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CAN A CHRISTIAN CONDONE COSMETICS?

According to statistics, one of the biggest industries in America is the beauty parlor. Millions of women visit these places for various things weekly, always having one motive—to improve their physical appearance. Some who are sixty want to look like sixteen. Others are only interested in looking as full groomed as possible for their age.

Then there are other millions who never visit the beauty parlor but, who freely indulge in the use of lipstick, rouge, eye shade, and other specialties in an effort to make themselves look more beautiful than nature intended them to be. That all of this is of the world is obvious from the word "cosmetic" itself. It is a development of the word "kosmos" which means world. The literal meaning of the term then is "worldmetics," or the production of that which is the world.

There are those who ask, "What is wrong with all that?" Can't a woman look her best? Isn't she supposed to be as beautiful as possible? We answer flatly, "NO." We assert that there is nothing that is feeding the divorce mill with so much material as this insane urge on the part of women to look like something they are not. In this mad rush all the emphasis is being put upon appearance, the beauty of the person and that is a false value. A person is not necessarily good simply because she is beautiful. Indeed, they may not

even be as beautiful in appearance as they seem to be at the moment. Rotting timbers can be hidden by a coat of paint, but the paint does not sustain the timbers in that awful moment when they give way.

Beauty is a false basis. Many a man has fallen in love with a woman's beauty, only to be later repelled by her lack of character. Real love does not have a sound basis when it is founded upon the beauty of the object of affection. Physical attraction there may be—but not love. And it takes real love to keep people together through the years.

One reason that physical beauty is not a sound basis for matrimony is that many people who spend a lot of time and money on making themselves beautiful frequently do not have either the time or the money to continue the practice after they have "caught their man," or the first time in his life he sees her without the makeup and finds that he doesn't love her after all. So his affection for her cools and he is too frequently led

into paths of unfaithfulness because he has found another woman who has the time and money to keep her beauty on. In the years that we have been in the ministry we have run across a good many cases of broken homes. Almost without exception the injured wife has had her share of physical charm. It would appear that the marriage was based only upon that factor—and that is not enough.

It is passing strange, is it not, that the upsurge of pulchritude in the weaker sex has been accompanied by a drop in the physical attractiveness of the opposite sex. Never did we think so many young men of marriageable age looking so much like common tramps as today. We would not counsel these young fellows to go into the drug store and get artificial aids to beauty. Rather we would say, "Brother, tuck your shirt in your pants, press your trousers and put on a tie—also a coat." It is passing strange that we have reversed (Continued on page 3, column 1)

Study Of Various Musical Instruments In God's Word

There are more than ninety verses between Genesis 1 and Revelation 22 that make mention of musical instruments, or that which accompanies the voice. If placed consecutively these verses would make a very long chapter. The many kinds of musical instruments mentioned in Scripture can be classified into three general groups, namely, stringed, wind and percussion instruments, and in each of these groups were many varieties, some having specific purposes such as supplying the bass or the treble, etc.

The first mention of musical instruments is in Genesis 4:21, "And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ." With verse 20 and 22 concerning Jubal and Tubal-cain, we are given some information as to how mankind was to occupy his time while on this earth. In a broad sense, Jubal may be said to represent rural life with its occupation with cattle, and the dwelling in tents suggests the nomadic life necessary to find pasture for the flocks. Tubal-cain may be said to represent rural life with its manufacturing, commerce and institutions. Jubal may represent the social, cultural and what may be termed the religious life of both of the former.

God Himself is the creator and originator of the sounds that produce harmony and melody and

made man's ear the receptive organ of sound. He also placed in man the ability to understand, use and develop the laws of melodies and harmonics. He had created, and Jubal was the first recorded human to do so. The fact that these brothers are the descendants of Cain does not stigmatize their occupations or inventions as sinful; they merely produced and invented ways and means of using (Continued on page 3, column 2)

WHAT CONSTITUTES THE TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD?

By ROY MASON
(1894-1978)

There is a lot of misunderstanding about the worship of God. Many have the idea that they are worshipping God if they condescend to drop in at church once in a while. And many who come to church with regularity, do not really worship.

HINDRANCES TO WORSHIP

1. The hurry and confusion of this busy age. We are living in such a swift moving time, that in this hurry of life, many don't get quiet long enough to think of God and the soul. Many hurry to church and hurry away, and take no time to get quiet before God.

2. The noise and confusion of modern church services. This is a serious detriment to real worship. People blabbing-whispering - rustling around. We ought to have more reverence and less noise in our services.

3. The mechanical trend of religion. Religion has been mechanized and regimented by means of organization and standards until the worship has about been organized out of it. Ritualism is bad enough, but one can better worship God in the chant of a ritual than in the clatter of church machinery.

4. Thoughtfulness. Often people go to church to "see and be seen" instead of to worship God. They note the hats, the dresses, the suits, and listen avidly to the latest snatch of gossip. Where is the worship of God in all this?

5. Critical spirit. Some come with a critical attitude. The preacher's sermon was poor. The choir seemed sleepy. The solo was a flop. No (Continued on page 8, column 1)

HERESIES OF HARDSHELLISM

Hardshells make much of the Bible doctrine of the sovereignty of God. That the Bible teaches the sovereignty of God, none can deny who have read it at all. The Hardshells are heretical on this great Bible doctrine in that they preach only a half-truth; and a half-truth on this subject as on many others is the enemy of and destroys the whole truth. They claim that God is a sovereign and yet they treat Him as a servant. The very heart of the Bible teaching on the sovereignty of God is that He must be obeyed in all things. The Lord Jesus commended the faith of the centurion in Matthew 8, because it was a faith that not only recognized Him as a sovereign; but the centurion's faith in Christ believed that a sovereign Lord must be obeyed. There is where Hardshellism is most heretical. They say God is sovereign and yet will not obey the last command of Him, who said: "All authority is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." The man who really believes in the sovereignty of God, like Saul of Tarsus, will count himself debtor to all men and "as much as in him is," will go his length to obey the Lord's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." Hard-

shellism is heretical, fatally heretical, on the doctrine of the sovereignty of God because they cut the heart out of the great commission and wilfully and wickedly disobey Christ's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature." The one ground of censure against the one-talent man was that he claimed to believe in the sovereignty of God, and yet, did not do what his sovereign Lord told him to do with his money. The same offense called forth the just rebuke of his sovereign Lord against the man in the parable of the pounds, who tried to excuse himself for disobedience to his Lord's command on the ground that his Lord was sovereign and could do it without his servant's help. Study afresh the parable of the talents in Luke 25 and of the pounds in Luke 19 and the man censured in each case is a man heretical as to the sovereignty of God. He made his belief in the sovereignty of God an excuse for doing nothing, just like Hardshells do. Both of them said like all Hardshells say, whether in Hardshell churches or in Missionary churches, that God was a sovereign and reaped where He did not sow.

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How Could Your Conscience Ever Be Your Guide?

W. B. DAVIDSON
(Now Deceased)

"I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (Acts 23:1).

I. INTRODUCTION

Our text consists of the words of the apostle Paul concerning his life as a Jew and as a Christian. He says that his conscience was satisfactory to himself, both as a Jew and as a Christian; but the apostle Paul did not accept his conscience as a guide if we are to accept what he said to the saints at Corinth and recorded in 1 Corinthians 4:3,4:

"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment; yea I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord."

Goodspeed translates this passage as follows: "I for my part care very little about being examined by you or by any human court. I do not even offer myself for investigation. For while my conscience does not trouble me at all, that does not prove that I am innocent." (The New Testament, An American Translation, by Edgar J. Goodspeed).

Paul's conscience as a Jew led him to live just the opposite life from what it led him to live as a Christian. As a Jew his conscience consented unto his persecution of the Christians, but as a Christian, he preached the faith that he once sought to destroy. But, Paul did not claim his conscience as a safe guide; although he said he had a good conscience—both as a Jew and as a Christian. He couldn't possibly be right under both conditions.

Can your conscience be right when it will consent for you to live

at the two extremes of life? Could Paul's conscience have been right at all times when he at one time was persecuting the very people that he later sought to protect?

II. CONSCIENCE DEFINED

The dictionary defines conscience as follows: "The moral sense or consciousness within oneself that determines whether one considers one's own conduct right or wrong."

This definition of conscience substitutes man's judgment for the Word of God. It transfers to each and every man. If each man is to be his own judge of what is right and what is wrong, then there can be no standard of right, as conscience is a creature of education and discipline; and no two men have educated and disciplined their conscience alike.

Man must develop his conscience. He must educate and discipline it according to the Word of God, but man can never develop a perfect conscience, no matter how hard he tries; for man is depraved and he will have a depraved conscience. Man is an imper- (Continued on page 5, column 5)

REDEMPTION BRINGS NEW LIFE TO DYING SINNERS

By W. B. Curnutte
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Hebrews 9:22. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. You cannot have natural life or spiritual life without blood. Leviticus 17:10, 11. For the life of the flesh is in the blood. For proof, you set eggs from hens where there is no rooster and they will not hatch, for there is no blood life there. The female furnishes the body, and the male the blood life.

Genesis 2:7—Adam was the first man. Genesis 2:15—God put him in the Garden of Eden to keep it. Genesis 2:17. God gave Adam his orders and told him if he disobeyed he would die. Genesis 3:6—He disobeyed. He ate of the forbidden fruit. He died spiritually, for spiritual death is separation from God. So Adam's life was contaminated by sin. Acts 17:26. "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Adam's blood flows through our veins. That is why we are born sinners.

Do any babies go to Hell? No. (Romans 4:15). For where no law is, there is no transgression. John 1:29. "Behold the Lamb of God," (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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A sermon by Wayne Cox

WOMEN'S POSITION IN A N.T. CHURCH

The woman was in the initial transgression. 1 Timothy 2:14, "And Adam was not deceived but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." Now let us notice the actual transgression as recorded in Genesis 3:6. "The devil came to Eve and began to ridicule the Lord, and planted the seeds of doubt in the heart and mind of Eve," and the Lord says that she did eat of the forbidden fruit, and gave to her husband and he ate. Eve was deceived. She be-

lieved the devil's lie instead of the plain Word of God.

The penalty imposed on the woman is found in Genesis 3:16. Unto the woman GOD said: "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception, in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband, AND HE SHALL RULE OVER THEE." Thus we see that man is supposed to have the authority over the woman, that is, he is to rule over her. GOD did not say

that the woman would not have had sorrow had she not transgressed against the law of GOD, but He said that because she did violate His law her sorrow would be multiplied, that is, she would have more sorrow as a result of her sin. Many people take the position that had the woman not sinned she would not have suffered in childbirth. What they mean is this, "that the reason that women go down into the valley of death (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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Holden, Missouri

Woman's Position . . .

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in bringing children into the world is because that is the penalty imposed on her." Well, that is true in a sense, but God did not say that women would not have suffered physical pain in childbirth had she not violated the law of God. He only said that He would greatly "multiply her sorrow and conception." You have to have sorrow before it can be multiplied.

In the above Scriptures we notice that the man was to have the rule over the woman, but this is not always practiced, because in so many cases we see bossy wives, who rule over their husbands, completely reversing the scriptural order that this should not exist. I can think of nothing more unbecoming than a woman who always bosses her husband. This, my friend, is a direct violation of the Word of God. In Paul's letter to

the Ephesians, 5:22-24, we notice that Paul said this, "Wives submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and He is the Saviour of the body," therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

A woman is forbidden to teach a mixed assembly or to preach, II Tim. 2:12, "but I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man but to be in silence." But this plain statement is being violated every day. The world is filled with women preachers. Any time a woman addresses a mixed audience she is transgressing against the Word of God, and any time that a woman stands before a mixed assembly and tries to expound the Word of God, regardless of the occasion, she is preaching, and the Word says that this is not to be. Our Baptist people of today are permitting this very erroneous practice. The only difference in what Baptist are doing and the Holy Rollers is that the Holy Rollers ordain their women preachers and the Baptists do not, for the Baptists deny that they have women preachers, but brother, when anyone undertakes to deny plain facts, they are faced with a dilemma, for you cannot deny facts. The reason I single out Baptists is because I am a Baptist, and would like to see this error corrected among our people.

I can think of nothing more unscriptural or more degrading than to see a woman get up before a mixed audience and try to teach, or better still, preach. A woman is commanded to be in silence as we notice in I Corinthians 14:34-35, "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak, but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law, and if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." Oh, I know that many will say that Paul only had reference to speaking in tongues in these verses, but that is not true; however, I will admit that the subject under consider-



WAYNE COX

ation in the twelfth chapter, the thirteenth chapter, and the fourteenth chapter, of I Corinthians is spiritual gifts. Now please notice, if he only had reference to the speaking in tongues, which incidentally was the least of all the spiritual gifts and was to soon pass away with a number of other gifts, as is recorded in I Corinthians 13:8, when the New Testament was completed, and we know that the only spiritual gifts we have today are Faith, Hope and Love, as is seen in I Corinthians 13:13. But pray tell me why did he use this particular phrase in I Corinthians 14:34, "To be under obedience as also saith the law," if he had only the speaking of tongues in mind, for there were no tongues under the law. No, no. This text harmonizes with I Timothy 2:12-13, where he said for a woman to be in silence. A woman has no right to get up in the church and make a motion or to second a motion that has been made, or to even make an announcement in the church. The above text, I Corinthians 14:34, refers not only to the law of Moses, but particularly to the law that came as a result of the initial transgression in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:16 "And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and

BRIEF NOTES

It is with pleasure that we announce the marriage of Calvary Baptist Church's associate Pastor, Elder Owen J. Croy and Miss Hazel F. Hutchinson, a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

They were united in marriage on June 17, 1980. May God richly bless these two fine people and give them many years of happiness and wedded bliss.

ERATTA—Because of not getting all the facts, we have made a mistake, which needs correcting.

We reported that Eld. Herbert Cade of Yerkes, Kentucky had resigned as pastor of the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of Hazard, Kentucky. This was in error. It should have read that he was dismissed from the pastorate by a unanimous vote.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Elder Gerald Price's family in their bereavement. Two weeks ago, they lost their son, George Timothy Price, who lived in Attleboro, Mass. in a traffic accident involving a drunken driver. May God give them a special portion of His grace at this time.

he shall rule over thee."

But someone will ask, "What is a woman's place in the church?" Well, Paul tells us in Titus 2:3-5, "The aged woman likewise that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness not false accusers not given to much wine, teachers of good things. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." Now, who were they to teach? A mixed assembly? No, they were to teach the young women. So women can teach women in the church, but not a mixed audience. Women do have a place, but it is a subordinate position. They are never to usurp authority over the man. But some will ask, "What about Priscilla?" Well, she was a perfect helpmate to her husband; she and her husband took Apollos into the privacy of their own home, and taught him the way of the Lord more perfectly, as is recorded in Acts 18, but she did not violate the Bible injunction because this was done in the home and not in the church.

Women do have a place, but it is in a subordinate position that she must serve. Someone will ask, "Can a woman be a missionary?" Certainly she can, if she remembers her place, she can witness for the Lord.

But someone will ask, "How about Phebe?" Well, we read about her in the 16th chapter of Romans, the first verse. First, we must consider to whom Paul was addressing this particular epistle. We turn to the very final chapter and find out. "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Thus we see that Paul was writing to those who were in Rome, that is, the church in Rome, and when we come to the 16th chapter, we notice Paul commending Phebe to them. Paul commended her in his letter exactly as we would now in a letter of introduction with favor. Phebe was a member of the Church of Cenchrea, and now she was going to Rome on some kind of business. What business we are not told. It may have been personal business and most probably was. Some have thought that Paul sent his letter to the saints in Rome by her. This is not an unlikely supposition. The form of his introduction of her to the saints strangely suggests the idea. The word "commend" demands our attention, that is the word that Paul uses. Said he, "I commend unto you Phebe." That word in the Greek is "sustistein," meaning "to make to stand, set, place." It simply means to place together, to recommend to favorable attention. But Paul did not recommend her in the sense of the term used in Acts 14, 26, and 15, 60, where the word in the Greek is "paradidomi," meaning "giv-

en over, delivered up, committed," as when the Church of Antioch committed Paul and Barnabas to the grace of God. So Paul in the 16th chapter of Romans simply introduces Phebe to the saints in Rome with favor as a trustworthy servant, having shown her faith by her works. To say that Phebe was elected by her church and sent to Rome on official church business is gratuitous and far-fetched. Now, in what capacity had she served? I believe we can arrive at a reasonable and logical answer. She no doubt worked among the widows who were widows indeed, as is brought out in I Timothy 5. Now, in conclusion, let me add that woman must always occupy a subordinate position to that of a man.

Hardshellism . . .

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That is the favorite excuse of Hardshellism. God is a sovereign, they say, and can and will save the heathen without the Gospel; in other words, since the seed is the Word, He will reap where no sowing has been done, just as these two Hardshells in these two parables said. Study the Lord's answer. In each case the Lord said in substance: "If I am sovereign, why did you not obey Me? Your professed belief in my Sovereignty is wicked hypocrisy; for if you had really believed in My sovereignty, you would have obeyed My commands instead of rebelling

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against My authority and trampling My commands under your feet. Your own words condemn you. You pretended to believe in My sovereignty, and yet, wickedly withheld from Me the one thing to which a sovereign is entitled, namely, loyal obedience to my command to "occupy till I come." Every man who makes his belief that a Sovereign God can save the heathen without the Gospel an excuse for doing nothing for missions, is a heretic against the sovereignty of God and an anarchist against the authority of the Son of God, who commanded His churches to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Ezekiel believed in the sovereignty of God and when his sovereign Lord told him to go and preach to a valley full of dry bones, he went, and went to preaching. "O ye dry bones, hear the

Word of the Lord." That is the right kind of belief in the sovereignty of God, believing that He has the right to command and that we have no right to make excuse or to disobey Him. The first fatal heresy of Hardshellism is that it is a wicked and wilful rebel against the authority of the Lord Jesus, which is the very heart of the doctrine of God's sovereignty.

The second heresy of Hardshellism is like the first, a half-truth. They teach the doctrine of personal, unconditional, eternal election. That is the truth, but not all the truth on that subject. But they warp and wrest and twist that truth and make it teach a lie, namely, that if God elected a man unto salvation, he will be saved, whether he ever hears the gospel or not. The God, who elected the men unto salvation, also elected the means for their salvation. To preach the personal election of the men, as Hardshells do, and leave out or deny the divinely chosen means, is not only the truth, but is a wicked perversion of the truth. When Paul states the doctrine of election he states the whole truth. In Romans 8:28-30 he clearly teaches that all the elected will be glorified; but between their predestination and their glorification he puts in the two things the Hardshells leave out, namely, their calling and their justification. They are called, Paul said, by the Gospel and they are justified by faith or believing the gospel. So that the whole truth as to election is that all the elect will be called by the Gospel and be justified by believing the Gospel and be glorified by reason of the hope obtained through the Gospel. Or take this passage in II Thessalonians 2:13-14, where Paul again tells the whole truth about election: "God hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." There is eternal election—"from the beginning;" personal election—"you" unconditional election, "God chose." But that is only half the truth. God's election was "unto salvation." This salvation was not unconditional, but was "through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth." This unconditional election was unto a conditional salvation to which the elect were called by the Gospel. These unconditionally elected ones could only obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ through a conditional salvation to which they were called by the Gospel. Since Hardshellism preaches no Gospel, no one has been called unto salvation through it. Since being called unto salvation by the Gospel is necessary to obtaining salvation and Hardshellism has no Gospel for the unsaved, no one was ever saved by Hardshellism. Since God's elect are all called unto salvation by the Gospel, and the Hardshell elect are all saved without the Gospel, Hardshell elect are not God's elect. Since all God's elect are saved "through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth" and Hardshells are saved without the belief of the truth, Hardshells are not saved, or not God's elect, and Hardshellism is not the truth. Since God's unconditional election is unto a conditional salvation and Hardshell (Continued on page 4, column 3)

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the order of nature. In the dumb creature it is the male who possesses the beauty while the female is usually a very plain looking creature, consistently unattractive. Well, maybe we could learn something from the birds.

All of the foregoing is pretty general and has to do in the main with the world. Quite naturally we do not expect the world to pay much attention to what we have to say on this or any other subject. We are, however, interested in the born again believers. They profess to believe the Word of God, and that is the basis of our argument. God says of Christian wives, "Ye wives . . . whose adorning . . . but let it be the hidden man of the heart." There is more there, but this is all we have for our consideration now. If there be those who argue that this has to do with wives, and not with single young Christian women, we simply point to the foregoing part of the article. We opine that it is poor business for a young woman to set a pace before marriage that she cannot maintain afterward for the reasons already given. From that point we proceed to talk about Christian women in general.

The face of a person is the expression of what he actually is. Your face is the map of your life, after a few years have passed over your head. It follows that when a girl or woman accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour that it will make a difference in the looks of her face. There is nothing anywhere like the beauty that Christ creates in the countenance. Jesus Christ shines out through the features of every child of His, no matter what his otherwise facial handicaps may be. We firmly believe that this is a part of what the Lord Jesus meant when He said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Suppose, a Christian woman after she is saved, continues to plaster her face with cosmetics just the same as she did before she was saved. As far as the world can see there has been no change in her countenance. It is still hidden behind a load of products which she purchased in the drug store. What chance has the light of the Gospel to shine through a thing like that? Who would paint their headlights red in order to increase the effectiveness of their car's illumination at night? Some people hide their light under a bushel, others put it under a bed, and still others hide it under a load of facial decoration. There is no question but what a woman can be a Christian and use such things but she certainly cannot be a useful Christian. The worldly adornment of her face cancels any influence she might otherwise have with her associates or relatives.

Face painting originated with a disreputable class of women whose occupation made their faces pale and drawn. At the same time they devised to continue to be attractive to men because men were their business. Consequently, they resorted to the practice of covering their face with artificial decorations to cover the wreckage and attract the opposite sex. And Christian women follow their example?

We ask, what has a Christian woman to hide in her face? According to the Bible she is to have something to show, not something to cover. It cannot be revealed when hidden behind cosmetics. It is the imitation of the world.

We can hear some of the younger women saying, "But if we don't paint our faces we will never be able to catch a man. All the girls paint their faces, and if we don't we will be left out. The men will pick the good looking ones and leave us." So what? We can think of a much better fate for a fine Christian young woman than being chosen by some of the young reprobates that are running around loose in this world today. A lot of young women with a painted face catch a man whom they wish they hadn't ever met, after they have been married for a few years. It is actually true that a young Christian man (and what other kind should a Christian girl marry?) will be attracted by the paintless sincere countenance far quicker than by the flagrant use of cosmetics. Oh, we know that values are hopelessly scrambled in this world of ours, but that is no reason why we should get all scrambled up with them. It is far easier to stay out of the mad scramble than to get unscrambled afterwards.

If a girl doesn't catch her husband with a painted face, then she certainly is under no obligation to continue to paint it in order to keep him. The opposite is also true. Then what earthly reason is there for Christian wives to decorate their faces? They have their man. Are they trying to attract that of their husband, or some other man? Fundamentally, we cannot improve upon the sense of the Bible commandment, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning—but let it be the hidden man of the heart."

The Tabernacle Trumpet

Musical Instruments

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the gifts and abilities God Himself had placed in them. All the descendants of Cain, Adam's other sons and daughters, and of Seth, with the exception of Noah and his family, perished in the flood. All the inhabitants of the world since the flood are therefore the descendants of Adam through Seth and they have continued on in the same sort of earthly occupations.

After the flood, the next reference to music, Genesis 31:27, is found in connection with Abraham's relatives and descendants. Laban and Jacob were on extremely unfriendly terms culminating in Jacob secretly leaving with his wives, family and possessions. Laban pursued him, rebuked him for stealing away secretly for if he had told him, said Laban, he would have sent him away "with songs, with tabret and with harp." There would have been a farewell festival, but there could be no fellowship in song and music when there was only strife and dissension between the men, for song and music are a symbol of joy, harmony and fellowship.

Several centuries pass by during which the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob grow to a



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Ephesians 6:1-4.

Intro.: The Bible sets before us the perfect pattern for a Godly and happy home. The forsaking of these principles has led to confusion and chaos. In our previous study we saw the sanctity of marriage and of a right relationship between husband and wife; now we want to look at the home as a unit; father, mother, and children. May I stress a vital point here, I'm afraid much damage has been done in spending too much time and money building a house instead of building a home.

VERSE 1

"Children." Children do not go unnoticed or untaught in relation to the Word of God. Here, they are addressed equally with fathers and mothers. May fathers and mothers make every effort to keep them under the sound of the Word of God. The letter to the Ephesians was to be read in the public assembly and children were a part of this assembly. Therefore they have certain duties and responsibilities in relation to the home and to the church.

"Obey." Human nature rebels against any type of authority or

great nation in the land of Egypt, and as the Book of Exodus opens they are living lives bitter with hard bondage and nothing is said about songs and music in their lives. But the great day of deliverance came and in Exodus 15, they are singing songs of praise on the eastern bank of the Red Sea with their enemies drowned in the sea. In verse 20, Miriam, the prophetess, and all the women took timbrels and went out in happy response and accompaniment to the song of redemption, such as only the redeemed can do, and when harmony and fellowship prevail.

In I Sam. 10:5, the newly anointed Saul is told by Samuel that he would meet a company of prophets with a number of named musical instruments before them and they would prophesy. These prophets were under Samuel's direction and the instruments of music were used in connection with prophesying other things of God. Thus the use of musical instruments in this way was familiar before the time of David.

The first introduction to David, after his anointing by Samuel, is in connection with his ability as cunning in playing the harp, I Samuel 16:16, 18, 23, and the recommendation concerning him was that "the Lord is with him." In contrast, the Lord had departed from Saul and he was rejected by the Lord. Each time David "played with his hands" before Saul his life was in jeopardy, but it is repeated three times in I Samuel 18 that "the Lord was with him," hence Saul's attempts on David's life could never succeed.

David had gained the great victory over Goliath, and when he returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, the women came out of all the cities of Israel singing and dancing with joy and "with tabrets and with instruments of music" (I Sam. 18:6, 7). Musical instruments were not only used by the prophets but were also in common use among the people of Israel on occasions of joy and thanksgiving.

The next mention of musical instruments is in connection with the Ark of the Lord. It had been in Abinadab's house for 20 years and David desired to bring the Ark to his own city. II Samuel 6:55 and I Chronicles 13:8 state that "David and all the house of Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing and with harps, psalteries, timbrels, cymbals, trumpets and all manner of instruments made of fir wood." The flaw

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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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rules; of course, this is true from our youth up. Mankind, as a whole, is in rebellion against God; we have all turned to our own way (Isa. 53:6) and will not have this Man to rule over us. In our text children, especially those professing faith in Jesus Christ, are called upon to submit to proper authority.

"Your parents." This is God's order for the home. The order or trend in this sinful world seems to be in reverse. Children are demanding their rights. They do not ask, but tell.

"In the Lord." As you obey your parents, it is to be in the Lord, or as followers of Jesus Christ. You are to do so because of your love for the Lord. This lays a great responsibility both on the children and on the parents.

"For this is right." It is not merely optional or preferable, but right. It is not even the best thing to do, but the only thing to do if you want to be pleasing to God. To be able to say, regardless of the world's attitude or judgment, I know it pleases God, should bring comfort and peace of mind to our young people.

VERSE 2

"Honour thy father and mother." Show all respect for their position and listen willingly and attentively to their instructions. They, if they are the right kind of parents, have your interest at heart. Yet, they may and sometimes do make mistakes, but remember they, most of the time, have had the experiences which you have not had.

We have the perfect example of what these verses mean in the life of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:51).

(Which is the first commandment with promise). To give this commandment added emphasis, the Lord attached a promise to it. This was to serve as an added in-

centive or encouragement. It doesn't mean the other commandments up to this point are of less importance or to be set aside. Really, one can't love the Lord as he should while neglecting or abusing this commandment. If you love the Lord, you will keep this commandment.

VERSE 3

"That it may be well with thee." The prodigal son experienced the opposite (Luke 15:11-17). However, this doesn't mean that a young person will have an easy time in this world, however it does mean he will be happier and more content as he obeys his parents.

"And thou mayest live long on the earth." Would God we could say in God's providence we have lived a long and prosperous life because of a compliance to this commandment. However, again, Godly young people have lost their lives in service to the Lord, but this doesn't change the truthfulness of this scripture. It may be well here to notice, the opposite of obeying parents and of honouring fathers and mothers and to see the greatness of this sin (Rom. 1:30; II Tim. 3:1-5). It is a mark of this ungodly world and of backslidden Christians.

VERSE 4

"And, ye fathers." God so bountifully keeps the proper balance in the teaching of the home. When He instructs the wife to be in subjection, he immediately reminds the husband he is to love his wife as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:24, 25). Here, as He exhorts the children to obey and honor the parents, He brings out the duty of the parents to deal wisely and tenderly with the children.

"Provoke not your children to wrath." Herein lies a most crucial and vital point. How many disobedient children have been stimulated or moved to wrath by the actions, or sometimes the lack of action of the parents, primarily the father as the head of the home? Fathers who abuse their position and authority; fathers who dominate their children by brute force with scare tactics. I've seen or heard of supposedly Christian fathers who bully and badger their children into subjection, but eventually move them to strike back in anger or to strike out on their own. Of course, you can provoke your children also by neglect or ridicule. No discipline is as bad as over-discipline. Then to shame your child by wrongly comparing him with other children can be very destructive and discouraging. Sad to say, many of those of us who are Pastors have little or no time for our families.

"But bring them up." Children are to be given proper attention if we are to bring them up.

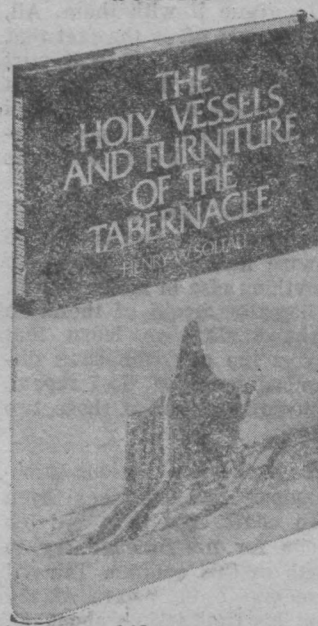
"In the nurture and admonition of the Lord." May those of us who are parents; for both fathers and mothers are meant and are partners in this endeavor, tarry long at this point. Proper instructions as well as proper example is needed, and also proper admonition. We must teach the right thing, the commandments of the Lord; do the right thing, be obedient to the Lord ourselves, and give proper admonition if we want to be faithful as parents. Notice, "in the Lord" and "of the Lord" are key thoughts in these verses.

Conclusion: I cannot apologize for laboring on these verses, even though I have failed to say all I would like, as they are so very, very needful.

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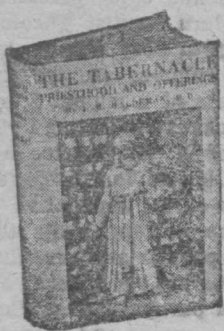
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What are some of the most serious problems facing our independent Baptist churches today? How could these problems be solved?

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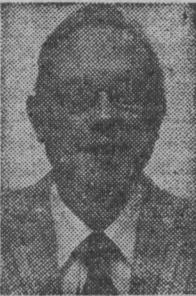


This is a difficult question to answer. What is a serious problem in one church is no problem in another. Location, members, pastors, finances, are just a few of the causes of problems.

I suppose the most common problem in most churches would be a lack of godliness. We have a coldness that has entered into most churches, a lack of concern for one another, a failure to pray and read the Bible, an apathetic attitude about God's preachers, and especially a lack of fear toward God. Thus we see preachers—whether they be pastors, evangelists or missionaries—being talked about, drug in the mud, or cast aside without any love shown or concern over the ministry. We see churches doing nothing except daily mundane things.

We need to build up our prayer life, our daily meditation over the Word, our concern over God's servants, our concern over brothers and sisters in Christ, and a sincere desire to see people saved. If we pray more for a person we will talk less about him.

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1. Worldliness, wherein divorce is granted for the least variance, TV is utterly filthy, ungodly recreation has taken over Sundays, etc.

2. Indifference and complacency of church members. Interest in church and spiritual matters is on the wane, while interest in that which is temporal and carnal goes unbounded.

3. A schismatic spirit seems to be prevailing, and the least offence is magnified and is made the means of division.

4. The introduction of new doctrines, and the forsaking of the old Landmarks.

5. An ever increasing perversion of the Scriptures through so-called translations of the Bible.

6. Encroachment of civil government in matters ecclesiastical.

7. Satanic ecumenism.

These are few of the problems facing Bible Baptists, and the remedy is the same as it has always been, that is, an undeviating adherence to the Word of God. No matter how many or how great

the problems are, the Lord's churches should not be afflicted with the spirit of defeatism. Our God has never had a problem, and He has made His churches more than conquerors through Jesus Christ, the Head of the church. The Lord's churches have gone through some fierce storms upon the sea of time, but the Captain of their salvation is aboard, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against the blood-bought flocks. We will in due season arrive at our desired haven, then we will look back on our time adversities, and declare they were but light afflictions.

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I assume sovereign grace Baptist Churches are the ones we are to consider. It is really pathetic to see what has happened to the fellowship of our kind of churches during the last few years. Up until 1969 the fellowship among us was so sweet. I enjoyed our Bible Conferences so much. But, beginning in 1969, that sweet fellowship began to fall apart. Some of the churches discontinued their Bible Conferences. Others began to set forth strange doctrines that seemed to me to require a lot of spiritualizing mixed with quite a lot of imagination. The brethren who refused to accept these strange doctrines were no longer invited to churches where they had enjoyed so much fellowship before.

The two doctrines that have caused the most discord and loss of fellowship among us are the post-trib rapture, and the priesthood of the church. The brethren who have imbibed these doctrines seem to think they are the old standby doctrines. And I am not going to argue it with them. All, I am quite sure of, is the fact that though I was reared in a Baptist home, and though I have been a Baptist ever since my Lord saved me, I never heard of such doctrines until after I was 70 years old.

Another thing I am sure of is the fact that these two doctrines have done more hurt to our fellowship than anything else in all the world. I am literally afraid of them. In Proverbs 6:16-19 we learn that God hates the one who sows discord among brethren. So I repeat, I am literally afraid of those two doctrines.

There are other serious problems among our churches from coast to coast. But they are too numerous for me to even try to deal with in this column. The old devil seems to be aware of the fact that his time is just about up.

I am convinced that the angel in Revelation 20:1-3 is about ready to bind the old rascal in the bottomless pit. So he is trying to do our kind of churches all the harm he can, before that angel comes for him. We should all be much in prayer that our dear Lord may keep our churches from harm.

Hardshellism . . .

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unconditional surrender is unto an unconditional salvation, Hardshell election is not the truth but a perversion of the truth and is not unto a salvation at all but unto damnation. Remember that God's unconditional election is unto a conditional salvation, and when Hardshellism teaches an unconditional salvation, the election they preach is unto damnation instead of salvation. An election which does not include the preaching of the Gospel as a condition of salvation is not God's election at all; for "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." God's election included both the men and the means. But once more—Paul said: "I endure all things for the elect's sake that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." The elect will obtain eternal glory; but how? By the missionaries enduring all things that they may preach the Gospel by which the elect are called unto salvation. Since Hardshell election leaves out missions, it is not God's kind, not Paul's kind and not the truth.

The third heresy of Hardshellism, and the one which is the tap-root of nearly all other heresies, which they teach, is their enmity to the Gospel. They do not preach the Gospel. They deny that the Gospel is to be preached to the lost. They affirm in debate that adults are saved without the Gospel as truly as infants. Their opposition to missions grows out of their opposition to the Gospel. Their opposition to Sunday Schools grows out of their opposition to the Gospel. They are as bitter enemies to the Gospel as the Jews or the Turks or the infidels. They teach the unheard of, unnatural and unscriptural notion that a child can be born of a father without a mother. They say that infants and adults alike are born of the Holy Spirit and without the Word of God. The Missionary Baptist, who says the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, is a hardshell heretic and ought to be disciplined by the church for the worst of heresies. Heresy as to how men are saved is the worst of heresies and the man who says the heathen can be saved without the Gospel is a heretic as to how men are saved. If he is a saved man, which is doubtful, he "denies the Lord who bought him," for the atoning death and resurrection of Christ are the very pith and marrow of the Gospel. If the heathen are saved without the Gospel, they are saved without the knowledge or benefits of the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul declares in Galatians 3:8 that "The Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith preached before the Gospel unto Abraham." No heathen was ever justified who had not first heard the Gospel and then believed in Christ. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." They cannot have faith until they hear and they can't hear without a preacher, and the Master said, "they are yet in their sins, if they believe not."

Hardshells, like the Scribes and Pharisees, are enemies of the Gospel and oppose preaching it to the heathen. Campbellites say men are born of the Word without the

Spirit; Hardshells say they are born of the Spirit without the Word.

Both are alike heretical as to the new birth. If any difference, Campbellites are less dangerous than Hardshells, for they do believe in preaching the Word to sinners. And if Christ is preached by them to sinners, the Holy Spirit may occasionally enable a sinner to see Christ and lay hold on Him. That is never true of Hardshellism, for they never preach Christ to sinners. Both Campbellites and Hardshells are heretical on the new birth; and since men cannot be saved without the new birth neither Campbellism nor Hardshellism, in their unadulterated form, ever saved any sinner. Men are not saved by the Spirit without the Word, nor by the Word without the Spirit. They must be born of the Word and of the Spirit, if they would enter the kingdom of God. Hardshellism has no place for any such Scriptures as the following because it denies that the Word has anything to do in the salvation of the lost. "For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (I Cor. 4:15). "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). "Of his own will begat he us with the Word of truth" (James 1:18). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. And this is the Word, which by the gospel is preached unto you" (I Pet. 1:23-25). "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth; whereunto (i.e., unto salvation) He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 2:13-14). Hardshellism is one of the worst enemies of Christ on earth today, because of its enmity to His Gospel. No man can be a friend of Christ and be an enemy of the Gospel. In Mark 8:35 and 10:29 the Master couples friendship to Himself so closely together that no man "can put asunder what Jesus Himself hath joined together."

Musical Instruments

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which caused the judgment upon Uzza, was not the bringing of the Ark from Kirjath-jearim, or the joyous musical service accompanying but the fact that they had ignored God's instructions regarding the method of carrying the Ark—a new cart instead of with staves on the shoulders of the priests. The Ark was then carried aside to the house of Obed-edom. David returned to his city to prepare a place for the Ark of God and pitched for it a tent, and three months later the Ark was brought from Obed-edom's house, now in the proper manner, and with the accompaniment of joy, shouting and musical instruments as on the former occasion (I Chron. 15:28 and II Sam. 6:15).

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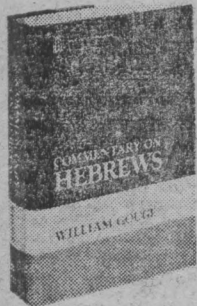
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6. The coming tribulation will bring famines, earthquakes, inflation, immorality, lawlessness, false prophets and persecution of Christians.

7. Toward the end of the seven year period a two hundred million man oriental army (kings of the east) will march on Israel and gather on the Plain of Armageddon. The Antichrist will lead his army and meet the oriental challenge, Jerusalem is attacked, half of the city is taken and Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives and defeats the armies gathered against His chosen people, and then sets up His one thousand year reign on the earth.

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BIBLE VERSE: "And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, forever; and David my servant shall be their prince forever" (Ezek. 37:25).

"Truly I say to you, This generation will not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:34-35).

BIBLE VERSE: "After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the many nations, and they are living securely, all of them. And you will go up, you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many people with you" (Ezek. 38:8-9). "And with pestilence and with blood I shall enter into judgment with him; and I shall rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone" (Ezek. 38:22).

BIBLE VERSE: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus shall we always be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17).

"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there shall be two in the field; one will be taken, one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, one will be left" (Matt. 24:37-41).

BIBLE VERSE: "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called God or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God" (II Thess. 2:3,4). "Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves; Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it" (Isa. 28:14-18).

"And he shall make a firm covenant with the many for one week of years" (Dan. 9:27).

"And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour" (Rev. 17:12-13).

BIBLE VERSE: "And the angel said unto me, Why do you wonder? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her . . . Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits" (Rev. 17:7,9).

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue you out of my mouth. Because you say, "I am rich and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked" (Rev. 3:15-17).

BIBLE VERSE: "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short" (Matt. 24:21,22).

"For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one that endures to the end will be saved" (Matt. 24:7-12).

BIBLE VERSE: "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates, and the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them" (Rev. 9:14-16). "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (Rev. 9:21).

"For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women ravished; half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley" (Zech. 14:2-4).

Conscience . . .

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fect creature, at best, and he has an important conscience. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one" (Job 14:4).

A depraved and imperfect conscience can never be a perfect or safe guide; yet man needs a perfect and a safe guide. Man at his best is a sinner. Even the saved are sinners saved BY THE GRACE OF GOD. Sin has affected every faculty of the human being. The Scriptures paint a very sad picture of fallen men. We are told that the heart of man is "Deceitful and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). The mouth is full of cursing and bitterness, the feet are swift to shed blood, there is no fear of God before their eyes (Rom. 3:12-15,18). How can such a person have a conscience that is safe to follow?

III. IS CONSCIENCE A SAFE GUIDE?

This is an important question, a question that has been badly misunderstood. We hear the expression: "If a person will only follow his conscience, he will be all right." A bigger falsehood has never been uttered. A person who depends on only his conscience will finally wake up in Hell! You may be sincere in believing that your conscience is a safe guide, but SINCERITY DOES NOT MAKE A THING RIGHT!

Paul was following his conscience when he took charge of the coats of those who stoned Stephen for preaching the Gospel, Acts 7:58, and when he persecuted the Church of God at Jerusalem, etc. (I Tim. 1:13; I Cor. 15:9). Thank God, he was led to see his mistake; but it was not his conscience but the Holy Spirit that did it.

Conscience cannot be a safe guide because there are many kinds of consciences. The Scriptures speak of a "Weak conscience" (I Cor. 8:7-12), and a "Seared Conscience" (I Tim. 4:2), and "Evil Conscience" (Heb. 10:22) as well as a "Good Conscience" (I Pet. 3:16). Since this is true, how can anyone say that conscience can be a safe guide? Some men have an "Evil conscience." Shall they accept their evil conscience as a guide? Others have a "Seared conscience." Shall they follow a seared, callous, unfeeling — conscience? To so do is nothing more or less than "the blind leading the blind."

IV. WHAT IS A SAFE GUIDE?

This is not a very hard question to answer. The Bible speaks plainly on this subject: In Psalm 119:105, we are told: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." In Psalm 119:9 we read: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy Word." Again Psalm 119:11 says "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Paul, writing to Timothy, says: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (God breathed), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16,17). If we believe the Scripture, we are compelled to admit that Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, says that the Scriptures are a sufficient rule of faith and practice in all religious matters.

The Psalmist says: "The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psa. 19:7). How much more evidence do we require before we acknowledge that the Bible is a safe guide?

The Holy Spirit is a safe guide. He is an infallible Leader. John 16:12,13 says: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will GUIDE you into all truth: for he will show you things to come."

The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. This is why the Epis- (Continued on page 6, column 3)

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SO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN!

So you want to go to Heaven when you die, do you? Far be it from us to blame you for that. So do we. What is more to the point, we are going there when our time comes to shuffle off this mortal coil. It strikes us that practically everyone who has a mind to think with, probably feels the same way about it.

However, a word of caution is quite necessary at this point. There are a lot of people who think they are going to Heaven when they die who just are not going to land there at all. The basic reason for their confusion at this point is that they have not tried to inform themselves as to the basic requirements for those who would go where they want to go. They think that they are going to go to Heaven simply because they want to go. They think that they are going to go to Heaven simply because they want to do so. What a world this would be if people attained to material objectives simply because they had a desire to do so!

The plain truth about the matter is that the average person doesn't stand a chance of arriving within the pearly gates. The Lord Jesus said in this connection, "Narrow is the gate and straight is the way, and few there be that enter in thereat."

The people who are going to arrive at last in Heaven are an exclusive rather than an inclusive group. We say this because we do not want people to get their hopes too high, only to have them dashed to the ground by a consideration of the facts of the case. The number who are going there are probably not over one half of one per cent of the population of this world and possibly not that many. Therefore you will understand what we mean when we say that the average person simply doesn't stand a chance

of getting there. The crowd is all going to another place of which the Lord Jesus spoke, when He said, "Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be that enter in thereat."

The list of people who are going to Heaven was made up a good many years before we (or anyone else) ever saw the light of day. We did not therefore make up the lists. God says of these people, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." In another place He says, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son." It is evident from such statements that the list of people who are going to Heaven was made up by God before He even made the world. That is, of course, incomprehensible to us, but God Himself is incomprehensible to us. We can believe Him but we cannot understand Him. We simply know that His infinite wisdom encompasses a knowledge of everything that happens in the past, present and future. God knows what is going to happen a hundred years from now far better than we know what happened yesterday. It is this super-intelligence that made up the lists.

It follows that this list has never been changed and never will be changed. God who knew the future, made that list up in the light of all that ever would happen. Nothing can ever occur that will make Him change His mind about who should be on that list. We make plans and find that we have to change them to meet unexpected circumstances. Not so with God. Nothing ever happens that is unexpected with Him. He knew it was going to happen from the beginning. At the end of time God will bring out that list and it will be found to have been unchanged from the hour that it was made.

Now if you are on that list there is no power in Heaven, earth or hell that can take you off. If you are not on that list, there is no power in Heaven, earth or hell that can get you on. God did not wait for the events of your life and mine to make up that list. Of course, you will bear in mind that God knew the events of your life beforehand far better than you know them now. God makes no mistakes for that reason. I have had a number of names that I would have liked to have added to that list, but I never got them on. If your name and mine are not on that list that was made in the beginning there is no hope of your ever getting into Heaven—that's all there is to it. We're terribly sorry, but we did not make up the list.

About all we can tell you is this; that you can find out whether or not your name is there. There is a sure-fire method and we have given it to a good many people without having it fail once. The God who made up the list also wrote the Bible. By the Bible therefore we can find out whether or not our names have been written down on the lists. Study that Bible. Study especially the story of the Cross where Jesus Christ died for the sins of men. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us who are saved it is the power of God unto salvation." He says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." It follows as a matter of course, that as a man becomes a son of God he will be eligible to enter Father's house on high.

How does your heart react to the Bible? If you respond to it by accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour you can know that your name is written there. However, may I urge upon you the necessity of getting your receipt for that acceptance? If you really receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour you will be born again. The new birth is God's response. Also, when anyone is born again, he knows it. It is an unforgettable experience. When you have it you know that your name is written down in glory beyond a question of a doubt. You will then have an unshaken faith in the fact that your name is on the list. There will be no guesswork about it.

Not only so, but there will be certain definite changes in your life that will tell other people that your name is written there. First, you will love the Lord Jesus Christ supremely, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be condemned, the Lord cometh." You will be found in the Lord's house when services are held there, for that is where the Lord Jesus is. He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Non-church-goers do not love the (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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tles have so much to say of matters that were barely mentioned in the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The saints and the churches would be much the poorer in spiritual matters had not the Holy Spirit led the writers of the Epistle into all truth.

The Holy Spirit is an infallible teacher and the Scriptures are an infallible rule book. If we trust the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we will be surprised ourselves; and others will be surprised by what we find in the Word of God.

In I John 2:27, we are told that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things. Oh, that we would seek to know more of the blessed old Book! With an infallible Teacher in the Person of the Holy Spirit, we have no need for conscience to be our guide—if it were a safe one—which it is not!

We have already shown that the conscience of men is not the same in education, discipline, etc. If we should be guided by our conscience, there would be as many guides as there are men, and no

two guides would hold the same standard. There are WEAK consciences, SEARED consciences, and EVIL consciences, as well as GOOD consciences; and even a GOOD CONSCIENCE is not a safe guide according to the Word of God.

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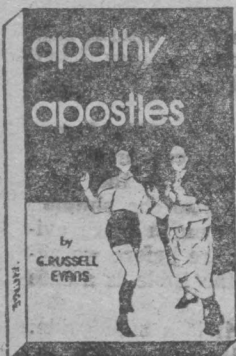
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (EP)—News, it flatly denied they had any such intention. In fact, the agency answered the phone with, "No, there is no such film."

"First of all, let me stress we have no such plans and have printed this fact," said Elaine Shpak of the agency. "About three years ago we ran a brief article about the proposed film's entrance into the U.S. market. We found it was in error and ran retractions of the article. Someone must have found this old news item and failed to check the date on the paper. When mail first began to arrive, we didn't keep it, then our vice president realized its value, for most of the letters were in protest. For the past six weeks, we have kept the mail and have over 100,000 letters. This morning we received seven more mail sacks in protest. But there is no film to my knowledge."

No determination has been made by the agency if this is a hoax being played on churches or misguided efforts of well-meaning people, but all efforts are futile since no problem exists, says Medaris.

BRANDON, Fla. (EP)—The Southern Baptist Convention is threatened by "creeping liberalism" in its organizations and institutions, says a leader of the denomination. Dr. Don Touchton, pastor of the 500-member Central Baptist Church here and a second vice-president on the convention, made this point in an eight page pamphlet mailed at his own expense to some 9,000 pastors and church leaders.

Defining liberalism as "the denial of the inerrancy of Scripture," Dr. Touchton declared, "This must be stopped. Liberalism of this type does more than produce doctrinal deviation; it leads to moral decay and evangelical decline." He asserted that "some of our Baptist colleges and seminaries allow drugs, sex, drinking and dancing to be a daily fare of sin's smorgasbord on campus. Other

INDIANAPOLIS (EP)—The increasing number of pastors being asked to sign petitions in protest of the "Jesus Sex Film" which the petitions say was brought into the United States by Modern People News of Franklin Park, Ill., is a misguided effort, according to a spokesman for the agency.

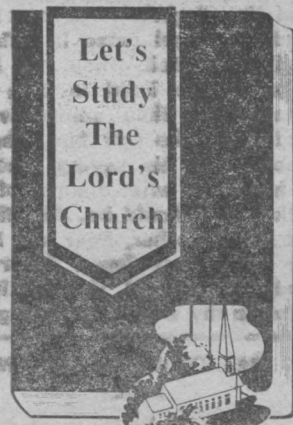
The petition-pastors are faced with urges for them to support letter writing campaigns to Modern People News to protest its alleged intention to bring a Jesus sex film to the United States. When Gene Medaris, editor of the Indiana Baptist, called modern People

things could be named which are equally as decadent, both in churches and denominational institutions."

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Southern Baptists will not be exempt from this natural consequence if we follow the same road."

DALLAS (EP)—Anita Bryant's marriage has been in troubled waters for some time. The deeply religious singer, who recently filed a petition to end her 20-year marriage to former disc jockey Bob Green, admitted in an interview that the couple had problems from "the very beginning."

She said she believes in the scriptural concept of marriage and fought to save hers. "We sought counseling, different kinds of counseling from different approaches," she said. "I wanted to save my marriage, but because of a (recent) set of circumstances, I decided that was not quite the route to go."

Miss Bryant has been a crusader against disintegration of the American family, and says the breakup of her marriage is the most painful experience she has ever encountered. "I came from a broken home and have been so concerned about my own family that divorce has not even been in my vocabulary," she said. "It's against everything I ever believed in."

Since filing for divorce, Miss Bryant has been in seclusion in Selma, Ala., with her four children. She agreed to a telephone interview arranged by evangelist James Robison who is helping the singer work through the guilt and apprehension she has experienced since filing her divorce petition in Miami. All her Christian concerts have been canceled since the word of her impending divorce, and two secular concerts "are all I have going for me," said Miss Bryant, who complained that she has had her share of judgmental "ungodly male chauvinism" from some segments of the Christian community that formerly supported her.

SALT LAKE CITY (EP)—Polygamist leader Ervil LeBaron, an excommunicated Mormon and self-styled prophet, was found guilty of murder in the slaying of a rival sect leader, Dr. Rulon Allred. Mr.

LeBaron, 55, head of the Church of the Lamb of God based in Atlixco, Mexico, was also convicted of conspiracy to kill his own brother, Verlin LeBaron, who heads another polygamy sect.

The Third District Court jury found Mr. LeBaron guilty of sending four followers to Salt Lake City to carry out the assassination plots. Two women shot to death Dr. Allred, 71, at his office in Murray, Utah, in May 1977. He was a naturopath physician and patriarch of the polygamist sect called Apostolic United Brethren. The plot to kill Verlan LeBaron at Dr. Allred's funeral was called off, witnesses testified.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) permitted polygamy in the early days, but the practice was outlawed in 1890. Members who practice polygamy are excommunicated. Polygamists, however, have continued to live in parts of Utah and the West and many former Utah residents have settled in Mexico. A number of polygamous sects have sprung up, many of them hostile to each other. The Mormon church said it has no information about these sects.

ST. LOUIS (EP)—A federal appeals court here has ruled that Christmas carols are a part of the nation's heritage and may be used in public school programs at Sioux Falls, S.D. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, cautioning that its decision would not apply in all cases, ruled against a parent's attempt to have religious songs banned from Christmas programs in Sioux Falls public schools.

In upholding the Sioux Falls school policy of permitting religious songs for instruction and education, the appeals court said "we view the thrust of these rules to be the advancement of the students' knowledge of society's cultural and religious heritage," as well as permitting students to perform the full range of art.

NEW YORK (EP)—Acting on controversial recommendations made last October, the World Health Assembly in Geneva formally called for the enactment of an international code to govern infant formula marketing practices by May 1981. Members of the United Nations agency and UNICEF sponsored a conference last October in which infant formula producing companies agreed to discontinue all mass advertising and to limit promotions to "factual and ethical information" about their products.

The Interfaith Center and the Infant Formula Action Coalition launched a boycott two years ago against the Swiss-based Nestle, S.A., the world's largest producer of infant formula. The movement, which enjoys wide church support in the United States, contends that infant formula has been promoted to the detriment of breast-feeding in the Third World and thus has been a major cause in infant malnutrition and death.

SANTA BARBARA (EP)—At least seven hours every day she stood at the traffic lights on High-

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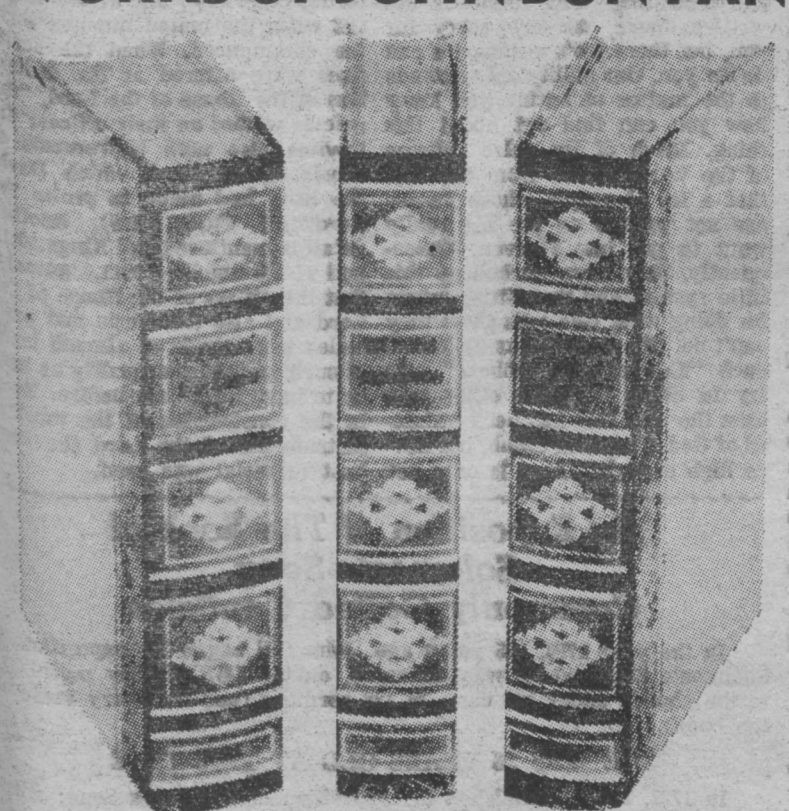
For nine years, the familiar figure in a faded green coat and a large straw hat and known as "Freeway Emma" or "Highway Annie" was one of the nation's most visible street-corner evangelists. Millions of motorists, pausing here at the only signal lights on 101 between Los Angeles, 95 miles to the south, and Morgan Hill, 275 miles to the north near San Jose, have seen her working the three-block stretch of El Camino Real—the King's Highway—she says God in a vision 14 years ago called her to serve.

But until she suddenly disappeared recently from her posts, almost no one really knew Emma Weaver, 79. On April 2, while she was evangelizing, unidentified assailants dragged her into the bushes beside the highway and brutally beat her, inflicting brain concussion and breaking three of her ribs. Her attackers apparently left her for dead.

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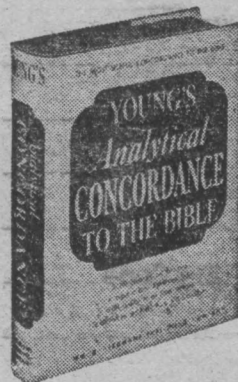
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True Worship

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body shook hands with ME. (Get that word "ME"). Where is the worship of God in all that?

6. Desire for amusement and entertainment. Musical programs, plays, programs—all of that is religious vaudeville, and takes the place of the show. Churches are more and more social institutions set for the amusement of people, rather than religious institutions designed to promote worship.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

It involves deepest reverence, respect, veneration, adoration as concerns God. It is the reaching out of the soul God-ward. In worship we are occupied with God. It is a spiritual exercise. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, MUST worship Him in SPIRIT and in truth."

Some suggestive Scriptures: Exodus 4:31; 24:1; 33:16; 34:5-8; Joshua 5:13, 14; II Chronicles 7:3; Nehemiah 8:6.

Merely reading the Bible, listening to a sermon, praying, singing—is not worship. In prayer we are occupied with our NEEDS; in thanksgiving with our BLESSINGS; but in worship we are occupied with HIM.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

One cannot rush with muddy feet into God's presence. Read Exodus 3:5 and Joshua 5:15.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The tendency is to conform the

worshipper to the thing that is worshipped. If a vile thing is worshipped, then one tends to become vile. That is the reason many are "earthly, sensual, devilish." (cf. Psalm 115:8). People who have worshipped crocodiles, bugs and animals have ever been a degraded people. Many people virtually worship an automobile. Sunday morning finds them out shining up their "gods." There are lots of "gods" worshipped by the American people other than the true God.

Worshippers of Jehovah—worshippers of the true God—are changed into his image. (See II Cor. 3:18).

One of the most neglected things on earth is the true worship of God. The devil succeeds in finding all sorts of substitutes, and he slips them over on us if he can.

Redemption Brings . . .

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which taketh away the sin of the world!" Christ died for Adam's sin. That atones for babies and those not accountable; but when we come to the years of accountability, there are the Ten Commandments, God's Holy Law, and when we break one we go to Hell for our own sins, unless it is paid for, and we have nothing to pay for them. It takes pure blood to pay the debt and we do not have it. I John 1:7: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Galatians 4:4: "But when

the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts." Here we receive the same spirit life that Christ has.

Luke 1:26-35: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin exposed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth

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a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." So God gave His blood life to the virgin Mary and she gave the body. Christ had no human blood. If He had, He could not have redeemed us for human blood has sin. Matthew 1:21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Isaiah 7:14: "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son." This was a sign to the Jews. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

You can join and be baptized by every church, and live the best life you can, and still be lost without the blood of Christ. John 3:7: "Ye must be born again." The new birth brings new life from God.

Want Heaven

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Lord Jesus Christ, that is, when there is a church that preaches the Word of God. Non-church-goers therefore have no right to claim that they love the Lord. There is no evidence that will substantiate their claims. They do not go where He promises to be.

A second indication that your name is written there will be found in a love for the Word of God. David said, "Oh, how I love thy law." Such love of the Word is manifested in a life lived in obedience to that book. "He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure." The one who loves the Word manifests that love by living in obedience to that Word. It becomes his supreme law of faith and conduct.

In the third place he will love the people of God. "We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." All natural barriers are brushed aside. People whom they could not naturally love at all come to have a warm spot in their affections, simply because they love our Lord.

Now we do not always do these things perfectly, but they become

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the aim of our lives. We do not do these things in order that our names will be written there, but because we know they are. A number of people spend their lives drifting along without any knowledge as to whether their names are written there or not. When the knowledge dawns upon their soul they are filled with such thankfulness that they can never get enough of the church, the Word, or the people of God.

For your encouragement, let me say that the fact that you are interested in knowing whether or not your name is written there MAY indicate that it is. It may not, but it is usually a good sign. Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come unto me; and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." It may be that your interest in this matter is evidence that the Father is drawing you to the Son. It is true that most people whose names are NOT written there are never much interested in the fact. They just don't seem to care a thing about it. At the same time one cannot count upon this too much. It is understandable that a person MIGHT be interested in knowing whether or not his name is written there, and still not be among those who are included in the list. A lot of people have been interested in the question, but their love of the world drew them at last away from their search for the knowledge. It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes all of him. God says, "Ye shall search for me and find me when ye shall seek for me with your whole heart."

We haven't said a thing about works as a means of salvation because they play no part. This list was made up long before anyone had done any works of any kind. Consequently, the Bible says, "Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

If you find your name is not written there, we are sorry for you, but there isn't a thing we can do for you. Our ability only extends to the matter of letting you know how you can find out about this thing. Much of the false religion of the world arises from the fact that a lot of people whose names are not written on the list really want to get into Heaven. Consequently, they have worked up this little system and that little system for doing what God tells them they can't do. The Lord Jesus called all such "Thieves and robbers" who try to climb up some other way than the way that has been ordained of God. They can climb, but never high enough. There is only one

Way and that is the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one cometh unto the Father but by me."

You may rest assured of this: that if your name is written there, God will respond to your searching for the knowledge of it, and will let you know beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is there. God does not want any of His children living in doubt of what He has prepared for them that love Him.

The Tabernacle Trumpet

"What's Happening"

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ager of a local Christian radio station did some checking, and located Emma in a hospital here. Police confirmed the attack, but have no suspects. The station, KBLB ("K-Bless"), did a bedside interview with the normally taciturn and publicity-shunning woman, and cards, letters and callers began pouring into the hospital.

"We've never had so many cards, visitors and inquiries," said one nurse, remarking that many said they had been aware of Emma for years but had never stopped to talk to her. Volunteers from the women's auxiliary of the local Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship cared for Emma around the clock when she was released to her modest apartment a few blocks from the freeway.

Musical Instruments

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priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the House of the Lord (II Chron. 5:12, 13, 14). It is notable that God chose to identify Himself with the newly finished House, not while the Ark was being carried into its place, nor while the priests were ministering otherwise, but at the moment when the united musical service commenced. When the sacrifices were offered at the dedication of the House of the Lord, "the priests waited on their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music of the Lord, which David the King had made to praise the Lord" (II Chron. 7:6). Another detail is mentioned in I Kings 10:12 and II Chronicles 9:11, namely, that the pillars of the House of the Lord and also the harps and psalteries were made of almond trees of such magnificent quality as never to have been seen before. Even in the construction of the musical instruments of the Lord the very best material was used.

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