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OBEDIENCE TO GOD TO COME FIRST

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In the Divine order of things our allegiance is: First, unto God; second, to our family; third, to government. When we pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States, and to the government for which it stands, this does not mean that we put government ahead of God and family. This means that we pledge allegiance to our own country, the United States of America, rather than to some other country such as Communist

Russia or China.

We are commanded to obey rulers, but if their laws be unjust, or unscriptural, to the extent that they hinder us in serving God or in providing for our own, we do not have to obey them. Any law, directly contrary to the commandments and precepts of God, we do not have to obey. The law of this land is the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, etc. All of those laws we can obey as children of God and be in harmony with God's laws. However, many amendments

to the Constitution, and out-right breaches of the Constitution, are contrary to the laws of God. We do not have to obey ungodly laws. I know that this is a very delicate and touchy matter, and if we value our freedom, we should use Godly discretion in regard to these bad laws. These unjust man-made laws should be changed, if at all possible, by legal peaceful means as the Lord gives us knowledge and strength to do so. However, as obedient children of God we (Continued on page 3, column 1)

TRUE ELEMENTS OUTLINED . . .

THE CUP AND THE BREAD

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In I Corinthians 10:16 we read, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

Please note that the communion (fellowship and nourishment) of the body is by and through the blood.

It is Scripturally evident that the cup of blessing, containing, in type, the communion of the blood of Christ is exclusive from other cups. So we are told in I Corinthians 10:21: "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." Hence, when Jesus was

offered another cup in the garden of Gethsemane before the cross, He became "sore amazed" (Mark 14:33) and said in Mark 14:36, "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt." This was, evidently, Satan's offer of the cup of premature death, an attempt to slay Jesus before the Cross, hindering the fulfillment of prophecy.

In Jeremiah 51:7 we read: "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore, the nations are mad." Then in Jeremiah 25:16 we read, ". . . they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword

that I will send among them." In Job 15:16 we read that they "drink iniquity like water." So, in apostasy, all of "the earth is drunken" by the influence of Babylon, as now tied in with the Papacy. Yet we are told that all this is "in the Lord's hand;" that is, under His control. Hence, in one cup, are the dark mysteries of all apostate religious systems of mythology that have been or ever will be.

In fact, it has been proven that the idolatry of the whole earth is a unity; also, that the so-called sacred languages of all nations are basically Chaldean (Babylonian). The heathen gods of every nation and country and climate are called by Babylonian names. All paganism of the human race are wicked and deliberate distortion of the true religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Such has resulted in the most instructive corruption of the true gospel since it was preached in the garden of Eden. Ah! here is the "mystery of ungodliness" as represented by leaven. Well, so much for the "Babylon golden cup of Babylon."

So, let us get back to "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion (fellowship and nourishment) of the blood of (Continued on page 4, column 3)

MONEY WILL BUY

A bed but not sleep.
Books but not brains.
Food but not appetite.
Finery but not beauty.
A house but not a home.
Medicine but not health.
Luxuries but not culture.
Amusements but not happiness.
A crucifix but not a Saviour.
A church but not heaven.

Closed Vs. Open Communion

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The only churches that really practice "open" communion make no pretence of believing in being born again. Churches that believe in being born again practice some sort of closed communion. They differ only in the degree to which they are closed. Some draw the line at salvation. Others draw the line denominationally, others require membership in the church offering the supper. What saith the Lord?

Below are the Scriptures that teach closed communion. We await the Scriptures that teach open or ecumenical communion. To the objection, it is the Lord's table so all Christians may partake, and a man is to examine himself; we say, it is also the Lord's business meeting. Do we have to open that to all Christians? A man is to examine himself most assuredly, but the Bible also teaches that a church is to examine its members (I Cor. 5:12). Closed communion preserves the fidelity of "true" churches and disassociates them from the renegade movements of our day and preserves the type of one body.

Communion is closed to the unsaved. "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils . . . ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of . . . devils" (I Cor. 10:20,21).

Communion is closed to heretics. "I hear that there be divisions among you . . . for there must be also heresies among you . . . when ye come together . . . this is not to eat the Lord's supper" (I Cor. 11:18-20).

Communion is closed to Christians guilty of gross public sin.

"I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator . . . with such . . . no not to eat" (I Cor. 5:11).

Communion is closed to Christians who disregard Scripture. "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him" (II Thess. 3:14).

Communion is closed to anyone who cannot be disciplined by the offering church. "With such . . . no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? (non-members) . . . Do not ye judge them that are within (members)?" (I Cor. 5:11,12).

Communion is closed to anyone the church decides to close it to. "If he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church . . . what" (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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A Sermon By Milburn Cockrell

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee; neither is there any rock like our God" (I Sam. 2:2).

My text is the words of Hannah who celebrates the perfections of God, beginning with His glorious holiness. God is declared here to be essentially, originally, independently, perfectly, and immutably holy. Angels are said to be holy, but "there is none holy as the Lord." The elect angels derive their holiness from God, and it is imperfect in comparison to His.

Men have ceremonial and imputed holiness, yet their holiness at best is never equal to God's. Truly "There is none as holy as the Lord."

HOLINESS DIAGNOSED

Just what do I mean when I speak of holiness of God? I mean that perfection of God by which He eternally wills and maintains His own moral excellence, abhors sin, and demands purity in His moral creatures. The idea of God's holiness is twofold. Positively, it denotes God is absolutely distinct

America Is Having A Spiritual Blackout Now!

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(PART II)
Delineation

In contrast to the message of God in the early hours of human history, "In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17), Satan's message was, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4). This latter emphasis, of course, has been the theme of god-



RAYMOND WAUGH

less religion in every generation. Even the reincarnationists speak quite freely of being "born again" and simply mean that one does not really die. Such is much like the message of the godless religious and irreligious in our day.

Nevertheless, the word, "death," is much used in our day, even as it was by Satan. Men and women in the professional areas of our society use their intellectual concepts which they have drawn from philosophical, social, psychological, or even medical fields as means of personal publicity and often for personal profit. No two of them ever seem to agree on any point, but they very freely indulge the profit which they gain from their repetition of the "tales" which they have elicited from deluded folk who suppose they have died and come back to life. In ev-

ery instance, however, they conclude in hopelessness and futility.

Because of their ignorance of the Scriptures and their unbelief, these deluded ones find it most convenient to accept those who present themselves in pious garb, or with a scholastic aura, or with a self-assumed import, or with a professional air as ministers of God, when they, in fact, may be emissaries of Satan. The poor, deluded masses turn to such as their intermediaries, their oracles, or their doors to spiritual security. Needless to say, all such have missed the glorious Word, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Some of the foremost intellectuals of our time have joined in the defiance of God's determination concerning death! One has said, "Scientists will create a heaven on earth where man will live longer and control his destiny." It is understandable that this emphasis should appeal to those who prefer Satan's, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4). The climax of such godlessness comes in, "I predict that by the next 100 to 200 years, humans will exist almost like gods. They will have complete control of their personal destiny."

All such, of course, have joined in that fatal satanic word, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isa. 14:14). They may make occasional references to Scripture, nevertheless, and even profess to be "Christian."

We need to remember, however, that Satan showed his godless mastery of the Scriptures on the Mount of Temptation. He certainly was aware that the Lord was responsible for the Scriptures. Yet, Satan had the audacity to quote them to the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan's godlessness was evidenced (Continued on page 6, column 1)

History Of The Baptists In Great Britain

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PART I

FROM THE FIRST AGES TO THE END OF THE 16TH CENTURY

1. The church formed in Jerusalem (A.D. 34) was composed of those who received the Word with joy, and were, on their professed belief, immersed into Christ's name. All other churches were formed after this model (I Thess. 2:14; I Cor. 11:2). This was the parent institution, and became the pattern to after ages. We have reason to believe that the early British churches bore a striking resemblance to it (Bp. Burgess). "No persons were admitted to baptism," says Mosheim, "but such as had been previously instructed

in the principal points of Christianity, and had also given satisfactory proofs of pious dispositions and upright intentions."

The gospel is said to have made considerable progress in this island about A.D. 167, and the churches then planted were preserved for a long time from errors so common in the East. In the fourth century (A.D. 303), professors abounded there. Their steadfastness was severely tried by the edicts of Diocletian (A.D. 306). While thus obnoxious to the civil powers, they attended their privileges with little pomp. By Constantine's favour, they emerged from obscurity, and became worldly and corrupt. The sentiments of Pelagius rent the island (A.D. 315). Two divines from the continent succeeded in reclaiming the wanderers (A.D. 410), and these were rebaptized in the river Allen, near Chester.

Britain, about this time (440) presented an awful state of immorality, which occasioned the pious to retire into woods; but this did not shelter them from the cruelty of the barbarians. The old corrupt professors united their Christianity with the druidism of the natives (Warner). Those who retained their purity retired chiefly into Cornwall and Wales, "where they kept their footing a good while;" though it appears the main body of the Christian church was at this time (A.D. 550) in Wales (Fuller).

2. This was the awful state of things in this land, when Austin, the Romish monk, reached Britain (A.D. 597). By various representations, he succeeded in draw- (Continued on page 5, column 5)

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The Holiness Of God

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is often asserted in the Holy Writ.
The 144,000 Israelites sing of Him:
"For thou only art holy" (Rev.
15:4). The word "only" is very
expressive in this verse. It is used
in a comparative sense. God is
so pure that it may be said that
in comparison with Him, no one
else is holy. He sits as the Holy
One "upon the throne of His holiness"
(Ps. 47:8).

Negatively, it means God is sepa-
rate from moral evil and sin.
The second idea grows out of the
former. In virtue of His holiness
God can have no communion with
sin. This may be called the ethi-
cal holiness of God. God never has
a sinful thought; His nature is
"without iniquity" (Deut. 32:4).
Elihu said: "Therefore hearken
unto me, ye men of understanding:
far be it from God, that he should
do wickedness; and from the Al-
mighty, that he should commit
iniquity" (Job 34:10). I John 1:5
declares: "God is light, and in
him is no darkness at all."

God cannot be the author of sin.
To commit iniquity is contrary to
His nature: "Thou art of purer
eyes than to behold evil, and canst
not look on iniquity" (Heb. 1:13).
All sin is hateful to His sight, and
He cannot endure to look upon
iniquity with pleasure. Light can-
not co-exist with darkness, fire
with water, heat with cold, de-
formity with beauty, foulness with
sweetness, nor sin with God. There
is an entire contradiction between
God and all unholiness.

We read in James 1:13: "Let no
man say when he is tempted, I am
tempted of God: for God cannot
be tempted with evil, neither
tempteth he any man." God is un-
temptable. He cannot induce men
to do what is wholly repugnant to
His own nature and will. Nothing
can be presented from without to
induce Him to do wrong. There is
no evil passion to be gratified.
There is no want of power, wealth,
or happiness — God has infinite
resources. There is absolutely
nothing in the nature of God that
responds to evil. Men are tempted
to evil because they lack wisdom,

power, and purity, but God lacks
none of these things.

HOLINESS DECORATED

Holiness is a transcendental at-
tribute of God. It runs through the
rest of His attributes and casts
luster upon the others. Holiness is
an attribute of attributes. It is cen-
tral and supreme perfection of
God. Some say it is not so much
a distinctive attribute as the com-
bination of all His attributes.

Omnipotence is God's hand, om-
niscience His eye, mercy His bow-
els, eternity His duration, but hol-
iness is His beauty. This moral
perfection renders Him supremely
lovely. The singers of Israel were
appointed to "praise the beauty
of holiness" (II Chron. 20:21). To
behold His holiness is to behold
"the beauty of the Lord" (Ps. 27:
4). In the Bible His people are
enjoined: "Worship the Lord in
the beauty of holiness" (I Chron.
16:29).

HOLINESS DISTRIBUTED

In the Bible we read of "the
holy God" in Joshua 24:19. "God"
here is "Elohim," a uniplural noun
in the Hebrew. It can be trans-
lated "the holy Ones." The refer-
ence is to the three Divine Per-
sons — the Holy Father, the Holy
Son, and the Holy Spirit. The sera-
phims of Heaven cry, "Holy, holy,
holy, is the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 6:
3). The God of the Bible is thrice
holy, seeing He is holy in all three
Persons. His power is spoken of
twice (Ps. 62:11) but His holiness
three times.

God the Father is called by the
Son "holy Father" (John 17:11).
All that can be said of the holiness
of God belongs to Him. The epi-
thet "holy" shows the Father is
separate from the impurity and
pollution of all moral evil.

The same may be said of the
Son who is called "the holy One
of Israel" about 30 times in the
Book of Isaiah. When addressing
the church at Philadelphia Christ
said: "These things saith he that
is holy" (Rev. 3:7). The Saviour
was holy in His incarnation. In
the womb of the virgin He was
denominated "that holy thing"
(Luke 1:35), and after His birth
He was addressed as the "holy
child Jesus" (Acts 4:27). The de-
mons spoke of Christ as "the Holy
One of God" (Luke 4:34).

The holiness of the Third Person
in the Trinity is seen in His com-
mon title "the Holy Spirit." Like
the Father and the Son, He is holy
in nature and essence. The Scrip-
tures say He is grieved with the
impurities of men (Eph. 4:29-30).
Evil is contrary to His pure and
holy nature.

HOLINESS DECLARED

Our God is said to swear by His
holiness because that is a fuller ex-
pression of Himself than anything
else. In Psalm 89:35 the Lord ut-
tered these words: "Once have I
sworn by my holiness that I will
not lie unto David." The Prophet
wrote: "The Lord God hath sworn
by his holiness" (Amos 4:2). Be-
cause He could swear by no great-
er He swore by Himself (Heb.
6:13), and by that peculiar attri-
bute which is His highest glory.
In these two verses God pledges
the excellent beauty of His Per-
son.

The heavenly host is continually
employed in celebrating this moral
excellency of God. The angels
cover their face as they speak of
His holiness (Isa. 6:3). In Revela-
tion 4:8 the four living creatures
before the throne "rest not day
and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty, which was,
and is, and is to come." The an-
gels before the throne seem to
constantly repeat the glory of
God's holiness as if to say this
is His most important attribute.

HOLINESS DENOMINATED

The holiness of God can be seen
from His name. In Isaiah 57:15 we
are told that the Lord's "name is
Holy." His people are command-
ed: "Glory ye in his holy name"
(II Chron. 16:10; Ps. 105:3). The
psalmist tells us: "Holy and rever-
end is his name" (Ps. 111:9).
The very name of our God is
worthy of profound awe. Men

should never be called "rever-
end," "very reverend," or "right
reverend." God is holy and rever-
end. Men can stoop no lower
than to "blaspheme that worthy
name" (Jas. 2:7), or to "take the
name of the Lord" in vain (Ex.
20:7).

HOLINESS DEMONSTRATED

There is a revelation of God's
attribute of holiness in His works
of creation, providence, and re-
demption. "The Lord is righteous
in all his ways, and holy in all
his works" (Ps. 145:17). Jehovah
cannot be unjust or impure. His
doings in every case are holy, for
from absolute holiness can come
only holiness. His administrations
reflect His nature. God's ways are
always equal because He can do
no wrong.

The work of creation demon-
strated this moral excellency.
When the creative week ended
God pronounced His work "very
good" (Gen. 1:31). In the begin-
ning there was nothing impure or
unholy in the creation. Angels
were originally created in holiness.
Of Satan before his fall we
read: "Thou wast perfect in thy
ways from the day that thou wast

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created, till iniquity was found in
thee" (Ezek. 28:15). Even man was
created in finite holiness after the
image of the Creator. Ecclesiastes
7:29 declares: "Lo, this only have
I found, that God hath made man
upright; but they have sought out
many inventions."

The work of providence displays
God's holiness. Sometimes we may
be prone to question this truth
when a dark providence comes up-
on us. Nevertheless, the Bible as-
sures us there is never anything
criminal and sinful in what the
Holy One does. Sin is permitted
by God, but He is not the author
of it. "He neither commands it,
nor approves of it, nor persuades
to it, nor tempts nor forces it; but
all the reverse, forbids it, disap-
proves of it, dissuades from it,
threatens to punish for it; yea,
even chastises His own people for
it" (John Gill).

The attribute of holiness can be
seen in God's redemptive work.
The whole scheme of man's sal-
vation in substance was to provide
the sinner with internal and exter-
nal holiness (Ezek. 36:25-27). Jes-
us Christ died to purify His people
of their sins (Tit. 2:14). The Holy
Spirit imparts to those for whom
Christ died a new nature created
in "true holiness" (Eph. 4:24). All
of these shall be made complete-
ly holy at the coming of Christ.

HOLINESS DICTATED

God's law is a transcript of His
holy nature. His law is no less
than He is. The psalmist penned
these words: "The statutes of the

Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is
pure, enlightening the eyes. The
fear of the Lord is clean, enduring
for ever: the judgments of the
Lord are true and righteous alto-
gether" (Ps. 19:8-9).

At times those of us who believe
in sovereign grace are inclined to
speak disrespectfully of the law
of the Holy One. This we should
never do for the psalmist said:
"Righteous art thou, O Lord, and
upright are thy judgments" (Ps.
119:137). Romans 7:12 reads:
"Wherefore the law is holy, and
the commandment holy, and just,
and good." Disrespect of the law
is sinful. It is a smack in the face
of the Lawgiver. If Jesus Christ
kept the moral law of God and
made it honorable, we must not
do any less as His disciples.

Never was the attribute of holi-
ness more conspicuous than when
Christ died at Calvary. God de-
serted His Son when He made Him
to be sin for us. He could not look
upon sin with pleasure; therefore,
He turned away from His only
begotten Son. Calvary displayed
God's infinite holiness and hatred
of sin. Never was a more striking
picture of it manifested to men.
The seven vials in Revelation, nor
the cries of millions of sinners in
Hell-fire, nor the groans of thou-
sands of demons will ever reveal
the holiness of God as did the
cross.

HOLINESS DETAILED

A meditation on the holiness of
God brings to mind some sober-
ing thought in the case of saints
and sinners. First, it may be said
the carnal man does not like to
think about this moral excellency
of God. The natural man makes
an all-out effort to banish such a
God from his mind. He delights
in thinking of God as being a tol-
erant old man. He takes pleasure
in believing the Lord leniently
winks at sins as defects and little
mistakes. But this is a grave er-
ror. The Bible discloses the im-
maculate purity of the true God.
He has the utmost abhorrence of
all sin.

Second, this truth ought to cause
us to realize that God alone is the
Source of all holiness: "Thou only
art holy" (Rev. 15:4). Let us seek
holiness from Him. The prayer of
Paul for the Thessalonians was:
"And the very God of peace sanc-
tify you wholly; and I pray God
your whole spirit and soul and
body be preserved blameless unto
the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ" (I Thess. 5:23). The apos-
tle wanted them to be kept from
transgression until the Lord re-
turned. He prayed that their evil
passions would be subdued.

Third, we are not bidden to be
omnipotent or omniscient as God
is, but we are commanded to be
holy: "Be ye holy; for I am holy"
(I Peter 1:16). If we profess to
know the Holy One, then we should
live like our God. This conformity
to God is to be an outward act
and inward state. Holiness is a
state of the heart which manifests
itself in the external life. We are
to be holy in all manner of con-
duct. We have no right to engage
in any sinful form of life. Like our
holy God, it becomes Christians
to be morally clean, separate from
all moral impurity.

Christianity aims at personal
holiness: "Follow peace with all
men, and holiness, without which
no man shall see the Lord" (Heb.

12:14). Instead of indulgence in
evil passions, the great purpose of
the Christian religion is to be holy.
Our primary object is to be like
God. For this we must strive with
labor and pray. No one will ever
be permitted to see the Holy God
without a holy heart. To "see the
Lord" means to "enjoy Him." Without
the new nature and a septuagenary
life this is impossible.

It is God's eternal purpose to
make His chosen people "holy and
without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). On
day the Redeemer shall present
the totality of the elect family
"holy and unblamable and unre-
provable" in the sight of the Holy
Father (Col. 1:22). Believers are
predestinated to conformity of the
heavenly image (I Cor. 15:49).

In regeneration a believer
Christ is given a new nature that
"cannot sin" (I John 3:9). The
born-again person is to be "hol-
y both in body and in spirit" (I Cor.
7:34). As a member of "the holy
priesthood" (I Pet. 2:5) he offers
His body "a living sacrifice, holy
acceptable to God" (Rom. 12:1).
His progressive sanctification will
end at the transformation of his
body at Christ's coming (Phil. 3:
21).

Fourth, the holiness of God
should cause us to give thanks
Psalm 30:4 says: "Sing unto the
Lord, O ye saints of his, and give
thanks at the remembrance of his
holiness." Holiness will not permit
God to sin or mistreat His
creatures. How thankful I am to
know my omnipotent God is a Holy
God. This sweetens my fears of
the Almighty. I can with the deep-
est awe join in the song of the
seraphim, "Holy, holy, holy, is
the Lord of hosts." Let us ex-
alt "the Lord our God, and worship
at his footstool; for he is holy"
(Ps. 99:5).

Fifth, a consideration of His
holiness reminds us that He cannot
not let sin go unpunished without
being unholy. This can never be
of Him who is opposed to all sin
and unrighteousness. The holiness
of God should strike terror to im-
penitent sinners. The men of Beth-
shemesh asked: "Who is able to
stand before this holy Lord God?"
(I Sam. 6:20). No sinner can stand
in the presence of a holy God. No
sinful man can approach the Holy
One only through Christ. The Holy
One forgives the sinner for
Christ's sake, but He never for-
gives sin.

How will it be with you when
you stand before the Holy One at
the judgment day? If you do not
stand in the imputed righteousness
of Christ, you will be forever ban-
ished from His holy presence.
Those who have been given faith
to believe in Him have purified
their hearts.

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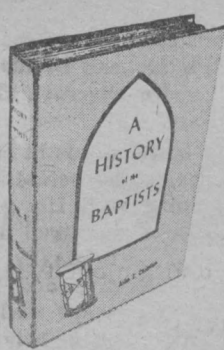
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Obedience To God

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not compromise God's law to like any man-made law which would cause us to violate any Divine principle as set forth for us in the Word of God.

Millions of Baptists, and perhaps other Christians also, have spent their very lives for this very cause. Civil law forbade re-baptizing, but Baptists obeyed God anyway. For this obedience to God they were tortured, stripped of all earthly possessions, and murdered outright. At this present time our liberty to serve God and family and a just civil government is very much in jeopardy. We are not in a great deal of danger of losing our lives, at least for a while yet, but our personal freedom, as compared to the freedom we had at the beginning of this nation by revolt from Great Britain is about one-half.

As regards our personal freedom and earthly belongings, we have about 50 percent freedom. We have 100 percent freedom when we are able to control ourselves and everything we own. If the government controls about 50 percent of our personal activity, it takes about 50 percent of our earnings, which they call taxes. When we are 50 percent slaves of the state. People in Communist countries are 100 percent slaves, for their movement is subject 100 percent to the state, and they own everything. Everything belongs to the state. The Communists control 100 percent of everyone and everything all of the time.

Here in our country, this same degree of control is going into effect, but now we are only about 50 percent slaves. According to the latest figures I saw in regard to this matter of our own taxation, about 50 percent of the total income of all American citizens goes for city, county, state and federal taxes. That is a conservative estimate, but I believe I can prove that our total taxation is much higher. That is the fact that all taxes are paid by the final consumer of all services and products.

Everyone from producer to consumer, and I do mean everyone, must add to the price of everything they sell, whether it be merchandise or labor. The producer must add on to the cost of what he produces, enough to be able to pay his taxes, so that he will have enough left over to continue his business of production. Shippers increase everything they handle to increase in price in direct proportion to the amount of taxes they have to pay to governments at all levels. The processor of that which is produced and transported must add the same. The same is true for the seller of the finished product, both wholesale and retail. And so it goes, with the consumer paying everything. That which we are allowed to keep is subject to so much governmental control that it seems we have less than 50 percent freedom.

The liberals in power do not

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The Grace Baptist Chapel, 4521 Hallendale Beach Blvd., Hollywood, Fla., and Pastor Ray Hiatt will have a fellowship meeting Feb. 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Speakers on the program are as follows: Elder Jim Crowder, Ft. Myers; Wayne Crow, Naples, and Alford Riemann, Tamarac. The noon meal will be served by the host. For more information contact Pastor Hiatt by calling 305-962-8479.

dare call these regulatory laws what they are. They call them guide lines, but if you don't believe that they are laws try violating one of them. Our government owns about one-third of all land area in the United States, 100 percent of certain waters jointly owned by states and federal government, and have laid claim to the moon. When they laid claim to the moon, Russia said that we were welcome to it, they would take the world.

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). This Scripture makes it very plain as to why most liberals hate the Word of God. Here we see Peter, in the power of God, standing steadfast in his obedience to God in open defiance of the unjust commandments of men. Peter and the disciples knew these same truths that we know in regard to obedience to civil government, for God inspired them to write these teachings, but when man's laws clash with the laws and directives of God, God must be obeyed rather than man.

If civil law said, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." If they meant Sunday and not Saturday, we would obey this law. Man says thou shalt not murder; so does God. This we must obey. Man says thou shalt not steal, so does God. This we obey, we are not supposed to rob God either. Man's law says we should not exceed 55 mph in our cars, so we should not go over 55 mph. If government should pass a law telling us not to assemble ourselves together, we would have a godly right to disobey that law, for God said, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." This is a command from God for us to assemble.

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, let it be known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Dan. 3:17-18).

In verse 17 we see the three Hebrew children's confidence in God's divine ability to deliver them from the fire and to deliver them completely out of the hand or power of the unjust king. They seemed to have more faith in the fact that God could deliver them

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:

"WHAT MAIDSERVANT BORE CHILDREN TO A MAN AT HIS WIFE'S REQUEST?"

Answer: Bilhah, Genesis 30:3-7. "And she (Rachel) said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son . . . And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son."

The same story is told of Zilpah, the maid of Jacob's other wife, Leah, Genesis 30:9-13. These four children, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher, together with Jacob's other children, became heads of the twelve tribes of Israel.

than in the fact that He would deliver them. They seemed to have some doubt as to when God would deliver them, but they had no doubt whatsoever as to the fact that God was able. They had faith to believe that God could completely deliver them when He wanted to do so.

In any case, in all of this, the three Hebrew children were exercising their God-given faith by obeying God rather than the wicked king. They seemed to believe in absolute predestination. Generally, we know God has predestinated everything, without exception, but we do not know everything, specifically, that He has predestinated until after it comes to pass.

Obedience to God is also ours by Divine appointment. We please God by faith; that is, we please God by our faithfulness to His divine commands. God tells us, "It is required of a steward that he be found faithful." We please God by faith, by faithful obedience to Him, but we would displease Him by trying to predict what He has predestinated. The Hebrew children knew that they were to obey the king, the law of the land. They knew that they were to honor the king their ruler, but they could not obey him because the king required idol worship of his subjects. The God of the Hebrew children told them and us, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . . thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them" (Ex. 20:4-5).

"Fear not them which kill the body (civil government), but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell" (Matt. 10:28). We must have governmental protection from anarchists so that we might live a good and peaceable life during our sojourn here on earth. We are to obey the commands of government so long as they do not clash with the known commands of God. However, mankind cannot pick out certain laws of civil government and obey or disobey them according to their own personal whim or fancy. We are to obey all laws of man, and not just pick out certain ones that we like and obey them. All civil law is to be obeyed explicitly, if they are in accord with Bible teachings. Mankind is not supposed to pick out and obey the decrees of man as he sees fit, but everyone is commanded to obey civil law, honor magistrates, except those laws contrary to God.

Matthew 10:28 tells us not to fear them which can kill the mortal body. In other words, the just laws of men should hold no fear for a law abiding Christian citizen. Only God is to be feared; that is, only God is to be held in reverential awe. We are to look to God for all good things. If we

are looking to Almighty God for all of our blessings as they are in Christ Jesus, then Jehovah is our God. Anyone looking to Washington for all of his needs, from womb to tomb, has government for his God. Anyone's God is whatever he is depending upon for his needs. If you depend upon yourself, and yourself only for all your needs, you are trying to be your own God. If you are looking to government for all of your needs, government is your God. If you are not an Arminian and you are looking to the Lord Jesus Christ for all of your needs, God our Heavenly Father is your God.

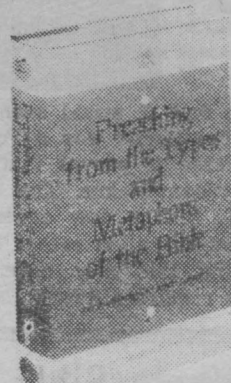
Civil government is to be given its proper place in our lives, its rightful place according to the Scriptures, but we are not to look to government for our needs.

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11). God did not say, "Government give us this day our daily bread." God did not say, "Give us this day someone else's daily bread." God said, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11). Give us this day our daily bread, bread we have earned by our own personal efforts and by the grace and strength of God. Fear not man who is able only to take away your freedom or your physical life, but rather, fear God who is able to destroy both body and soul. God is sovereign and supreme over life, liberty, death and the eternal soul.

Our government, as it is gradually shaping up now, is in actual competition with our Lord. They would have everyone look to government for everything, causing us to look away from God. Over taxation would tend to rob God of His rightful tithe and offerings. Over taxation tends to rob God, and the family of the necessities of life. They take our earnings by force or threat of punishment. They call this taxation but it is really confiscation, or stealing of that which rightfully belongs to us. They steal our money and give it to the enemies of both God and man. We are being forced to pay for our own enslavement. Foreign aid is a matter of taking money from the poor people of a rich nation and giving it to the rich people of a poor nation. Did you think they took foreign aid money away from the Rockefellers, and other billionaires, and gave it to the poor and needy of some foreign country? The super rich believe in sharing the wealth, but it is our wealth, not theirs, they want to share.

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Government would take our women (ERA) and our children (child day care centers) and make them subjects (slaves) of the state. Government now controls the minds of our children by textbook indoctrination, and they control us all to some extent by brain washing us through the government-controlled news media. How many people know Amy Carter is now in a private school? Very, very few. How many knew it when she was enrolled in an integrated public school? Millions, maybe billions knew.

Governments are of divine appointment but are now being used by that super thief, Satan. Satan is a liar and the father of a lie. One way to get a more accurate concept of world happenings as reported in the national news media is to just about reverse everything. I tell people that vitamin B-17 is good for us, and they ask me how I know it is good. I tell them I know it is good because the Federal Food and Drug Administration said it wasn't. I told people Nixon was going to resign, and they asked me how I knew. I told them I knew he was going to resign because he said he was not.

Satan tries to pervert everything instituted and established by God. He has done his best job of wreck and ruin by imitating Christ's church. The world at large considers anything with a religious tint to be a church. However, if it does not look and act like the very first assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is not one of His, but is a Satanic imitation. The best imitation (an imitation is something which looks like the real thing but is not) Satan has of the Lord's true church is any so-called Baptist institution which teaches and preaches some Bible truths, but advocates Arminianism, or works or a mixture of works, for salvation. They are about as close to the truth as anyone could get and still be wrong. Most of these so-called churches are not churches of the Lord Jesus Christ at all and are not really churches at all in any other way, but are in reality conventions, associations, or something similar.

Satan has done the same thing with civil government. Look at how the spirit of Arminianism has ruined our blessed Constitutional Republic. Satan's ministers in government would have us believe that this is a democracy. That is, things are done by the masses. Let men go to the polls and choose. Isn't that what the Arminian says election is? What a terrible mess Arminianism has made of the church and of government. When we fight Arminianism people say we are narrow. When we fight Arminianism people say we are hard-hearted. We are not narrow or hard enough on this evil. Human pride is the author of Arminianism. I suppose pride is the worst sin in Heaven or on earth, yet there is not a single man-made law against it. Man has laws against murder, theft, lying, and everything you can think of, except pride. The Bible is full of teachings against the sin of pride, but there is not one single man-made law against pride, yet it is the underlying cause of almost every known crime.

Matthew 10:28 tells us, "Fear God." This Scripture tells us to fear God and to fear God alone. It also tells us that there is an eternal burning lake of fire waiting each and every unbeliever. Fear not man, for after he has done all that he can do to you, there still remains eternity for everyone, either in Heaven or in Hell, depending upon what Christ has done in you. Everyone without exception deserves Hell and Hell only. If Christ saves us we go to Heaven; if He leaves us in our own sins, we go to Hell where everyone should be. There is no injustice of God in His saving of some and leaving others to perish.

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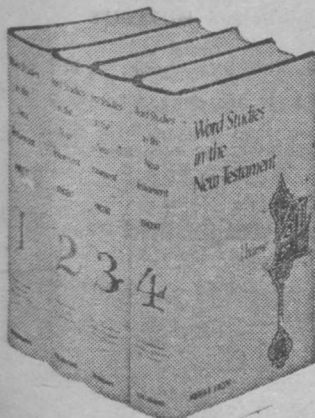
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One thing that I have learned, and I wish a lot of others would learn, is that we need to simply take the Word of God and not worry how it could be done. I don't know how the Red Sea opened and Israel could walk over on dry ground, but it did. I don't know how God could be three and yet one, but He is. I don't know how an ungodly sinner could be saved, but I was.

The church was built before Christ went back to Heaven — in fact it was built before He died for the members. Their faith was in the fact that He would die for them. Frankly, this doesn't present any problem for me. I rejoice in it because I know that since He started it, then the church will remain in existence. **"Upon this rock I will build (up) my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"** (Matt. 16:18).

Christ told the church to exercise discipline when necessary (Matt. 18:15-20). There were 120 members in the church (Acts 1:15). These plus other events let us know that Christ started His church before He died, was resurrected, and went back to Heaven.

Thus we have the fact that Christ built His church. The question is — how could He do it? I don't know, but He did, and I thank God that He did.

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I think the trouble here comes from assuming that when Jesus first mentioned church (Matt. 16:18), and said, **"Upon this rock I will build my church,"** He just created a church as a whole. Instead of this, Christ referred to an institution that was in its beginning stage, and would go on clear through the centuries.

Jesus started His literal, visible assembly with His Apostles and a few others. On Pentecost, He added around three thousand. Soon there was a whole flock of

individual assemblies, which we know as churches, scattered over the territory labored in by such men as the Apostle Paul. The church, as an institution, has been added to all down through the centuries. Let us remember that New Testament churches are separate and distinct groups. They are likewise thought of as the body of Christ, and in a time to come, they'll be known as the "Bride of Christ." Not merely a "Bride in prospect," but one who participated in the glorious ceremony at the "marriage supper of the Lamb."

The whole teaching that relates to the church makes it plain that Jesus started His church and has been adding to it ever since. This will continue until the last person in God's elective plan has been reached. The death of Christ in nowise interferes with the development of His church.

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When Baptists assert that our Lord built His church while in this earth, it is valid as the claim that there were myriad saved before His death. Both are true!

The timing of the death of the Lord Jesus (the Testator) has nothing at all to do with its effect.

The last will and testament of a person (testator) is of no effect while he is alive — it is totally unnecessary for his will is imposed by his presence.

Our Lord obviously willed His church into existence (Matt. 16:18) and guaranteed that His will would be enforced by His testament (Eph. 5:23,25,27).

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Hebrews 9:16-17 seem to indicate that Christ was a Testator, but verse 18 proves that He was a covenant-maker. The context shows that a new covenant is under consideration rather than a will. And this new covenant would also require a death. Under

the old covenant the priest slew the offering. But under the new one the Offering also did the offering. Christ offered up Himself. He laid down His life. In the Greek language this is what is called the middle voice.

We know that the church had its beginning before Christ offered up Himself on Calvary. There were some one hundred and twenty members on the roll (Acts 1:15). On the day of Pentecost there were about three thousand members added to the one hundred and twenty (Acts 3:41). There is no way to add to a thing that does not exist. And there is no justification for a church having its beginning at Pentecost except to accommodate the Protestants who did not come on the scene until some fifteen hundred years after Pentecost. So I suggest that we just let them take care of their own affairs.

Cup And The Bread

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Christ? Yes, the "unleavened blood of Christ."

In the study of God's Word, it is well to take into consideration what is called in theology, "the law of the first mention." So, in reference to blood, we read in Genesis 2:7 that **"The Lord formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."** While blood is not mentioned here, it is evident that blood was involved in the God-given "breath of life," because we are told in Genesis 9:4 where blood is mentioned directly for the first time, that **"flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."** When man, as **"formed . . . of the dust"** received **"the breath of life; and . . . became a living soul,"** there was not yet any leaven of sin in his blood stream, for he had not yet sinned. His body was of the earth, but his blood was from Heaven, created by God, and unleavened, as yet by sin. So Jesus' Body was of the earth, (not that it was created, but that it was of the same earthly substance as was Adam's), **"made like unto sinful flesh,"** yet sinless, having the blood of Deity. So, **"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the blood of Christ?"**

When the first Adam was created, his blood was pure and unleavened by sin. But, when he was crushed under temptation, sin entered into his blood-stream, introducing the leaven of death into the blood-stream of all his descendants. So in Adam all die (I Cor. 15:22). Likewise grape juice, before the grape is crushed, is free of leaven, like Adam, when created. But, when it is crushed, leaven is introduced, and the grapeblood is contaminated. Then due to the process of fermentation, leaven is burned out, leaving pure wine, as it becomes completely unleavened.

However, the first Adam was so completely undone by the leaven of unrighteousness, that he could never hope to redeem himself from its consequences by, as it were, the process of fermentation, as typified through fermentation in the grape juice, leaven with leaven. How, then, can atonement for sin be accomplished? Surely, not through the contaminated blood of the first Adam! Yet we are told in Hebrews 9:22 that **"without shedding of blood is no**

remission." Also we are told in Genesis 9:6: **"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made he man."**

Consequently, God uses in type (the innocent) blood from a lower order of beings than man, to point to redemption blood from Christ Jesus Himself, the very Son of God incarnate as Man, having sinless and innocent blood. He is of the highest order. So we read in Leviticus 17:11, **"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."**

When Christ made the first Adam, he was lifeless, until He breathed into him **"the breath of life."** But when he sinned he and all of his descendants became spiritually and physically dead to God. In I Corinthians 15:47 we read that **"The first man is of the earth, earthly; the last Adam, a life giving spirit."** Indeed, it was Christ Who gave life to the first Adam in creation. In II Corinthians 5:17 we read, **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."** So as the last Adam (made in the likeness of sinful flesh), makes new creatures, by virtue of His sinless blood being shed on the cross, in fulfillment of all redemptive types, He came to His disciples **"breathed upon them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit"** (John 20:22).

Jesus said to His disciples in John 6:53: **" . . . Verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink of His blood, ye have no life in you."** This speaks of actual appropriation of His life through faith. Under the Noahic Covenant God said to Noah in Genesis 9:4, **" . . . flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."** This life was tainted blood, through which all flesh was corrupted and the will depraved. John 1:13 reads of those **"which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."** However, being redeemed, we can appropriate through faith **"The cup of blessing which we bless, . . . the communion of the blood of Christ; the bread which we break . . . the communion of the body of Christ."**

A deep sleep and the consequent issuing of a bride issued in the death of both Adams (in the first Adam, his sleep was a type of the death of the last Adam). In each case "the communion of blood and body" was involved. The side of each was pierced. Relating to the last Adam in John 19:34-35, we read that **"one of the soldiers, with a spear, pierced His side, and immediately there came out blood and water . . . that ye might be-**

lieve." Thus His bride, the church is now in process of being completed. In each case of the Adams there was a death-sleep, a creative operation, a closed breach, and a new life a bride.

But between those two sleep the leaven of sin, in the substitution of Adam to Eve's deceit and sin, entered into the blood stream of the first Adam, bringing death upon all of his descendants. As the life of all flesh is the blood, so also, death is in blood, working corruption of flesh and will of man generally. His lineage is completely depraved and impotent. Let us take a closer look relative to the function of the Adamic body. First note that all cells of the human body are fixed, having a specific function relative to the various organs. Differing from those fixed cells and tissues in the body, the blood being fluid and mobile tissue, not limited to any one part of the body, supplying nourishment and carrying off waste products. Similarly, the blood of Christ communes, (fellowship) with a member of His body, the Church to spiritually sustain and cleanse. In both instances, our bodies are cleansed and purified from the leavening effects with the blood, but the blood within the body can never neutralize the death-dealing influences of the leaven of sin, can the blood of Christ Jesus.

Wine is God's chosen type to symbolize this. Let me illustrate thus: The skin of all grapes, when ripe, is covered with a flour-like substance, leaven with leaven (corruptive influence). So, as soon as the grapes are crushed in the wine vat, the grape juice becomes leavened with leaven, symbolizing evil (sin). Then, grape juice leavened, before it becomes wine can never, by its very nature, be a fit type of the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whom there was no leaven of unrighteousness. So this leaven in grape juice must be burned out, unleavened through fermentation, to correctly typify the blood of the Lamb of God, **"Who taketh away the sin (leaven) of the world."** I Peter 1:18-19 puts it thus: **"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, as a Lamb without blemish and without spot."**

We are told in I Peter 2:24 of Him **"Who his own self bare our sins in His own body (not in His blood) on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness . . ."** His blood, being the very blood of God, could not become contaminated with the leaven of sin. Since the blood supplies the fleshly body with nourishment and energy, while at the same time, purifying the body (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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Sometimes as I read the notes in my Bible portraying thoughts that the Lord has given me over the years I find myself hoping, even praying, that someday some young Christian girl will be able to read them and be blessed and strengthened spiritually by them.

During the eighteen years we have been married, the Lord has not been pleased to add children to our home. But perhaps sometime during the course of this life He will give me a "spiritual" daughter (Isaiah 54:1), a Christian lady with whom I can share a sort of Paul-Timothy relationship. Speaking of Timothy, Paul wrote to the Philippians church, "But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel" (Phil. 2:22). Paul saw in Timothy a young person who evidenced an unusual inclination toward the things of the Lord . . . Who manifested a real desire to learn and grow spiritually (Acts 16:1-3). Despite the difference in age, their spirits seemed to bear witness one with the other in such a manner as to draw them together in an unusual bond. Notice the care Paul took to make sure young Timothy was favorably received by the Corinthian church (I Cor. 16:10,11); his jealousy for Timothy's spiritual well-being (I Tim. 4:12,14); the tender manner in which he addresses him (I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2) and the pains he took to instruct him in the truth (I Tim. 1:4; II Tim. 2:15; 3:16, etc.). How mutually rewarding is such a relationship!

In His providence, the Lord has ordered my life during the past seventeen years so that there were several miles separating my physical mother and me. But always He has provided near at hand at least one godly Christian lady whose presence and example has influenced and encouraged me and from whose experiences in the faith I could benefit (Matt. 19:29). As a teen-ager and even into my early years of marriage I had my godly grandmother, who always showed more interest in my spiritual welfare than in any other

aspect of my life. After the Lord took grandmother home, there was Mrs. Thomas, the old-maid piano teacher to whose humble home I often went for fellowship and counsel (and came away with lessons more precious and lasting than music lessons).

Two spiritual "mothers" I met as a result of my husband's being their mailman and two as a result of his preaching at a little mission in Virginia. And, oh, the lessons they have each taught me without even realizing it.

In recent years and especially since the Lord has placed me in the position of a pastor's wife, I have been reminded that we ladies who are older in years (but particularly older in the faith) must, in order to please the Lord and conform to His Word, be both able and willing to teach by precept and example, the younger Christian ladies and girls. "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness . . . that they may teach the young women . . ." (Titus 2:3-4). See also verse 5.

Christian young person, do you have an older servant of God to whom you can look for counsel and example? I hope so. Always keep in mind, however, that any human is fallible. "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20). We trust you will not have to learn the hard way (as have we and so many other Christians to whom we talk) not to place too much confidence in man. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" (Psa. 118:8). The best Christian example we can find will fall short in some area. One way in which Christian love is manifested is found in overlooking the human frailties of our brothers and sisters in the faith and loving them in spite of them. "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:8). Our Lord is the only One in Whom we may be sure we will never be disappointed.

But failures that we are, we need each other and it behooves us to strive, by the grace of God, to be the best friend and example we can be to our fellow Christians. Hebrews 10:24 is a good verse to bear this out: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." And look at verse 25. One way in which we may encourage one another is by always showing up for the services in our church. And especially in these last days when we have so many who are Christians in name only and, consequently, having no soul hunger for the things of the Lord, are lax in their attendance to His house.

Cup And The Bread

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of waste bourne in it on contact. Likewise the blood of Christ not only supplies our spiritual being with nourishment but also cleanseth us from all sin, as typified by "the cup of wine," having all leaven burned out and neutralized through fermentation. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion (fellowship) of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In our blood-stream we have approximately 5,000,000 red blood cells per cubic centimeter, as compared with about 5,000 white cells per cubic centimeter. How marvelous it is that nourishment

is carried to the tissues of the body by the blood in the very same vehicle that the waste (garbage) is carried off; yet there is no contamination of the blood-stream. So, when Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the tree (not in His blood), they were cleansed and taken away by His precious blood; yet there was no contamination (leaven), as it is true of wine.

Now, what about the white cells in the blood? What is their function? They are like a very efficient army, ever on guard, ready for any emergency. When an infection invades the body, they immediately surround and lay siege to it. Then, as needed, more cells are produced to neutralize the germs, forming pus, which is expelled, when other cells come in and clean up the battle grounds, build new tissue, leaving only a scar. This is similar to what we read in Revelation 12:11: "They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death." Only the blood of the Lamb sufficed; they could not overcome him by their own sin-laden blood. Our own blood can build up anti-toxin against certain diseases, making us immune; but the blood of the Lamb only is a sure antidote for sin.

When God chooses a type, it always correctly typifies. Speaking of the Passover in Exodus 12:10, we read that "Ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn it with fire." Here God is admonishing that the type must be guarded against representing corruption. This event looked forward to Christ as the Passover Lamb. In Psalms 16:10 we read, ". . . thou wilt not leave my soul in sheol, neither will thou permit thine Holy One to see corruption." So, also, in the Lord's Supper, as every where else in the Bible correct emblems must be used. Grape juice must have, through fermentation, leaven burned out to become wine, wherein is no leaven. There was no leaven in the blood of the Lamb; if there was it could not have remained sinless blood. We are not told that He bore our sins in His blood; but that He bore our sins in His Own body. That is where the sinless blood dealt with it (in His body), neutralizing and carrying it away, as natural blood in the human body carries away waste (garbage) without being contaminated. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Relating to this, we read in Hebrews 2:14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil." So, Jesus, being virgin born, took the flesh part of Adam's lineage, but not the blood, since it is not in the flesh, except through the blood. Life in the blood comes through the seed. This was through the first Adam as well as through the last Adam, Christ Jesus; but with this difference, Jesus being of the seed of woman, providing a different blood relationship, that of sinless blood. So Jesus, in John 1:13, speaks of those, "Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Lineage through the first Adam is sin-tainted, born with sin-tainted blood, corrupting the flesh, and depraving totally the will of man. So all in the first Adam must be rejected, in favor of that which is born "of God." Nothing is left to man to boast of; all is "of God," just as Jonah said in Jonah 2:9: "Salvation is of the LORD," and

is "by has grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God" (Rom. 3:24-25). So Hebrews 9:22 tells us that "without shedding of blood (of Christ) there is no remission of sins." It is unto Him Who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own blood (Rev. 1:5). The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread (unleavened) which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In John 6:32-33, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."

In Deuteronomy 9:21, Moses said, "I took your sin, the calf (golden) which ye had made, and burned it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust (serpent's food, Genesis 3:14; Isaiah 65:25); and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descendeth out of the mount." Now, what was the significance of this? This man-made golden calf was to represent (visibly) God who brought them out of Egypt. But this was, in the sight of God, a polluted type of Himself and unauthorized. So God changed this type to suit His purpose and had it as dust, "cast . . . into the brook" in a purified state.

Gold, we know, is 19.5 times the specific gravity of water. A gallon of it, in solid state, will weigh approximately 166 pounds, therefore it was ground very fine until it became colloidal gold; being melted, it was pure, having all impurities burned out. Similarly, grape juice is impure, having leaven and therefore unfit to typify the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So, in order to suit the type, through the process of fermentation, all the impurities of leaven (type of sin) are burned out. Being now without leaven, it is now in a state, called wine. The golden calf (sin), reduced to the state of colloidal gold and "cast . . . into the brook" would thus become suspended in the water in solution form, making it blood-red, having purifying qualities, inhibitory to germ life, a fitting symbol of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, as a cleansing agent for the sins of His people, being appropriated by faith.

This blood-red solution of gold and water was taken by Moses and presented acceptably before the Lord as an atonement for their sin. Jesus said, in John 6:53, ". . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." This speaks of actual appropriation of His life through faith. However, in Genesis 9:4 God said, ". . . flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof (sin-tainted), shall ye not eat." But, in I Corinthians 10:16, we read, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the com-

munion (fellowship) of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion (fellowship) of the body of Christ?"

Baptists, Great Britain

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ing over to that church ten thousand persons, who were baptized in the river Swale, near York, on Christmas Day, 598. In this business there was no compulsion; each one was left to act voluntarily.

Austin sent into Wales to the original pastors and churches, but, after conferences with him, they declined his proposal "to baptize young children," (rather minors). In less than two years (A.D. 602), many of the Welsh churches, which had maintained their apostolic character, were destroyed by military force. A fierce controversy followed, not as to doctrine, but baptism, between the ancient British Christians, and Augustine's converts, which lasted about a century. This debate was not on the number of immersions, since one or three dipping were equally valid at Rome (Du Pin); not on the mode, because all immersed in rivers, ponds, etc.; but on the subjects.

At this period, A.D. 600, baptism in the Roman church had descended to minors of seven years of age (all minors were called infants, *Maillillon*), where it stayed for centuries (Robinson). Conformity to this custom was required, and refused. The ancient British church did not practice immersion of minors (Ency. Metropol.). Their conformity to the "mother church," Acts 2:41, forbade it.

Neither Constantine the Great, who was born in Britain, was baptized in childhood, though his mother Helena was a zealous Christian, and his father favourable to Christianity, if not a professor of it; nor were Sexted and Seward, sons of Sebert, the Christian king of the East Saxons. "Men were first to be instructed into the knowledge of the truth," says Bede, "then to be baptized, as Christ hath taught, because without faith it is impossible to please God."

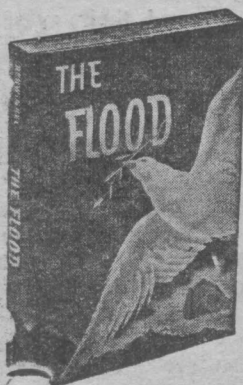
In the first baptisms of Austin, none were compelled, but the multitude was with faith to go into the water two-and-two, and, in the name of the Trinity, to dip one another (Camden). Bede's history of the first baptism in England is an exact counterpart of the histories of baptisms in the East; the first teachers made disciples, and immersed in rivers or the sea. There is no proof in Gildas or Bede of infant baptism for the first six centuries.

One of the first references to the rite, A.D. 680, states, that the infant brought to the church was asked if Sergius was his father; the infant (minor) said No (Fabian). Only two synods out of seventy-nine refer to the rite. The council of Nice made no reference to it; while later councils were full of it. But to end this controversy, Ina made a law, re-

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Spiritual Blackout

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in the very positive response which was given by the Lord; namely, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God . . . It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God . . ." and "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Mt. 4:4,7,10).

Satan was unsuccessful with Jesus. Across the centuries, however, Satan has found multitudes to do his bidding. These may make continuing references to the Scriptures and even to Jesus, but their supposed places of worship and religious institutions are scenes of idolatry, and their repetitious praying is as futile as the efforts of those who spend a good part of their religious lives simply turning prayer wheels.

Strange as it may seem, the most successful religious leaders of our day have given the prayer wheels of the pagans a twentieth century turn. They have turned to sophisticated, and sometimes even computerized, prayer wheels. Whether on a local, statewide, national, or even worldwide basis, some religious leaders array their cbeisant subjects for around-the-clock praying. They suppose thereby to impress other deluded mortals and to storm the gates of Heaven, as it were, and the ears of God in the interest of their causes, their funds, and their religious fantasies.

The smooth, subtle, sermonic efforts of these supposed religious leaders may actually sound like "appeals for" the Saviour. Their "around-the-clock" prayer wheels, and their repetitious, self-centered prayers, however, prove their most sincere and their most ostentatious efforts to be paganism of a most piteous sort. These may make boasting display of their assembled "prayer warriors," but their efforts are directed at building earthly, worldly kingdoms in which God has no part.

From the human perspective, these may seem to be religious leaders, but from the perspective of Jesus, "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (Jn. 10:1).

Negation

Such scheming in the supposed interest of children, however, begins quite early in their lives. Satan is so completely in control in the brainwashed minds of the deluded religious leaders and the Scripturally-ignorant masses that the salvation of the children is thought to be dependent upon some ritualistic activity of the parents or the religious leaders.

Parents and religious leaders in the ritualistic denominational churches of our day suppose that they, by their activities, can make

their children a part of what they call the "visible church," and, as they say, thereby "presumably a member of the invisible church." These have such a depraved conception of God the Father and God the Son that they suppose God is an ogre who will destroy or torment the little ones in Hell or limbo unless there is some religious, ritualistic intervention on their behalf.

Certainly, any mortal who takes such a view concerning children has never comprehended the love which God manifested when "He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). Mortals who suppose they love children more than God are depraved incorrigibles. Obviously, they have never understood the meaning of, "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under . . ." (Mt. 2:16).

This demonstrates rather graphically that it is not God who hates little children. This truth is confirmed in the word of Jesus, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 19:14).

Much as Herod of old, the nations of earth have had the means whereby they have destroyed little ones. Some have used rivers to carry the little ones away or to provide meals for hungry crocodiles. Others have simply exposed the little ones to earth's extremes in weather. And still others have had a practice of tossing the little ones into the forest or over a fence so that wild animals might destroy them.

Vitiation

Today, human violence has reached new heights!

It may seem strange that the one who moved upon the courts of our land and the Supreme Court to legalize the murder of fetal life claims to be a Christian. It may also seem strange that her pastor is one of the more famed religious leaders in America and the world. It may seem even stranger still that the pastor promotes himself as a Bible believer, and that he is promoted as such by those who find the emphasis religiously and politically advantageous. It should be understandable, then, that it is no happenstance that this pastor does raise his voice against such heinous criminality.

Could Satan have chosen a better emissary?

At what his denomination deems to be the proper time of the year, this pastor stands in his pulpit and weeps because Herod slew a few hundred children in the land of Palestine almost 2,000 years ago. His people listen intently and suppose that they, at last, have found a man with a gentle heart. But no word of protest escapes his lips against the legalized mur-

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der of more than 1,000,000 fetal lives every year right here in America. He stands in his pulpit and speaks out most eloquently, lengthily, and often with tears for every godless cause which his denominational hierarchy espouses. But we hear no pastoral word of rebuke for his famed, wealthy, and influential member who has effectively legalized the murder of innocent fetal life in every hospital, and medical clinic, and in many doctors' offices across this "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

Such destruction of little ones is only the beginning of malice aforethought toward the children of America. The little ones who are permitted to be born may have missed the murderers' knives, aspirators, or needles, but their future is really very dark.

While the children are much too young to know what is happening, the parents and preachers try to impress them with the thought that God is a monster awaiting to devour them, except for some religious, ritualistic intervention. In just a few years, however, the children learn to their sorrow that their parents and preachers have little regard for God or His Word.

On the days of their supposed worship, some of the children hear their religious teachers and preachers speak hesitatingly about God being a creator, Noah being a man, and Jonah taking a ride in a fish's belly, but they know better than to accept such as truth. They are sufficiently alert intellectually to realize that their parents and their preachers are paying their school teachers and professors to teach them the supposed scientific truth that God is a mystery unattainable, creation is a myth brought down to us through eons of verbal communication from more primitive ancestors, and that the Bible stories are simply fables designed to teach us how to make the most of our mental, physical, and sexual (especially sexual) lives.

Delusion

Having missed the truth of John 3:16 and the meaning of Matthew 2:16, it is understandable that there are those who call themselves Christian and sometimes

Baptist who have the idea that God is an ogre whom they must appease in the interest of the children. Since parents, preachers, and professionals have apparently missed the wonder of the truth in Matthew 19:14, it should be understandable why these would reject the ultimate truth to be found in that assured, victory cry of David, "Now he is dead . . . can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (II Sam. 12:23).

Unfortunately, perhaps eternally, these who have been brainwashed in unbelief by Satan turn to follow the Cains and the Nimrods in their impossible task of devising human ways to Heaven for themselves and their children. In their desperation, these beat the air spiritually but to no spiritual profit because there is no relationship with "God" who "is a Spirit" (John 4:24).

Having rejected the Scriptural, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24), these turn to a sophisticated, modernized, and perhaps culturized idolatry which would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect (see Mt. 24:24). In the darknesses of their spiritual depravity, these turn to caricatures which they call by the names of "Jesus," "Apostles," and even "Prophets," though God has not provided men images of any one of these. They devise three-dimensional figures and symbols for idolatrous purposes and never realize that all such blasphemy the God of Heaven and His Holy Word.

Needless to say, every supposed caricature of three-dimensional figures of Jesus, the Apostles, and the Prophets is a lie designed by Satan himself. Nevertheless, they are "cranked out" by the millions each and every week by the religious media of our day. In their wilful ignorance of the Word of God, and their satanic defiance of God, the religious leaders and the religious masses accept all such as though they had been provided by God Himself.

As the people of Noah's day experienced a complete spiritual blackout, the religious people of our day seemingly are in the midst of a similar blackout. Instead of providing themselves with Scriptural truths, these pawn off on each other caricatures or fictional figures in thousands of composite forms. In these, we find a Jesus who is sometimes weak, anemic, normal, robust, muscular or strong, long-haired, short-haired, heavy-bearded, light-bearded, dark-skinned, light-skinned, sometimes olive-skinned, short, medium, tall, black-haired or blond, serious appearing jovial in nature, or rather casual in approach. Equally bizarre resumes may be drawn concerning the caricatures of the Apostles and the Prophets. Every such caricature and figure which men design will be satanic in origin, design, and use!

This one of whom Jesus said, "He is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44), is the artist behind every caricature of Jesus, the Apostles, and the Prophets. If we can receive it, this father of lies is the sculptor behind every figure, statue or crucifix representation of Jesus, the Apostles, or the Prophets. Further, he is the designer behind every supposed religious "cross" which is given linear or three-dimensional form.

These are as those who have "changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts and creeping things" (Rom. 1:23). We would seem to be living in a day when the religious leaders and the led prefer the lies of Satan and his unholy devices, as well as "the doctrines and commandments of men," rather than the Scriptural truth of God.

Were Jesus among us now as He once was among the Jews, He doubtless would have to cry once more, "And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not" (Jn. 8:

45). Although the light of Heaven's glory beamed brightly in the midst of the religious leaders and the led in that day, they walked in absolute spiritual darkness. While they suffered in their spiritual blackout, Jesus declared to them, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and a bode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him . . ." (John 8:44).

So it is today!

The Word of God is with us in all of its infallibility and majestic wonder, but men prefer the lies and the devices of Satan. Preachers and parents, professionals and grandparents, along with a host of other friends, enemies and kinfolk raise their hands in horror at the thought that every caricature or statue of Jesus is a satanic fraud! This one detail demonstrates with unmistakable clarity and finality that America is literally and factually in the midst of a spiritual blackout!

Judgment

The truth concerning Christ Jesus, the Apostles, and the Prophets, as given in the Word of God, is being defied throughout every spectrum of American society, religious or otherwise. It is especially obvious that the religious leaders and the led of America are not making any attempt to find the Lord Jesus Christ or to serve Him. For a moment now and then, one may hear some famed or infamous person stand forth with a pious proclamation or even a tender testimony on some religious platform or from behind some religious pulpit. After the religious furor has subsided, the famed and the infamous who have consented or condescended to counter the Scriptures with their "living proof" testimony return hastily to their work-a-day world of entertaining, lust, verbal filth, and fleshly nudity.

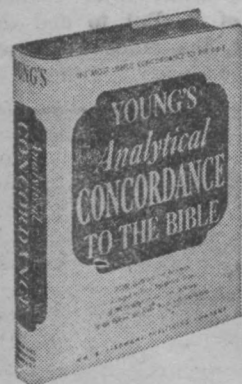
Such experience of men and women is not new. God explains that "It is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (II Pet. 2:22). Solomon of old perceived wisely such folly of men and noted, "As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly" (Prov. 26:11).

In finality, it should be evident that the religious leaders and their deluded subjects are in obeisance before "the god of this world," even Satan. As the multitudes in the days of Noah experienced a fatal spiritual blackout, the multitudes in our day appear to be experiencing a similar spiritual blackout! As it was in the days of Isaiah, they "Hear . . . but understand not; and see . . . indeed, but perceive not" (Isa. 6:9). And, as in the days when Jesus was on earth, "This people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at anytime they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears . . ." (Mt. 13:15).

As our Omniscient and Sovereign God has determined, "Evil men and seducers" are waxing "worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13). The extent of the depravity which pervades our religious world is illustrated most graphically by those who are making merchandise of the Return of the Lord. These appeal for "tithes," "gifts," and "offerings" by which "to reach the world for Christ," on the pretense that such activity "will hasten His return."

At the same time, however, the deluded people who are involved in the giving never appear to see any incongruity in the multimillion dollar funds which the famed preachers and religious leaders are maintaining in Stock, Bonds, Certificates of Deposit, and as cash in Bank Vaults, even though such are rather positive evidence that these preachers and religious (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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

The decline in baptisms by Southern Baptists will reach the lowest ebb in 18 years, according to Convention sources. The projections by the Baptist Sunday School Board indicate that baptisms will dip, to 342,201.

It represents the second year in a row in which baptisms will decline and is an 11 per cent drop from the baptism rate of the 1976 church year, in which 384,496 were baptized. These figures are the results of growing modernism in the Southern Baptist Convention.

President Carter in 1977 appointed David M. Walters as his personal representative to the Vatican to succeed Henry Cabot Lodge. Government officials estimate the U.S. Department of State will spend \$39,500 during the fiscal year 1978 for the new representative to the seat of Roman Catholicism.

Stokely Carmichael, a self-proclaimed total revolutionary, recently spoke at Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania. According to him, world peace will not be achieved until the American capitalistic system is destroyed.

This ultra-extremist thinks the churches are a part of the system. He says, "Churches in the system help their cause by saying we are born into sin. They also say that on our own we are incapable of getting out of sin without someone like Jesus Christ. Jesus ain't going to solve our problems . . . we are."

I guess that no one ever told Communist Carmichael that there is separation of church and state in America.

In 1976, there were more than half as many divorces as marriages, with 1,077,000 divorces and 2,133,000 weddings, the National Center for Health Statistics estimates.

In 1867, there were 10,000 divorces and 357,000 marriages. In 1900, there were 56,000 divorces and 709,000 marriages. In 1946, just after World War II, there were 610,000 divorces and 2,291,000 marriages.

Christians are troubled about the passing by the Knesset of the bill making it illegal to offer or give money or other material beneficial to induce someone to change his religion. In Israel the bill passed on December 27, 1977. It is to take effect on April 1, 1978.

The penalty for bribing someone to switch faith will be five years' imprisonment or IL50,000 in fines, and for accepting such bribes, three years in jail or a fine of IL30,000.

Christian missionary forces fear the law will be used to bar a person from encouraging a Jew to become a Christian. This law will lead to religious persecution and discrimination in Israel. It will fan the flames of anti-Semitism abroad.

This law would have made Jesus Christ a lawbreaker for passing out the loaves and fishes, if it had existed in His time.

Mrs. Otis A. Johnson was elected unanimously as chairman of deacons at the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. She is believed to be the first woman named chairman of deacons in a Georgia Baptist church.

Decatur First Baptist Church has 12 female deacons. Mrs. Johnson was one of the first four elected and ordained in 1952. This church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

LONDON, (EP) — A rare manuscript of the "Wyclif Bible," sold by Bristol Baptist College in western England, brought \$16,900 when auctioned at Sotheby's here.

Dated about 1400, the manuscript contained St. Matthew's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, written in brown ink on 168 vellum pages, in the first version of the English translation of the Bible by John Wycliffe.

PASADENA, Calif. (EP) — A national survey of 1.6 million "conservative Christians" in 30 denominations has found that 93.5 per cent support Anita Bryant's stand against "gay rights" bills.

In answer to that question the respondents, who included about 250,000 "conservative Catholics," showed overwhelming support for Miss Bryant's stand. Only 4 per cent opposed her opposition, and 2.5 per cent said they were undecided.

The survey was taken by Christian Cause, an agency concerned with educating the conservative segment of American society on normal issues.

WESTFIELD, N.J. (EP) — A court has ordered the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church here to stop preaching after church members complained that the pastor had criticized members from the pulpit and neglected parish duties.

The suit against Miles J. Austin charged that he "started preaching the gospel in such a manner as to become offensive to various members of the congregation and began throwing out slurs from the pulpit, slandering the parishioners by name and criticizing the deacons."

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Mr. Austin reportedly told parishioners frequently that they should not own such things as Cadillacs or split-level homes, according to the suit lodged by members.

NEW YORK (EP) — America's "supermarket psychics" had another bad year of it.

The sensational predictions that screamed from the headlines of the mass-marketed National Enquirer and National Star last January may look embarrassingly silly one year later.

But, just for the record, here were some of them:

Pope Paul will negotiate a peace settlement in Northern Ireland.

Cures will be discovered for diabetes, leukemia and multiple sclerosis.

Archaeologists in Egypt will find a spaceship that crashed in ancient times. Also, the U.S. Air Force will capture some aliens from outer space.

Barbara Walters will quit her TV career; Grace Kelly will quit her marriage, return to movies and win an Oscar; Ethel Kennedy will marry Andy Williams.

A U.S. politician will be miraculously cured of cancer at Lourdes.

A rush-hour commuter train will collide with a chemical-laden freight train and hundreds will be killed in America's worst rail disaster.

Geologists will discover the world's greatest oil reserves under the Great Lakes.

That the fortune-tellers made predictions more fanciful than accurate hasn't dissuaded them, however. They're back in business with predictions for 1978.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — The U.S. population on Jan. 1 was 218,218,066 — about 1.8 million higher than the population a year ago, according to estimates issued by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census.

The 1.8 million net population gain during 1977 compares with 1.6 million increase in 1976. The record annual gain of 3.1 million was registered during the "baby boom" year of 1956.

The rate of increase during 1977 was 0.8 per cent. The annual rate of increase had ranged from 1.6 to 1.8 per cent during 1947-1961.

NEW YORK (EP) — Three Christian leaders who signed a statement defending the "financial integrity and accountability" of the Billy Graham evangelistic association claim the contents of the statement were misrepresented to them before they endorsed it.

David Poling, United Presbyterian minister and syndicated columnist, who released the statement, said he had contacted six others by phone and they had agreed on a statement defending the evangelist's fiscal integrity.

Now, Union Theological Seminary professor Robert McAfee Brown, says the statement read to him by Poling did not refer to Graham's enterprises but only related to the evangelist's personal integrity.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (EP) — Only two per cent of adult Swedes under age 39 read the Bible with any regularity, according to sources at the Church of Sweden here.

This is quite a turnabout, according to John Fredrik Ivarsson, head of the Church's Verbum Publishing House, because 100 years ago you could tell a person's education by his knowledge of the Bible.

He reports that the Bible is virtually ignored in the public schools in Sweden, though there is no law against religious instruction in the country.

PASADENA, Calif. (EP) — Two studies conducted by the Institute for American Church growth here indicate that mass evangelism is not an effective method of promoting increases in church membership.

Separate studies of the effects of a 1976 Billy Graham crusade in Seattle and the "Here's Life, America" campaign held in several cities by Campus Crusade for Christ found that relatively few of the people who indicated that they had made "decisions for Christ" followed up on those decisions by joining local churches.

The study of the Graham crusade's results found that more than 53 per cent of the decisions registered were by Christians "re-dedicating" their lives to Christ. Of the non-churchgoers who made "decisions for Christ," nearly 85 per cent did not join churches.

Of the hundreds of thousands of "decisions" registered by the Campus Crusade effort, 97 of every 100 were never incorporated into a church.

Dr. Win Arn, president of the Institute for American Church Growth, noted that the study of the Graham crusade's effects also found that more than 8 of 10 of the persons who had joined churches after attending the crusade already had friends or relatives attending the churches they joined.

Baptists, Great Britain

(Continued from page five) quiring all children, within thirty days of birth, to be baptized, under a penalty of 30 s (A.D. 700); if the child died before baptism, the personal estate was to be forfeited (Collier).

But why make the penalty of disobedience so heavy? The answer is easy. The severity of the fine proves the difficulty the hierarchy had to reduce the ancient Baptists to its new customs. The reason for such a law did not consist in any aversion of the native Britons to immersion; for the Druids, and all the Celtic nations, did, at this time, dip their newborn infants (Davis Mythol. Henry's Eng.); and Britain, for so doing, was called barbarous. A conjunction of the hierarchy and

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the heathen in this rite was effected at Amesbury in 997 (Collier). The church of England became odious to all nations, and, for centuries, no vestige of Christianity was seen in its hierarchy.

3. We return to the church of Christ, which was now confined to Cornwall. These Christians accounted the Saxon Christianity in the hierarchy no better than paganism, and, therefore, held no communion with them (Milton). In order to reduce these nonconformists, a bishop and seven priests were invested with power to effect conformity (A.D. 702). The controversy on baptism ended now in favour of the sword. After an awful darkness for three centuries, the Baptists again emerged from obscurity.

The confused state of the nation allowed some foreign brethren to visit and settle in it. They were called Albigenses and Waldenses (A.D. 1020), and were charged with propagating Berenger's views (Collier). They were very successful in instructing the people, both rich and poor, throughout the island. William the Conqueror became alarmed at their success among his subjects, and consequently enacted (A.D. 1100), "that those who denied the pope should not trade with his subjects" (Newton). To prevent the errors of these gossellers, Archbishop Lanfranc wrote, says Fox, *Opus Scintillarum* against Berenger, in which he opposes him on the sacraments — this was about 1141.

Another colony of people, belonging to a numerous sect of fa-

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natics, says Lingard, "who infested the north of Italy, Gaul, and Germany, and who were called puritans," is said to have come into England. Usher calls them Waldenses from Aquitaine; Spelman calls them Publicans (Paulicians), but says they were the same as the Waldenses (A.D. 1150). They gained ground, and spread themselves and their doctrines all over Europe. They laboured to win souls to Christ, and were guided only by the Word of God. They rejected all the Roman ceremonies, refused to baptize infants, and preached against the pope. Thirty of these were put to death near Oxford. The remainder of them worshipped in private, until Henry II came to the throne in 1158, when, from the mildness of his measures, they appeared again publicly.

It was now discovered (1176) that these people had several houses of the Albigensian order in England. Collier observes, wherever this heresy prevailed, the churches were either scandalously neglected or pulled down. Infants were not baptized by them (Hoveden). The conflicts between the sovereigns of this kingdom and the archbishops (1230), during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, permitted the Baptists to propagate their sentiments very extensively unmolested. The sword not being in the hand of the clergy, they employed the Friars to preach down heresy (1237), but their conduct disgusted the people.

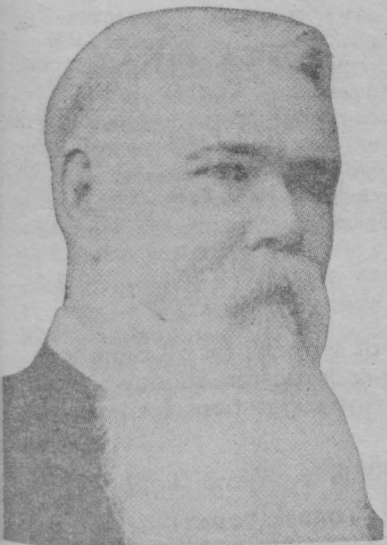
4. The English Baptists were much revived, strengthened, and increased (1315), by the visit of Walter Lollard, a Dutchman. "He was remarkable," says Mosheim, "for his eloquence and writings." He was an eminent bar or pastor among the Begherds, in Germany, who baptized anew all who came over to their party (Wall). He was in sentiment the same as Peter de Bruis.

About this period, 1338, colonies of Weavers, Waldenses, came into the county of Norfolk. These people made little noise, though they existed in almost all the countries of Europe. Although the same in religious views as the Paterines, (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Matt. 18: 17,18).

Communion is closed to anyone destroying the symbol of one bread (non-members). "The bread which we break, is it not the communion (coming in union) of the body of Christ (local church) for we being many are one bread, and one body" (I Cor. 10:16).

Communion is closed to strangers as was the Passover. "The ordinance of the passover: there shall no stranger eat thereof" (Ex. 12:43). "When a stranger will keep the passover . . . let all his males be circumcised, and then let them come near and keep it" (Ex. 12:48). (IN TIMES LIKE THESE, June 1977).

Baptists, Great Britain

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Picards, Waldenses, they were now called Lollards (Hallam). There had appeared in England, up to this time (1340), about twenty good men, preachers of the gospel, so that the soil was prepared for after reformers (Mackintosh).

The Baptists now adopted a plan of dropping their written sentiments against popery in the way of members of the houses of parliament. At this period (1350), a treatise was published, evidently

from the pen of a Lollard, entitled "The Prayer and Complaint of the Plowman." It is the production of a Baptist, as it enjoins yea, yea, and nay, nay, in conversation; and baptism after teaching, as in Acts 2:38; Matthew 28:20. Its tone is querulous and severe against priests. Vices are condemned, and retaliation forbidden. In 1368, thirty errors in matters of religion were charged on the people in the neighborhood of Canterbury; one was, that children could be saved without water baptism (Du Pin); but none gave baptism to children at this time but for salvation (Wall).

5. In 1372, Wycliffe, who received his religious views from the Lollards, appeared as a reformer. His views on baptism were condemned at the council of Blackfriars (Du Pin); but he is described as "qualifying his assertions in such a sort, that he did mitigate and assuage the rigour of his enemies" (Fox). The itinerant Lollards formed an honourable exception to Wycliffe (Lingard); they were truly evangelical. The interruption of the intercourse between England and Rome gave the Baptists a favourable opportunity to make known their sentiments; and in their efforts, they had the sanction of many of the nobility.

They now abounded; more than half the nation became Lollards; yea, they covered all England. In 1389, they formed separate and distinct societies, agreeably to the Scriptures (Rapin). In these

churches, all the brethren were equal; each could preach, baptize, and break bread. They were united in opinion as one man (Fox), and were called Bible-men, since they allowed no office not enjoined in the Word of God (Bp. Pecock). They held Berenger's opinion on infant baptism, and would not take their children to church to be baptized. They called the rite the key to Hell.

Their numbers and decided hostility to the hierarchy aroused their adversaries to adopt severe measures; and in 1400, a law was passed, sentencing Lollards to be burnt to death. In Norfolk they abounded, and there they suffered severely. Bonner asked where the church was before Luther? Fox says, the answer might have been, "Among the Lollards in the diocese of Norwich." The first martyr under this law was Sir William Sawtre, who was of Baptist sentiments. Still the Bible-men increased, and became dangerous to the church. It is said they amounted to one hundred thousand (1413).

Sir John Oldcastle, or Lord Cobham, who declared, "I most faithfully believe that the sacraments of Christ's church are necessary to all Christian believers; this always seen to, that they be truly administered according to Christ's first instruction and ordinance" (Bale), was arrested for his religious sentiments and efforts, and was put to a cruel death. The Scriptures were now forbidden (1417); meeting-houses all closed; the Lollards' tower was prepared; local inquisitions were encouraged; and, in the counties of Norfolk, Lincoln, Hereford, Kent, and Middlesex, the Baptists suffered severely to the end of the century.

6. The printing of the Scriptures called forth Colet, Latimer, and others, to preach publicly (1505), which aided the Bible-men, and led the way to the changes made by Henry VIII. Tyndale's New Testament threw a flood of light upon the English nation (1527). The king's misunderstanding with the pope led him to relieve and encourage the Lollards everywhere (1534); and their brethren, with foreigners of every sentiment, flocked into England to enjoy liberty, and strengthen true religion.

A book of the Lollards, entitled "The Sum of the Scriptures" was examined by the archbishop; he condemned the party who circulated it, for denying the baptism of the church. Fourteen Mennonite brethren suffered death cheerfully (1535); and the reproach of anabaptism now supplanted that of the word Lollardism. These martyrdoms did not check their sentiments, but rather led men to investigate them; and such was the alarm of the clergy, that a convocation was called, seventy-six of their alleged errors condemned, and measures devised for their suppression.

After the deaths of Anne Boleyn, and Wolsey, means of a severe character were adopted. Their opinions were exhibited in the upper house (1537), and articles framed for the regulation of anabaptism. Private inquisitions were started in every parish for their detection; and all books on baptism, lately imported, were proscribed. These enactments did not silence them; they still censured Henry's church, and ridiculed all his measures of reformation. Strype says, "the Baptists pestered the church, and would openly dispute their principles in public places." From the general pardon granted in 1539, the Baptists in prison were exempted.

The Dutch Baptists still flocked into England, and some few of these Donatists fresh dipped, as Fuller the historian calls them, suffered in Smithfield for their infidelity. All anabaptistical books were again condemned, and mag-

istrates ordered to enforce the law. A severe surveillance ensued, and between this time and Henry's death, he had fined, burned, or banished, seventy-two thousand of these people (1547).

7. Under Edward, the penal laws were repealed; the prisons were thrown open; and many who had expatriated themselves returned. The island was now divided into three religious sections, the Baptists, the Episcopalians of Rome, and the rigid reformers from Geneva; these all had liberty to speak and print. The Baptists were soon charged with proselyting; and they became very numerous in England (Burnet). The clergy, not having the control of the sword, published their views on baptism; but the Baptists replied, "Children are of Christ's kingdom without water" (Luke 18:16). So numerous were the Baptists, that in one town five hundred were said to live; and, as books did not answer the intended purpose, a commission was entrusted to Cranmer for their suppression, which entailed sufferings on many. The general pardon of 1550 again excepted the Baptists; the churches in Kent were disturbed, and some eminent men suffered.

8. On Queen Mary's accession to the throne, all statutes in favour of the Protestant religion were repealed. Many non-conformists left the kingdom, but some exposed, to use Calvin's language, the fopperies of the hierarchy of England, which awakened the revenge of Mary's council. Measures were devised to stay anabaptism (1554); these brethren, notwithstanding, boldly declared, 1st — That infant baptism was anti-scriptural. 2d — That it originated with popery; and 3d — That Christ commanded teaching to go before baptism. Mary's anger spent itself more particularly on the reformers (1557).

9. Elizabeth's reign promised liberty (1558), but the conflicting opinions of the nation on the subject of religion reflected, she thought, on her prerogative. Not having succeeded in silencing the Baptists by proclamation, she commanded all Anabaptists to depart out of her kingdom within twenty-one days. The greater portion of them obscured their sentiments (1560). Foreigners being tolerated in England, The Family of Love, (Mennonite Baptists) flocked hither and spread themselves wonderfully (Fuller). Their numbers were great in Norfolk (1572), and they formed societies in many places.

After having been extinguished seventeen years, the fires of Smithfield were again lighted, and two Mennonite brethren suffered. Emigrants from Holland strengthened the churches (1595), and houses of charity (i.e., dissenting meeting-houses) were opened in several places. In 1600, increased severity towards the Baptists, and a proclamation for all Anabaptists

to depart the kingdom, had all but destroyed dissent in England. "Though driven from England," Brandt says, "the Anabaptists consisted in his day of such a number of sects, that scarce any body can reckon the number of them" (Hist. Ref., v. i, p. 336).

Many testimonies might be quoted in evidence of the holy and exemplary lives of the early Baptists. Erasmus says (1529), "The Anabaptists, although very numerous, have no churches in their possession. These people are worthy of greater commendation than others, on account of the harmlessness of their lives. But they are oppressed by all other sects." And Bullinger says (1538), (Hist. of Anab.), "Let others say what they will of the Anabaptists, I see nothing in them but gravity; I hear nothing from them, but that we must not swear; must not do any injury; that all ought to be pious, and live holy lives; therefore I see nothing of evil in them. They use yea and nay in their conversation." Similar testimonies are given by Comenius, Scultetus, Beza, Cloppenbergh, Cas-sander, Heyden, Hornbeck, Cocceius, Bp. Burnet, Dr. Wall, Dr. Haweis, Dr. Lingard, and Sir James Mackintosh.

(Taken from a tract published by the Baptist Tract Society in 1841).

Spiritual Blackout

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leaders are not really looking for the Lord's return. In fact, it may perhaps be said that these who are busily building their worldly kingdoms and religious institutions at the expense of the deluded, Scripturally-ignorant masses are as devoid of a true concept of a returning Lord Jesus Christ as were the religious leaders in past centuries who spent their lives constructing supposedly great religious facilities which we call Cathedrals.

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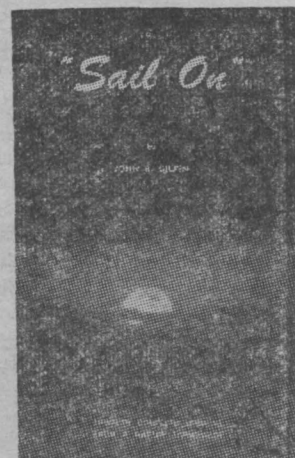
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