efforts of Ramsey Clark, Gloria Steinem and President Carter's aid, Midge Costanza, were to no avail against an aroused community. Incidentally, could the politicians be wooing the homosexual vote?

Elsewhere, spokesmen for the homosexuals and lesbians say that they are already in the schools, the banks, the airlines and wherever influence counts. But they want to come out and create "role-models for 'our' children," and they want protection of the laws. The "our" children means children recruited to their cause.

The San Francisco school board has voted unanimously to include the study of homosexual life-styles in the education curriculum. Pete Mezey, a board member, says this will "eliminate name-calling in the schools."

Our U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, however, will not be outdone! HUD has decided to make public (tax-money) housing available to homosexual "couples." HUD's Priscilla Banks was elated about having "snuck" through the new regulation to cover this "expanded" concept of the family.

The Massachusetts Legislature is breezing through a bill to prohibit discrimination against gays in public employment and schools. The Minnesota Legislature just killed a similar bill, but State Senator and homosexual Allan Spear blamed it on "people who call themselves Christian." Other states and many cities are going to try similar legislation.

The homosexuals want to enjoy their human rights in the open. Miami voters saw no need to give them special legal protection, but were more concerned about protecting their children and morality in general. It was a vote against moral decline and permissiveness — and it took individual Christians to lead the way. Which leads to our

Second Question: What do the churches say? It took 5,758 petitions, generated by the enthusiasm of the Good News movement, to convince the hierarchy of the UMC at the 1976 General Conference to allow no advances by the

Mr. Saul (Apostle) Paul
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Subject Matter: Concerning your application to our mission board

Dear Mr. Paul:

We recently received an application from you for service under our Board. It is our policy to be as frank and open-minded as possible with all of our applicants. We have made an exhaustive survey of your case. To be plain, we are surprised that you have been able to "pass" as a bona fide missionary. We are told that you are afflicted with a severe eye-trouble. This is certain to be an insuperable handicap to an effective ministry. We require 20-20 vision.

Do you think it is right for a missionary to be working at secular work? We hear that you are making tents on the side. In a letter to the Church at Philippi you admitted that they were the only church supporting you. Certainly if you had God's hand upon you, secular work would not be needed and many churches would be supporting you.

Is it true that you have a jail record? Certain brethren report that you did two years' time at Caesarea, plus being imprisoned at Rome.

You made so much trouble for the businessmen at Ephesus that they refer to you as "the man who turned the world upside down." Sensationalism has no place in missions! We also deplore the lurid over-the-wall episode at Damascus. We are appalled at your obvious lack of conciliatory behavior. Diplomatic men are not stoned and dragged out of the city gate, or assaulted by furious mobs. We would suggest that you would read the book entitled, "How to Win Jews and Influence Greeks" by Dalius Carnagus.

In one of your letters, you refer to yourself as Paul the aged. Our new mission policies do not anticipate a surplus of elderly recipients. We understand, also, that you are given to fantasies and dreams. At Troas you saw a "Man of Macedonia," and at another time you were "caught up into the third heaven," and at another time you said "the Lord stood by me."

We understand that you took the liberty to write letters to churches where you formerly pastored. In one of these letters you accused a church member of living with his father's wife, and as a result the whole church had the fellow expelled. Have you not heard of "situational ethics?"

Your ministry has been far too flighty to be successful. First, Asia Minor, then Macedonia, then Greece, then Italy, and now you are talking about a wild-goose chase to Spain.

We also hear that your sermons are much too long. At one place you talked until after midnight and a young man was so sleepy that he fell out of the window and broke his neck. We also do not like the fighting spirit that you keep expressing. You said that you had "fought with wild beasts in Ephesus." Another time you said, "I have fought a good fight."

The last item that really made our mission board reject your application was this business of election and predestination that you say is good doctrine. Such teachings as those will only tend to create ill-will amongst the brethren. Our missionary slogan is: "No creed but Christ." To us, a decision for Christ is all that counts.

It hurts me to tell you this, Brother Paul, but in all my five years of experience as missionary director, you are the most unqualified candidate that we have encountered. Therefore, you cannot work under our "approved" mission.

Most sincerely yours,

HYMA FLUFFYHEAD

homosexuals. This was the greatest number of petitions ever submitted on a single issue. Gay leaders Gene Leggett, Keith Spare and their followers were no match for this flood of petitions from all geographical and administrative points of the UMC. The Conference also refused to authorize a general church study of human sexuality.

In spite of this however, Dr. Leon Smith of the UMC Board of Discipleship wants to keep this subject alive, and is helping to compile study materials for local churches. Smith feels that "myths" prevent our understanding "gay" persons as persons, and believes that "we still don't know enough about the causes of homosexuality."

In the fight over the civil rights ordinance for homosexuals in Miami, nearly half of the 50 local Methodist ministers sided with the homosexuals, arguing that the denomination's "Book of Discipline" calls for all persons "to have their human and civil rights ensured." In addition, the National Council of Churches (NCC) and over 100 other local clergymen endorsed the ordinance. A spokesman for

the NCC accused Miss Bryant of stereotyping homosexuals and of misrepresenting the Christian position, but he offered no specifics. The editor of the "United Methodist Reporter" in his June 17, 1977, issue defends the "unalienable" rights of the homosexuals and berates the Miami voters for voting with their emotions instead of their minds in denying constitutionally-guaranteed human rights on moral and religious grounds.

The United Presbyterian Church USA for the past year has had a task force studying the ordination of avowed, practicing homosexuals. This is expected to be a main issue at the 189th General Assembly this summer.

The Episcopal Church studied the matter, too, and decided to ordain homosexuals into the ministry. This is causing much controversy, to say the least. In Philadelphia's St. Mary's Church of Hamilton Village, the rectors John M. Scott and Ron Wesner work with gay couples and bless gay unions and put out a gay newsletter.

We expect to have substantial observations about these mainline church positions later in this arti-

cle. This sampling of church views leads to the

Third Question: What does the Bible say? The Bible thunders out the sinfulness and immorality of homosexuality and perversion! From Genesis through the New Testament, the Scriptures are authoritative, clear and unequivocal in condemning this cardinal sin. For example, read the 19th chapter of Genesis and the 19th chapter of the Book of Judges. Also, Leviticus 18:13, 22 and 20:10-22; Isaiah 3:9; Matthew 19:4-12; 1 Corinthians 6:7-11; 1 Timothy 1:10; Romans 1:18-29,32.

These passages of Scripture are hardly "false religious bigotry," as charged by some of the psychologists and other defenders of the homosexuals. Some have called the "Save Our Children" campaign of Anita Bryant a hate program based on bigotry, ignorance, lies and half-truths. These accusations cry out for an answer.

Before the public gets carried away by the arguments of the psychologists, the psychiatrists, the liberal clergymen and the lawyers of the American Civil Liberties Union, perhaps we should take a closer look at morality. Should

the psychologists and other intellectuals define our moral laws? Or, should we depend upon the Bible? Is there anything in the Bible unclear about perversion? The Bible defines this sin; but it also offers forgiveness and redemption, and this is the solution which is rejected by the homosexuals and their supporters.

It is refreshing to read that the Greek Orthodox Church has a little different position from other mainliners. This church calls homosexuality an insult to God and a blasphemy since it attempts to alter the laws regulating creation, saying "the homosexual degrades his own sex and thus denies to himself the self-respect that is generated from the feeling that one is in line with God's creation."

In regard to the Scriptural position on this subject, let us ask just one question and let us repeat it over and over again: By what authority do the churches change the Word of God? By what authority

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"Can a saved person lose his rewards?"

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Yes, he most certainly can! Paul, the apostle, made this point very clear to the church at Corinth.

The essence of this very important truth is that a truly saved person, while not in jeopardy of eternal condemnation, may lose his ETERNAL rewards. Actually his loss will be that he gained nothing — meaning that during his lifetime he produced nothing that would stand the test of eternity.

It is sad, I think, to reflect that some will face Jesus Christ and not receive his "well done," not receive eternal reward — a very real and eternal loss.

"If any man's work shall be burned he shall SUFFER LOSS: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 3:15).

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Someone once said about rewards: "Reward — a motive to faithfulness." There are a few things that we as finite beings, limited in our understanding, cannot understand now, that God is three distinct beings and yet one God. We believe that Christ was (and is) God and yet man, but we cannot know how.

One of the most difficult things to understand, is, that God is completely sovereign and in absolute control of all things, and yet we have a definite responsibility as a child of God to serve Him. In many of Paul's epistles, we read of a sovereign God in the first part and then of our responsibilities in the last part.

I do believe that God is in complete control of our lives. In this control, He gives us certain duties. He allows us to do things contrary to His will and then chastens us and brings us back to where we should have been all along.

The Bible speaks of certain rewards for service. The question is — can we lose them? We are all going to be judged for our works. (Note: I am talking about saved people, not the unsaved. They, too, will be judged according to their works, but in respect to sin. Our sins are paid for by the Blood of Christ). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). Paul speaks of this in I Corinthians 3:14, "If any man's work ABIDE which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." Please notice that the reward is contingent on whether the work abides or not.

There are many rewards that should be ours, but because of our

failure to serve God we will not receive them. In that sense we have lost those rewards. But we still must ask the question — Can we lose what we have done? If a person is faithful to God and builds up rewards, can we lose them by becoming less faithful in His service? I believe that question is answered clearly in II John 8: "LOOK TO YOURSELVES, THAT WE LOSE NOT THOSE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE WROUGHT, BUT THAT WE RECEIVE A FULL REWARD."

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It might be well for us to first come to see just how a person obtains his reward. In I Corinthians 3:11-15 we learn that we must be on the foundation which is Jesus Christ before we are eligible for any reward. So our question has to do with those who are on that foundation. We also learn that after we are on that foundation, our works are to be tried by fire which speaks here of God's Word. In verse 14 we learn that if our works stand the test of God's Word we receive a reward.

However, Colossians 2:18 teaches that it is possible for us to permit false teachers to beguile us of our reward. This word "beguile" comes from KATABRABEUO which simply means to rob. So this verse is telling us not to let false teachers rob us of our reward. They would rob us of our reward by causing us to do that which is contrary to God's Word.

In Revelation 3:11 we read, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." This word "crown" comes from STEPHANOS which means in this case a reward. And a man can take your reward from you by his causing you to do that which is contrary to God's Word. So let us remember that if we are to receive a reward our

works must stand the test of God's Word. And at the same time let us remember that if we allow someone to cause us to do that which is not in accord with the Word, we lose our reward.

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Where rewards are gained through the doing of things, for the Lord, I believe that the person shall certainly be repaid by the Lord for his service, even though he becomes a backslider. Jesus made a tremendous promise, as recorded in Mark 9:41. It is in these words: "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." There are no "ifs" and "ands" about this promise. "He SHALL NOT lose his reward." To lose something means to have it and then to lose it after it is yours.

If one could lose salvation, they would certainly lose every reward along with it, but there is nothing plainer than the teaching of the Scriptures to the effect that life in Christ is a forever possession. Jesus said, "I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE, and they shall never perish." In II Corinthians 5:10 we read, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." This makes plain that all saved people shall receive rewards. Nothing is said about rewards obtained, but snatched away at the judgment seat. Evidently, however, the believer shall miss out on a lot of things that he ought to have done, but failed to do.

To summarize, we Christians have life that's eternal, and this we shall not lose. We have earned certain rewards that God will amply reward us for. If during your lifetime, you win ten people to Christ, you will be rewarded for this, even though you may have acted in a very unworthy manner many times.

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revival meetings and offer communion to the unsaved. People have been brought to believe by Satanic delusion that the various denominations are branches of the universal, invisible church. This erroneous conception opened the door for Satan to begin his purpose of establishing a one-world church made up of all professors of religion. By such a plan Satan seeks to swallow up the true churches in a super-church and pollute their doctrines. This Satanic operation is experiencing great success among religious liberals and Communist conspirators who pose as churchmen.

Satan does not care how religious a church may be so long as they conform to the world and do not preach the gospel of the grace of God. Much effort is put forth by the Devil to prevent the preaching of God's grace at home and abroad by the true churches. There was a time when we had nearly as many missionaries in graves as we had living on mission fields. But missionaries marched over their comrade's graves and carried on. So the Devil tried another method to accomplish his purpose. He caused a deep sleep to fall on the church so she would not support missionaries. Our churches today are sluggish, selfish, self-satisfied, and sleepy. The cause of Christ suffers because most churches are unaware of Satan's present method of opposition.

Satan takes away the Word out of the heart when it is preached by God's minister: "Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved" (Luke 8:12). The Prince of Darkness creates prejudice in the mind of an unsaved person, or diverts his mind to worldly matters. Satan intends to keep men in unbelief about Christ. He does not care if you join the church. He does not mind if you are baptized. Do any religious act but just do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Believing in any creed or church is alright with Satan so long as a person remains an unbeliever of the grace of Christ.

Satan is trying to play down this message in your ears right now. He may be saying to you, "This preacher is crazy; everybody is against him. You can't believe what he says." Or he may be telling you, "You can't be saved. You have gone too far." Or he might say, "Be saved later." Do not be deceived. Now is the day of salvation. If the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart, you are not far from the kingdom of God. Beware lest you find yourself in the class which Paul mentioned in I Timothy 5:15 when he said: "For some are already turned aside after Satan."

Sinner, what you need is not Satan, but the Saviour of sinners — Jesus Christ.

Homosexuality

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ity? By what supremacy and sovereignty do they over-rule the Holy Scriptures and try to lead us to believe that a homosexual can "live a faithful and obedient Christian life?"

The Last Question is: What is the solution? The psychologists, liberal clergy and other explainers offer some impressive sounding excuses for the homosexuals: genetic predisposition, psychodynamic and socio-psychological stress, intrapsychic emotional value system, and deep-seated developmental experiences. We are tempted to throw in another one for further obfuscation, namely: nonalienated anachronistic syncretism of the environmental tendency.

These are certainly impressive terms but something is missing. The homosexuals missed something in their upbringing: guidance and training in the moral law of God.

A number of studies completely refute these "excuses." Aahmes E. Overton of Fuller Theological Seminary, Psychiatrist Merville Vincent of Harvard University, and distinguished authors John Murray, Ronald L. Akers, and Wainwright Churchill provide substantial and authoritative evidence that homosexuality is deviant behavior acquired socially — meaning, homosexuality is a learned response, not a genetic condition! For example, there are studies of identical twins in which one twin became homosexual and the other heterosexual.

The homosexuals demand civil rights and human rights, and would change the law of the land so we could no longer stand on God's moral law. In accepting the depravity of perversion, the homosexuals and lesbians are trading values. Their lust is more important to them than human rights — and they are trading lust for their full human rights. They have surrendered a part of their "rights" in the human race by violating God's moral law. There's no obligation in the Scriptures or the U. S. Constitution that the rest of the people will jeopardize their morals or their children's morals because some people choose perversion.

Some will argue that the "beautiful people" of ancient Greece with their highly creative society practiced homosexuality. This is doubtful. But even if true, homosexual conduct does not become moral because society practices it. Society practices gambling, lying, fornication and robbery, too, but this does not make these sins morally acceptable.

In demanding their rights in the human race, should not the homosexuals also be accountable for their responsibilities in the human (Continued on page 5, column 4)

Purpose Of Satan

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al and spiritual influence of these Divine organizations. His object is to spoil by overcrowding with evil.

In the early centuries of the history of the church Satan came up with one of his best ideas — a universal, invisible church with no requirements for admission except a religious experience. The Evil One likes the idea, for such an organization cannot preach the gospel or baptize. By the time of the Reformation the Devil had scattered this idea far and wide among Protestants and some apostate Baptists. Today he has most people believing that the important thing is to be in some supposed universal, invisible church. These deluded souls now think the true churches which have preached the gospel for centuries are unimportant and non-essential. Some of these are so duped by the Devil that they call the local church a necessary evil.

By causing religious men to believe that all professors are in some big mystical church, Satan has been able to promote union

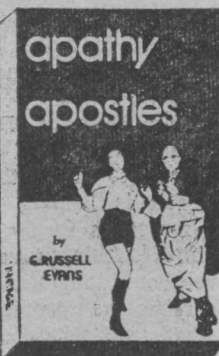
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"TRUST"

JOHN WISEMAN SIMMONS
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"Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour" (Eccl. 10:1).

The Bible has very little to say about putting trust in man, and most of what it does say is bad (Psa. 118:8; Micah 7:2-6).

Unfailingly, whenever the inspired writers speak of trust, they urge us to put our trust in God. And well we should, for He alone is able to guide us on our journey through this world and bring us safely to the one to come. But let us consider the other side of the coin of trust: our own trustworthiness.

"Trustworthy" means that you deserve to be trusted, or can be relied on. It means that when you make a promise, you keep it. When you take a job, you do it to the best of your ability. You come through when people are counting on you.

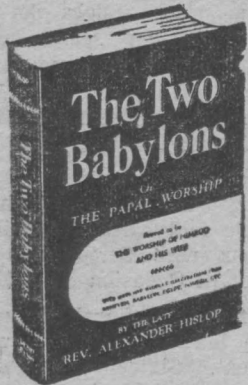
Learning to handle responsibility is part of growing up. The way to get more responsibility is to handle well that which you have. This is illustrated in the story of Joseph found in Genesis 39:1-6, 21-23; 41:38-44. Potiphar saw that the Lord blessed Joseph and that Joseph did his work well. So Potiphar made Joseph the overseer of all he had. He had complete trust in the young Hebrew.

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Joseph was falsely accused and thrown in prison, but even there his character and ability were apparent. The prison keeper put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners. He also had complete trust in Joseph. When Joseph was called out of prison to interpret Pharaoh's dream, Pharaoh was so impressed with his wisdom and God-given interpreting ability that he made Joseph his second in command over all Egypt and charged him with the great responsibility of storing enough food to bring Egypt through the terrible seven-year famine he had just predicted. This is a good example of the principle Jesus stated in the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:21: he who is faithful with a few things will be made ruler over many things.

There is another way of responding to trust: betraying it. This is a terrible thing. It hurts the person you let down. But even more, it hurts you. As Solomon said in our text Scripture, a little foolishness can ruin a good reputation. Trust may take years to build, but it takes only a moment to destroy. One false act, one careless deed, can destroy all the confidence someone placed in you and make it difficult for him to trust you any more. Such lost trust may take a long time and much hard work to win back. King David lamented about friends who proved unworthy of his trust in Psalm 41:9, where we find these sad words: "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me."

Don't be like David's faithless friend. Live so that others may know they can safely put confidence in you. Be like Joseph, who did well everything he was given to do and earned the respect and trust of all.

Baptists, Protestants

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certain essential principles of Scripture, all working as a basic organic system, which go into the molding and discipline of a Baptist. There is an irreducible Scriptural minimum which denominates a man as a Scriptural Baptist.

Protestants separate themselves voluntarily because the Scriptural positions held by Baptists are unacceptable to the Protestant way of doing things. Either Baptists are right and Protestants are wrong, or else the differences between the two are purely matters of idle speculation and frivolous semantics.

Since Baptists are the true Scriptural descendants of the churches found in the New Testament, for them to unionize with churches which compromise God's word is to court the frown of the Saviour. We must ever be on our guard against any association or identification which would link us with irregular, and non-Baptist assemblies.

THE NEW COMMON DENOMINATOR

There is a new spirit abroad today. A new yardstick has been introduced, which is held up before us as the determining factor of whether or not a church is Scriptural. This new yardstick is known as "co-operative evangelism." Doctrine must take a seat at the

back of the bus while the doctrinal integrationists of co-operative evangelism sweep us along in the insane rush to build the "world's largest Sunday School."

The sort of evangelism being urged upon us by the "interdenominationalist" raises questions of surrender of Biblical principles rather than expression of genuine concern for the lost. It calls for a categorical withdrawal from sound doctrine, and exhibits a competitive, self-seeking, pride-building spirit.

The ultimate design of this "super aggressive" evangelism (their term) is the breaking down of solid church principles and perpetuity, creating a general alliance of all evangelical denominations on the false premise that "fellowship unites, doctrine divides." In an atmosphere such as this the Scriptural design of evangelism is



FRANK ELLERKER

subverted, and the neutralizing leaven of compromise becomes the over-riding factor.

PRAGMATIC BLACKMAIL

If Baptists would only stand fast against the bombastic assertions of unionizers attempting to force everyone into their own peculiar mold, they would never find themselves treading the suicidal path to liberalism. Simply because some "unionizing evangelist" decides to sling his pragmatic epithets at those who refuse to engage in his mess of pottage, is no reason for Baptists to abdicate their God-given responsibility and yield the field of evangelism to usurpers.

Just because an evangelical egotist shows off his questionable prowess in expressing a familiarity with religious semantics, is no cause for us to get involved with his statistical nightmares. We are never obligated to listen to his ultimatums, neither do we owe ourselves the dubious pleasure of becoming involved in his religious turmoils. "Super-aggressive evangelism" has its roots in the philosophy of "Pentacostalism," and magnifies experience above absolutes. Its rights and wrongs are all relative, and the end result leaves multitudes in a state of uncertainty and disillusionment as to the real meaning of Bible justification. Whenever you become addicted to the philosophy that the "end justifies the means," you are certain to slip into methods which demean the doctrine of justification through the efficacious blood of Christ. The effectiveness of a man's ministry is not to be evaluated by "carnival tactics," "Madison Avenue showmanship," nor the number of busses parked in front of the auditorium on a Sunday morning.

During the past fifty years Baptists have been duped into providing financial support to more "interdenominational Protestant" organizations than this writer could possibly enumerate. These interdenominationalists, long on wind and short on doctrine, have never proved sympathetic to the Scriptural position of Baptists. On the con-

trary, in the majority of cases, these free-lance organizations and off-brands take a positively hostile stand toward those Baptists who exhibit the fortitude to proclaim a clear message devoid of doctrinal compromise. For too long now, Baptist churches have opened their doors to those seeking a platform from which to propagate their co-operative activities, but there is not one scintilla of evidence that our churches have ever realized any Scriptural benefit from such compromising inclusivism. More often than not, Baptist churches find that the names of their church members have been added to the appeal and subscription lists of these "unionizers," and multiplied thousands of dollars of church funds are funneled and diverted into one unscriptural effort after another.

PROTESTANT BAPTISM

Not only have these "interdenominationalists" smothered the field of evangelism with their compromising fog, but they have made a complete infiltration of once prestigious Baptist schools and seminaries. Professors, identifying themselves as Baptists, have done a superb job of marrying distinctive Baptist principles with the universal hogwash of baby sprinkling Reformation theology, and we are now reaping a harvest of preachers who know not the fathers. The results of church compromise are evident in the form of spiritually anemic Christians who have never been instructed in the meaning of Scriptural baptism. They know little or nothing concerning the purpose and perpetuity of this vital Bible ordinance.

What compromising Baptists fail to realize is that their church is no better than the baptism which it accepts. If a Baptist church accepts the immersion of a Methodist (Continued on page 8, column 5)

Homosexuality

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Those who lie down with dogs can not only expect fleas but also a certain abrogation of their rights and privileges in the human race. They are not going to be fully accepted, because they are different. Those who violate these moral laws are not going to be universally accepted to teach children and to minister in the Christian churches. The public will not allow this — if the people find out about it. That's the way the human race is currently designed.

Anita Bryant took a stand and put her all on the line. According to the press of June 21, 1977, Bob Hope called his friend Miss Bryant "quite a gal" but couldn't take a stand because he had friends in both sexes and in the "middle sex" as he called the homosexuals. Senator John Briggs of the California State Legislature tried to take a stand but his reso-

lution of commendation for Miss Bryant died in committee without a vote after the gays demonstrated in protest outside the California Capitol. The photo accompanying the story in the June 22nd press showed a gay supporter screaming and holding up a sign reading "Jesus died for my sins not my sexuality." Unfortunately this young woman did not realize that the Bible classifies her type of "sexuality" as a moral sin and an abomination. Ignorance has been charged in understanding homosexuality. This is an example.

It does appear that our politicians at all levels are wooing the lesbian and homosexual vote — anybody's vote to stay in office — and that America's morals and her children's morals are secondary to the politician's primary mission of: Getting re-elected! We had better be heard from: in city councils and in other public forums. The National Gay Task Force is being heard from in major cities across the nation. Witness the killing of the commendation for Miss Bryant in California. (There will be others before this reaches print.) The Bob Kunstes, the Sergeant Matlovickes, the Midge Costanzas, the Bella Abzugs (pictured in TIME magazine holding hands with the gay demonstrators of Greenwich Village), the Father Wesners, the Dr. Smiths and the Pete McCloskys are working for the gays. Are the rest of us going to sleep?

The Save Our Children organization needs support. The address is P.O. Box 402745, Miami Beach, Fla., 33140.

As for housing and jobs, there's been no discrimination except when the homosexuals came "out of the closet." Then, they have to face the music and the risk of being found unqualified because of their morals, just as the morals of other unrepentant sinners (such as adulterers, liars, and cheats) may be unacceptable to the community.

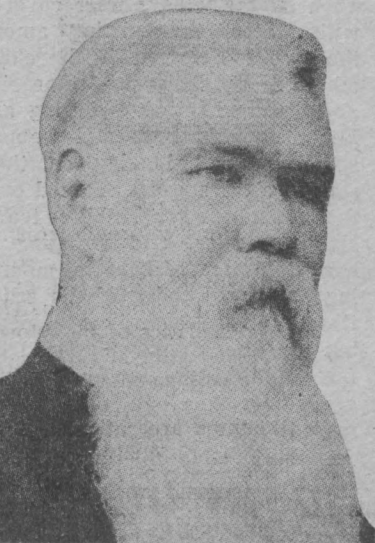
It does not appear that the homosexuals have a very good case. Neither do the churches. Both are doing the work of Satan and Satan must be extremely pleased.

Homosexuality is a learned response. It is rejected by God's Law, the Prophets and the New Testament. It can be unlearned and cleansed through Christ. Some argue that Jesus would have "accepted" homosexuals just as He did the prostitutes, adulterers and thieves. Yes, He would. He never turned anyone away. But, one thing stands out: None of these sinners ever came to Jesus and went away unchanged! They repented. And always, Jesus said, "Go and sin no more."

The best solution for the homosexuals is not to institutionalize their sins, but rather to help lead them in repentance, and to support them in their effort for change and redemption.

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Identity Of Mystery

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1. Consider what it is to be drunk.
 2. What things do necessarily contribute to it.
 3. Show what the true and proper signs of it are.
 4. Whether such things can be fixed upon the Church of Rome.
- I. To be drunk is to take in excessively any things as disorders nature in its course and operations; this we take to be a general



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definition of it, including the proper and metaphorical notions thereof.

II. Such things as necessarily contribute to it, are:

1. Great and vehement desire or thirst after it.
2. Plenty of the thing thirsted after.
3. The greedy taking their fill of it.

III. The signs of drunkenness, are:

1. When the faculties are so disordered, that they will not submit to the best reason that can be given them.

2. When they will abuse those whom they are most obliged to love and respect.

3. When they have cast off all considerations of their own, and others good, and forbear no mischief but what they are restrained from by force.

IV. That these things are evident in the Church of Rome will appear.

First, because she hath shed a mass; a very great mass of blood of saints, and of the martyrs of Jesus; who is able to account the numbers of them that she hath murdered in all parts of the Christian world, only upon the account of religion, particularly in Bohemia, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Low Countries, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Secondly, 'tis enough to pierce an heart of stone to hear of the barbarous cruelties and devilish inhumanities exercised for more than 500 years upon the poor Waldenses and Albigenses, by the hands of this bloody whore or Romish harlot; besides the wonderful numbers and multitudes of them, for according to the account I have met with in history, hundreds of thousands, nay, some millions of those godly Christians were most inhumanely butchered by the bloody papists, children born of her own body, nay, in every street of this great city, the blood of the saints hath run down like a river; were this not notoriously known to the whole world. I could give an account of the vast numbers slain in Bohemia, in France, and in Ireland of late years, where there were not fewer than two hundred thousand souls sacrificed, to allay the thirst of this bloody whore.

So that it is out of dispute, she hath the first signs of a most filthy, shameless, drunken strumpet, i.e., she has been excessive in drinking of innocent blood. Not only so, but she has drunk so much, that she is intoxicated, and disordered, that she would never submit to the best reason that could be given her, for she has been so mad, that

none would dissuade her from exercising her cruelties (on the bodies of the saints, whose blood she thirsted after) in as inhumane a manner as incarnate devils could devise; as if to murder them was not sufficient, nor could it satisfy her, but she would have them die many deaths, as hanging by the feet, by the hands, by the middle on a beam by the hair of the head, on tenterhooks, pouring melted lead on their heads, boiling in caldrons, roasting alive, and burning alive.

The poor Waldenses living in, and about the valleys of Piedmont, about the year 1560, were most cruelly and barbarously murdered. To allay her excessive thirst some were stripped stark naked and whipped to death with rods of iron, others drawn through the streets and burnt with fire brands, some thrown down a high tower, and some cut in pieces with sharp knives. Fourscore persons had their throats cut, as butchers kill their sheep, threescore women were so cruelly racked, that the cords pierced their arms and legs to the bones, and then being cast into prison they all died except nine of them. Young virgins were ravished in a barbarous manner until they died, children were pulled alive out of their mothers' bellies, and the breasts of many women cut off, so that the infants died of famine. There were many other strange kind of tortures, which, for many years, multitudes of those godly Waldenses endured.

The Albigenses who professed the same doctrine and principles,

of inhuman and cruel deaths they could devise; so that in a few days they destroyed nearly thirty thousand souls in one place, they most cruelly tormented a hundred and fifty women and children, and afterwards chopped off the heads of some, and dashed out the brains of others, some had their feet nailed to trees with their heads downwards, one ancient woman they ripped up alive, putting a sickle into her privy parts, and so slit up her belly, after which they dragged her about and at last cut off her head; other women had their breasts, noses, privities and hands cut off, and so left miserably to perish. Another they stabbed in the soles of his feet, then cut off his privities and fried them, giving them their comrades to eat as a delicate dish, then they seared his wounds with flaming candle, cut off his ears, and tore off his nails with burning pincers, to make him renounce his religion, and then tied one of his legs to a mule (being yet alive), and dragged him about the streets, and after all this they bound a cord about his head, and twisted it with a stick till his eyes and brains burst out, and then cast his body into a river. An old woman had her hands and nose cut off, and so was left alive, some had their bodies cut all into pieces, and their limbs strowed in the highways, some had their flesh sliced from their bones and chopped like minced meat; little infants were thrown down steep rocks, whereby they were dashed



were all along in the like or worse sort and manner (if possible) butchered. In the city of Bezier, there were threescore thousand persons slain, the priests and friars going about the streets in the meantime with crosses and banners, and singing "Te Deum Laudamus." In the year 1655, in the valley of Lucerna and other places, the bloody strumpet thirsting still after the blood of the saints, and like a filthy drunken wretch caused an edict to be put forth, that such who would not turn papist within three days, must take what would follow. Indeed, that was bad enough, as you may see in Sir Samuel Moreland's history of that late persecution.

It began January 25, 1655, upon which some thousands of those poor souls were forced to fly for their lives in the depth of snow, when all the valleys were covered with water, there being among them some women with child, others newly delivered, some sick and diseased, children crying and lamenting, old men and women, some decrepit leaning on their staves; all dragged or forced over the ice and snow, with bitter tears, sighings, cries, and wringing of hands, beating of breasts, mourning and complaining of the cruelties of those merciless papists, but alas, so drunk with blood before, that they like brutes regarded none of their cries, no more than the bleating of sheep.

But this is not all. No sooner that they were forced from their habitations, but their houses were pillaged, rifled, and ransacked of all that was left. This not sufficient neither, to satisfy their rage and cruel thirst, they fell upon them, putting them to all manner

to pieces. Some children they tore limb from limb before their parents' faces, others they flayed off their skins alive, in another place they took eleven Protestants, and heating a furnace they forced them to throw one another into it, till it came to the last, and him they threw in. If these are not signs of one drunk with blood, I know not what is. But time would fail me to tell you of all the cruel deaths, and sufferings of this poor people, for that it contains a great volume.

In Bohemia, Poland, and Lithuania, the sufferings of the Lord's witnesses were as great and their cruel usages as bloody; besides, on one or two of those places they began very early about 977, where my author says godly ministers, and other pious, holy, and godly people suffered such barbarities, and inhumanities from this harlot, that the ears of a Christian cannot hear, nor his tongue relate them, without the greatest abhorrence and indignation. Some of them were stoned to death, others hanged from a beam, with a soft fire made under them were roasted to death as well as hanged. They hanged one minister up by the privy members being seventy years old, and burned his books under him. Another they laid on his back, ramming his mouth full of gunpowder, set fire to it and so blew his head all to pieces.

At a town called Meldorp a godly minister was forced out of his bed, and to go some miles on foot in frost and snow, upon the ice bare-footed and bare-legged, beating, cutting, and slashing him, and pricking him with their halberds, and at last, they cruelly



roasted him to death. They yoked some ladies and gentlewomen together like beasts, and forced them into woods, where they were ravished and abused, and then had their hair and ears cut off and disfigured. They forced some poor Christians to eat their own excrements, and if any refused so to do, they thrust them down their throats, till they were choked. They crammed the secret parts of several women with gunpowder and setting fire to it most barbarously tore their bellies and wombs thereby. Others they hung up by the privy parts; some they planed their faces off with chisels; others they made to put on boots filed with scalding oil, and then roasted their legs over a fire. Some men they gelded in the presence of their wives and children. Some had gags put into their mouths, and then put stinking water down their throats through a tunnel till their bellies swelled like a tub, whereby they perished in a miserable manner. They sawed off (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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Judge Archie Simonson said the boy, who pleaded no contest to the charge of raping a girl, had been overheated by newspaper ads, sex stories, nude bars and young women who appear in public wearing provocative clothing.

The editor agrees with Judge Simonson that sex stories, nude bars, and immodest clothing do contribute to sex crimes, but he cannot at all agree that a rapist should be turned loose to repeat his crime a second time. The law of Moses required death for a rapist (Deut. 22:25-27). It is a sad hour in American history when a judge calls rape a normal reaction, for rape is a violent and terrible crime.

Fifteen Atlanta churches and one synagogue are urging their members to bring their hand guns to church and leave them behind when they go home.

One of the churches participating is Ebenezer Baptist Church where the mother of Martin Luther King, Jr., was killed by a handgun during a church service two years ago.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — American missionaries going to the "utmost parts of the earth to witness for Christ" would be in violation of the Genocide Treaty if the United States signed it, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has been told.

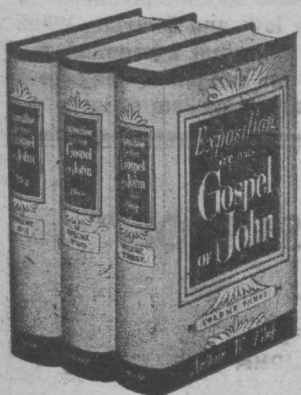
E. Stanley Rittenhouse, legislative aide for Liberty Lobby, drew the committee members' attention to Article II of the Genocide Convention, which reads:

"In the present convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group."

"According to Article III," Mr. Rittenhouse asserted, "the individual would be punished by the World Court for the following: Genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, direct and public incitement to commit genocide, attempt

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to commit genocide, (and) complicity in genocide."

"Under Articles II and III of this treaty," he said, "every missionary, both domestic and foreign, who attempted to convert anyone to Christianity would be guilty of attempting to destroy one's culture. When pursued to its logical conclusion, and liberals around the world would do just that, it becomes ridiculous."

In the case of cannibals, he went on, "it wouldn't be genocide if one member of the tribe devoured another, but it would be genocide when a Christian missionary tries to civilize the savage and convert him to Christ."

LOS ANGELES (EP) — Soviet prisoner Georgi Vins, a Baptist minister incarcerated for his outspoken Christian witness, is gravely ill, believed to be suffering from mercury poisoning, according to his wife Nadeshda and son Peter.

A report by Underground Evangelism said Vins can barely stand up, that his head is covered with boils and that he suffers from continual headaches and exhaustion.

Vins, in a letter to authorities, has asked for an international commission to be formed to investigate conditions at the prison camp.

PLAINS, Ga. (EP) — After months of controversy, Plains Baptist Church, President Carter's former congregation, has officially split. Some 50 members have left to form the Bottsford Baptist Mission. Fred Collins, a former pastor of Plains Baptist now serving as interim pastor at a church in Camilla, will become pastor of the new congregation June 26.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (EP) — Membership in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) increased by 10 per cent in 1976 to a total of 62,100, according to the denomination's Stewardship Subcommittee.

The number of congregations rose by 12 to a total of 405 last year. Individual giving was up by 8.9 per cent from \$293.64 to \$331.29. Receipts for all categories of giving totaled \$20.5 million in 1976, an increase from \$17.6 million the previous year.

NEW YORK (EP) — A nationwide campaign to warn women of the dangers of drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy is planned by the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) and the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

NIAAA, a division of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, plans to issue a federal warning that two drinks of hard liquor a day during pregnancy could cause fetal defects. The warning will be circulated nationally in the current weekly bulletin of the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta.

Argentina has been the scene recently of a controversy over the distribution of a special version of the Scriptures called the "Biblia Latinoamericana," published in Spain.

President Jorge Videla has ordered Ediciones Paulinas to cease distribution of the version, which contains comments encouraging political struggle, a photograph of Havana, Cuba, political rally, and portraits of Martin Luther King, Lenin and Brazilian Bishop Dom Helder Camara. The caption with a photograph of New York City seems to identify it with Babylon, commenting, "in her was found

the blood of martyrs." The original 1972 edition, developed in Chile by leftist Catholic scholars, apparently did not contain leftists additions (LATIN AMERICA EVANGELIST, July-Sept., 1977, p. 2).

This is the latest attack of the international Communists to desecrate the Word of God. It does not come as a surprise to me that some Catholic leaders defend this version, claiming it uses the language of the people in Latin America and that the photographs and comments are in line with the teachings of Jesus and the New Testament.

BEERSHEBA, Israel (EP) — After seven seasons of digging at Beersheba, on the edge of the Israel Negev Desert, the great well of Abraham has been rediscovered by Archaeologist Yohanan Aharoni.

It confirms the stories in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 21, of

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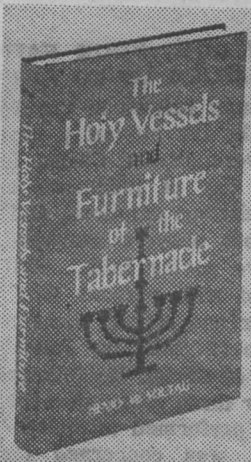
the importance of Beersheba as the cultural and religious center of the Israelites as they wandered out of Mesopotamia towards Canaan 4,000 years before the Christian era, according to journalist Cecil Nortscutt, writing in the London Telegraph.

Aharoni, who died after the discovery, cut through 60 feet of rock and was planning another 60 feet of excavation to reach the subterranean water level, the well's secret supply source.

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maintaining the great well of Beersheba, Northcott observed.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (EP) — Based on the opinions of three handwriting experts, three Southern California researchers have declared that parts of the Book of Mormon could well have been written by a Congregationalist minister and novelist who died more than 10 years before Joseph Smith reportedly received the revelations from God through golden plates.

Though controversy about the authenticity of the Book of Mormon has swirled since its publication in 1830, the critics' case has until now rested on circumstantial evidence (similarities of style and subject matter and testimonies of perhaps biased persons) linking Smith and the work of Solomon Spaulding, the minister writer who died in 1816.

Edward Plowman, news editor of Christianity Today, talked to the three researchers and, as told in the forthcoming July 8 issue, learned that they obtained enlarged photocopies of 12 original manuscript pages of the Book of Mormon that are in the Latter-day Saints archives in Salt Lake City. These reproductions were compared with specimens of handwriting generally acknowledged to be Spaulding's. The analysts, all well known in their field, working independently and not knowing of the Book of Mormon connection, concluded that Spaulding had written all of the materials they examined.

Two of the handwriting experts qualified their conclusions, saying that conclusive proof would rest with being able to examine the original documents. The third, Henry Silver, who was called in to give his opinion last year on the Howard Hughes so-called Mormon will, concluded: "It is my definite opinion that all of the questioned handwritings . . . were written by the same writer known as Solomon Spaulding . . ."

The issue is a critical one for the Mormons because they believe the 522-page Book of Mormon is the divinely inspired and correctly translated Word of God. "If the book is ever proved to be something other than what Joseph Smith claimed, the church's foundation itself will be in question," Plowman observed.

Layman Jimmy Carter challenged the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City by a video tape to evangelize the world. On the tape President Carter said: "Compared to our great potential, our achievements are small indeed. Our total gifts are much less than 3 per cent of income. Contributions to the Cooperative Program during the last few years have dropped from 14 per cent to less than 9 per cent of church collections."

"Although Foreign Mission Board assignments reached a new high in 1976, the net missionary personnel gain last year was only 48. It now takes 5,000 Southern Baptist church members to support one foreign missionary family."

I ask our readers to study these figures given by President Carter carefully. Do they prove that the Cooperative Program is "the best things yet" as our Southern Baptist friends claim? They are often heard to brag that the Cooperative Program is "all missions."

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that the Cooperative Program is a far cry from being all missions. Only a small amount of funds given to the Cooperative Program even get to the missionary on the field.

Back in 1961 Gordon Thomas related: "With the emphasis on the Cooperative Program, it takes 30,000 churches and about nine million Baptists to support less than 1600 foreign missionaries . . ."

"The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the Conservative Baptist Association combined have about 2,000 churches. They have about 1500 missionaries. These two groups with 2,000 churches support almost as many missionaries as 30,000 Southern Baptist churches, with the emphasis on the Cooperative Program. This is because less than four dollars out of every hundred of the total gifts given by Southern Baptists ever reaches the foreign field!" (FALSE PROPHETS AND THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, pp. 13-14).

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The U. S. Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of a 73-year-old traditional Roman Catholic priest who was fined \$50 for illegally holding church services in his home in Vienna, Va.

The justices let stand a decision by the Virginia Supreme Court that Father Joseph E. Gedra was rightfully convicted for violating a local zoning ordinance in Fairfax County. The ordinance prohibits places of worship in residentially zoned areas without a special permit.

NAIROBI, Kenya (EP)—Radio Uganda, monitored here, reported that Ugandan President Idi Amin has decided to forbid representatives of Christian churches in the country to attend church or other conferences abroad.

The ban applies particularly to Christian representatives who would like to visit Tanzania and Kenya, the radio said. Uganda is currently at odds with the two neighboring countries.

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the legs of some alive. A godly minister they bound upon a table, and placed a cat so that she scratched his guts out of his belly with her teeth and claws, till he miserably died.

In Lithuania 1643, this whole thirsting still for more Protestant blood, great slaughter was made without regard to age or sex. Here many had their skins flayed off while they were alive. Others had their hands and feet cut off. The bowels of divers were also taken out alive. Others had their shin-bones bored through. They poured melted lead into the wounds of others, whom they had cut in the head, and other parts of their bodies. Some had their eyes pulled out, and multitudes were hanged in divers places, nay, and the poor Protestants accounted it a mercy and great favor, to be killed outright without any other torment.

Should we come into France, and give an account of the horrid cruelties of this great whore there, it would, if possible, exceed what you have heard. The blood of ten thousand this cursed strumpet has drunk off (as it were at one draught) there, and not a jot more satisfied than she was before. Here they roasted young children, ravishing women and maidens in such a shameless manner, and barbarously killing them afterwards, that 'tis not fit to be spoken.

A blacksmith had his head laid on his own anvil, and then his brains beat out with hammers. Also a young woman was forced (after they had ravished her) to take hold of a rapier, wherewith one of the villains thrusting her arm, made her kill her own dear husband. Some women with child were ripped up, and divers buried alive. I might come to the siege of Rochel, and tell you what mis-

ery some thousands suffered by famine. Some hundred thousands of poor Protestants have been barbarously murdered by her means in France, and though of late she hath not put many to death, yet they have exercised all manner of new invented ways to destroy their souls, and the souls of their children, too.

I might also speak of the Spanish Inquisition and of the hellish torments thereof, as also of the cruelties of this whore, exercised on the poor heathen in America by the Spaniards, where they destroyed more than 20 million of souls, as appears by history besides.

They put them to all manner of cruel deaths they could devise, but I am weary of relating these dismal stories; besides, they are generally well known, together with the massacre in Ireland where no less than the blood of two hundred thousand persons could satisfy the thirst of this craving locust, and shed in as barbarous a manner as you have heard in other places.

I might also mention the bloody persecution here in England in the reign of Queen Mary, wherein many holy and gracious prelates and people were burned to ashes, for witnessing to the truths of Jesus Christ; all which fully shows that this second mark of drunkenness, drunk with blood of the saints, and of the martyrs of Jesus, meets in the Church of Rome.

Thirdly, she has the other mark of drunkenness upon her also, i.e., she matters not who she abuses, and exercises her cruelties upon. She has sometimes cut off her own dear children, vis., Roman Catholics, among such she calls heretics, as it happened at Bezier, and other places, crying out, "Kill all, both Catholics and heretics," saying, "The Lord knows who are His." She has made the wife to kill her husband, the husband to murder the wife, children to de-

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stroy their own dear parents, and parents their children. If these things do not show she is drunk, drunk with blood, what can? From whence I shall draw this argument and conclude.

If there be no body of people or community of Christians in the world, who have been guilty of so much blood, blood of saints and good men, even so as to be drunk with blood, as the Church of Rome is, then the Church of Rome is Mystery Babylon. But there is no people or community of Christians, that are so guilty, as Rome Papal or Church of Rome is. Therefore, the Church of Rome is Mystery Babylon.

Faith That Can Damn

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said to "Cry out" and "tremble." The demons realize that Jesus is the "Holy One of God" (Luke 4:34) and His presence affects them since they are so wicked. There are professing Christians who have no sense of God's holiness, nor fear and reverence of Him as required by the Scriptures (Phil. 2:12, Heb. 12:28). Some folk can attend church but sleep through the services with no sense of God's presence. On the other hand, some profess all sorts of religious emotional experiences.

5. Demons have their prayers answered. In Matthew 8:29 the evil spirits asked to embody some swine and Jesus answered their prayers. Are there not a host of folk that think they are Christians because their prayers have been answered? The hypocrite prays only when in trouble (Job 27:8-10).

HOW DOES YOUR FAITH MEASURE UP SO FAR?

You may believe in the God of the Bible, the humanity, divinity, and sovereignty of Christ, in the coming day of judgment, experience religious emotions, and even have your prayers answered, yet not have saving faith. Hell will be filled with persons that have orthodox and correct doctrine. An example of this is Judas the apostle of Christ. He followed the Lord for three years, preached the gospel, performed miracles (Luke 9:1,2,6), was concerned for the poor (John 12:5), yet he betrayed the Lord of glory. Jesus called him a "devil" (John 6:70). A Christian is to exceed and go beyond devils; nay, beyond other men, beyond pagans; beyond hypocrites in the church; nay, beyond himself.

THE REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAVING AND DAMNING FAITH

In the Scriptures we find that demons came to Jesus as demons and they went away as demons. They were unchanged. This was the real difference. Has God changed your life?

A person who has saving faith

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has a change in his moral life. Twenty times in the Bible demons are called "unclean spirits." Demons have no desire or disposition to be holy and to keep God's holy commands (1 John 2:3,4). A "born-again" Christian (John 3:3) not only forsakes the obvious base sins of immorality, drunkenness, stealing, fighting, gossip, etc. (1 Cor. 6:9-11), but also those terrible refined sins of pride, self-righteousness, covetousness, malice and the like. This is not a sinlessness but a bent toward righteousness.

There also is a change in the relationship to Christ. The demons showed no appreciation towards Jesus Christ. They beheld no beauty in Him. The converted person sees the "glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:3-6). If you have experienced a work of divine grace in your heart from Heaven, then you esteem the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus Christ. You do not rebel at Jesus' kingship and authority like the demons, but gladly submit yourselves willingly to Him. You rejoice that He is your God and Saviour.

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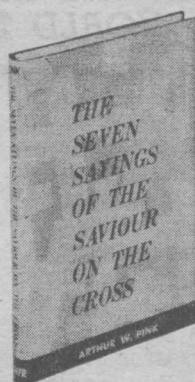
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church, then that Baptist church ceases to be a Baptist and becomes a Methodist church. If a Baptist church sets its seal of approval upon a Presbyterian church, then that Baptist church has become de-facto a Presbyterian church. A church is no better than its baptism. There can never be such a thing as a Scriptural Baptist church which does not identify with the baptism of John the Baptist. The baptism of a "Protestant" assembly is the baptism of those who tried to reform their mother church, the "harlot of Rome."

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The crying need in our Baptist assemblies is that our members be one in doctrine as well as judgment. There never can be any meaningful union unless there is a mutual agreement in doctrine. Acts 12:32 tells us that, "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and mind."

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