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A STUDY ON CHURCH AUTONOMY

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Matthew 18:17 "Hear the church"

Every person entering into church membership agrees thereby to submit to the covenants, rules, authority, and discipline of the church. The Lord adds to His church (Acts 2:47), but it is also a voluntary act on the part of the person being added, i.e. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36). Moreover, it is the duty of every Christian to earnestly seek membership in one of the Lord's churches, for all the best advantages of soul edification are to be found only in a New Testament church.

The born-again person who refuses to submit to baptism and church membership, shows thereby his despite for the wisdom of God, and the means He has provided for his care and spiritual welfare while on earth.

Once a person is properly installed in the church their susceptibility

to the church begins immediately, and should be willingly continued throughout their church life, for herein lies true spiritual liberty.



O. B. MINK

It does not mean the church is correct in all it holds to be truth, but

it does mean the church is the only institution on earth in which God has vested the authority to preach the gospel and exercise evangelical discipline. It does not mean there is no way of redress for grievances, but it does mean that all redress for public spiritual grievances is restricted to the immediate church, and that remedy for or correction for such grievances is the domain of the particular church (Matthew 18:17). The redressee may consider the disposition or action of the church to be erroneous, but his estimate of the action does not diminish its authority. Neither can the redressee nor any other power on earth

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FAITH HEALING VIEWED

By JAY GREEN

A fast-spreading error has arisen in the past century. It is being taught by earnest people that the following promises may be claimed by everyone:

Mark 16:17-18—"And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Matt. 21:21-22—"Jesus answered and said unto thee, Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done."

Mark 11:24—"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

The question then is, can we today expect a literal fulfillment of the promises?



NOBODY GUILTY

Four old cronies were sitting in the back of a local general store in a small New England town. They were playing poker. Suddenly the sheriff came through the door, saying, "Gambling again, eh? This time I'm going to take you fellows in to teach you a lesson."

The first old fellow spoke up, "Not me, sheriff, I just dropped in to talk." The sheriff turned to the second man who drawled, "Wasn't playin', sheriff, just visitin'." The sheriff looked at the third man and inquired, "What have you got to say?" The third codger languidly replied, "Not guilty, sheriff, I just came in to warm up at the stove." The fourth man sat quietly through the whole scene studying the cards in his hand, when the sheriff with a smile of victory on his face erupted, "Well, you can't deny that you've been playing cards."

The fourth old gray-hair continued to look at the cards he was holding; then in a mocking voice asked, "Now, sheriff, who would I be playing with?"

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The vast multitudes will say YES. The more ungodly the professing Christian the more he wants to hug these verses in his bosom, for he believes them to say that whatsoever he desires for the satisfaction of his physical needs and pleasures, he may have. All he must do is work himself up to an unwavering belief that God would not deny him his desires, then ask for whatever is in his mind. That we cannot appropriate these particular promises can be clearly shown by Scripture. Man does not want to look at other Scripture because he selfishly wants prayer to be like a wishing cap that can be put on at any time of day or night, and which brings immediate results regardless of the request.

We want to say right now that we believe in Divine healing. We believe there is no other kind of healing but Divine healing. We also believe in the power of prayer, knowing that multitudes of miracles in the Bible were performed through the medium of faith and through prayer. However, public miracles ceased almost 1900 years ago and so did the divinely bestowed gifts of healing, casting out demons, speaking in tongues, discerning of spirits, knowledge without study, and all other gifts which obtained in apostolic times. That this was meant to be so is shown by I Corinthians 13th chapter where it is said they will cease. It

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from without the church, be it another church of like faith and order, or an association of such churches veto the action of the church holding the membership of the person seeking redress.

God-given autonomy leaves nothing lacking or wanting which another church or body of churches may supply. The divinely bestowed autonomy is of such nature that everything necessary to governmentally edify the church is inherent in it when given, and any dissent or deviation therefrom is to impugn the designs of God. God made His churches autonomous so as to preserve their purity by disciplining erring members, and to protect them from encroachment from without.

Ecclesiastical autonomy is derived from the Lord, and is restricted in its exercise to each local church. When it extends itself beyond the immediate church it exceeds the designs omniscience has

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A Sermon by John R. Gilpin

THE FEAR OF GOD

"Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord" (Psa. 34:11).

I am afraid the one thing that is lacking today in Calvary Baptist Church, in Ashland, in the United States, and in the world, is the fear of God. I thoroughly believe that the majority of people have no fear of God. This text says, "Come, ye children: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." If God enables me in this message, I desire to teach you something about the fear of the Lord.

There is a lot of difference between fear of God and being afraid of God. I think there is many a person who, in times of sickness, especially when death is imminent, is afraid of God, but, at the same time, that individual does not have the fear of God. I will illustrate the difference.

Once upon a time, David sought to do a right thing in a wrong way. I am speaking about the time when he desired to haul the ark of the Lord to Jerusalem on an oxcart. The ark was symbolic of

God's presence, and the Lord had told Israel that the ark was never to be moved or transported in any manner except to be carried, and then it was to be carried only by Levitical hands.

The ark had been in the hands of the Philistines, who were a heathen people, and God had allowed them to haul His ark. One day, after the Philistines had had it in their hands and had hauled it about, David wanted to bring it up to Jerusalem. The Word of God

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CHILDREN OF THE KING

By ELD. DAVID GOETZ
Kirkerville, Mo.

The King appointed His children; and if children, then heirs, heirs of the King and joint-heirs with His Son. The power and wisdom of the King, in choosing the unwanted things of the kingdom of darkness, has completely destroyed all wisdom, understanding prudent in the City of Evil. The King declared His love through His Son. The King revealed to His children the mystery of Love. The King commanded His Love to His children.

The King's children in time past walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of darkness and power of evil. The King's children's desires were according to the evils of darkness. The King's children were born in the land of darkness and carry the same characteristics of the children of darkness.

The King sent out Holy Pneuma with His book of Appointments. Pneuma carries the words of the King, and the Word was carried at his side in the form of a sword. (Psa. 45:3: "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.") When Pneuma lifted up the sword to action for the King, his action was quick and powerful. The sword he carried was sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing, even to dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow. It is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It is used in warfare of the king to the pulling down of the strongholds, the casting down of the power of alien

fences and everything that exalteth itself against the King. Hosios Pneuma comes and goes like the wind which is invisible, and powerful. No one knew when Pneuma came and went except those few that were visited by Pneuma according to the decree of the King.

It is the work of Pneuma to go to the land of Darkness and death, where the works of the flesh have cultivated and planted the hillside. In the land of darkness, the wind blew with hate. There is no water, for all are unclean and dirty living in darkness. They walk on streets of adultery and fornication. They lie and desire to murder. They are of the Red Dragon, which is the father of all lies and murders from the beginning. Corrupt trees are on the hillside and are full of grapes of thorns and figs of thistles. Conversation of that land is bitter and envying and strife of unruly evil. This wisdom is earthy, sensual and devilish.

Pneuma walks the street in the day of his power with the Sword of Light. They that doeth evil hate the light, lest their deeds should be reprov'd. Pneuma seeketh out the chosen of the King in the Land of Darkness.

In the King's Great House, there are vessels of gold and of silver. There are also vessels of wood and of the earth. The vessels of gold and silver are to honor. The vessels of wood and earth are to dishonor. The work of Pneuma is to separate vessels of honor and dishonor. Servant of the Lord sanctify (Continued on page 8, Col. 1)

LOOK AND LIVE

By AL GORMLEY

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:14-16). These verses come from the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Jesus had told Nicodemus that a man must be born again before he can see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3). In the verses above Jesus told him how this new birth takes place.

OLD TESTAMENT ILLUSTRATION

Nicodemus was familiar with the Old Testament and its teachings since he was a ruler of the Jews and, therefore, Jesus brought this before him to illustrate the way the new birth takes place.

In Numbers 21:5-9 we have the lifting up of the serpent in the wilderness. Jesus said that in like manner the Son of man must be lifted up. As we study this passage

to which Jesus refers, we see some great spiritual truths come to light which are also present when a person is born again.

ALL ARE SINNERS

In Numbers 21:5 the children of Israel spake against God and Moses. They were complaining about the lack of bread and water. The light bread spoken of here refers to the manna (a type of Christ) which was God's daily provision for them to live by. The people had sinned against God and God will punish sin. Romans 6:23 says that the wages of sin is death, which is more than a physical death but an eternal death. All men, before they are saved, are in the same condition. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). All men are sinners and have come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23. The complaining, the cursing, and the denial of God's Word to live by is sin. So we today are in the same condition as they were.

GOD'S JUDGMENT

The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people. The serpent is (Continued on page 5, column 3)



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

In devotions recently I was comparing Psalms 22, 23 and 24. I found that this comparison gave me a deeper appreciation for my loving Shepherd.

In Psalm 22 He is the Saviour of the Cross, the Shepherd of yesterday. In Psalm 23 He is the Shepherd of the Crook, the Shepherd of today. In Psalm 24, He is the Sovereign of the Crown, the Shepherd of tomorrow.

In Psalm 22 He is the Good Shepherd. In Psalm 23, He is the Great Shepherd. In Psalm 24 He is the Chief Shepherd. In Psalm 22 He is Prophet and as Prophet He dies for His sheep.

In Psalm 23 He is Priest and as Priest He lives for His sheep. In Psalm 24 He is King and as King returns for His own.

In the three Psalms respectively He appears as Lamb, Leader and Lord. He is my hope now and for all eternity!

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The Fear Of God

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tells us how David hired a young man to haul that ark to the city of Jerusalem. This thing displeased God.

Now mind you, David was doing a right thing, but he was doing it in the wrong manner, and the thing displeased God to the extent that God smote the young man who was driving the oxcart. God smote him and killed him. Instantaneously, God just completely wiped that man's life out. The thing displeased David, and the Word of God tells us how he set the ark off, and left it at the house of Obed-edom, where it stayed for three months. We read:

And David WAS AFRAID OF THE LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me" (II Sam. 6:9).

Notice, he was afraid of the Lord that day. He had done wrong. Even though he was seeking to do a right thing, he was doing it in the wrong way. That doesn't sound like the David we read about in the Psalms — the David who trusted God at all times. That doesn't sound like the David who said:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psa. 23:4).

What a contrast between David when he had sinned and was afraid of God, and David when he was rightly serving God!

When we speak about the fear of God, we mean reverential awe. We mean piety. We mean reverential trust. When we talk about a man being afraid of God, we mean literally that such a man is just scared to death for his life. There is a lot of difference between the fear of God and being afraid of God. I am satisfied that every unsaved man, when he is sick, is afraid of God. I am satisfied that every unsaved man, when he comes to die, is afraid of God. I have seen unsaved people clutch the covers and pull them over their heads when they were dying. They were afraid of God. I have seen others who knew the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, who were actuated by the fear of God. I have seen them as

BRIEF NOTES

Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of East Moline, Illinois, Pastor Charles Empey, will be having one week of special services July 21-27 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The guest speaker for these services will be Bro. Jarrel Huffman, Pastor of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church of Duncan, Okla. Everyone within driving distance is welcome in attendance. Their temporary address is 611 - 11th Ave., Silvis, Ill. This community is adjoined with East Moline. The meeting place is called "It's A Child's World Day Care Center."

The Rehoboth Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Edmond Dempsey would like to announce a revival meeting beginning July 21—July 27, 7:30 each evening with Elder Oscar Mink, pastor of the Mansfield Missionary Baptist Church Mansfield, Ohio as evangelist. The church meets in the Orr Store building located on Skaggs Hill, Pennington Gap, Va. and all within driving distance are invited to attend.

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they have praised the Lord when came the hour of their death.

I can remember one woman, who, as she was dying, turned to her husband and said, "You know, I was happy the day we were married, and we have had a happy marriage. But this is the happiest day of my life. I hope you won't feel badly when I tell you, but this is really the happiest day of my life."

Beloved, it was the fear of God that motivated her, whereas I have

who has great treasure, but he has no fear of God. Even though he has great treasure, he has great trouble. In contrast, he says, "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord." In other words, you would be better off if you had a few pennies, and had the fear of God in your heart, than you would if you had a great fortune and were without the fear of God.

Listen again:

"For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but FEAR THOU GOD" (Eccl. 5:7).

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: FEAR GOD, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13).

When we come to the New Testament, we find the Lord Jesus Christ giving certain instructions unto His apostles as He sent them forth. He said:

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather FEAR HIM which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28).

Most people would be afraid of the man that might kill us. We would be afraid of that individual that would take our lives. But the Lord Jesus said, "That is nothing to worry about. You fear Him that can destroy both soul and body in Hell." In other words, the man that kills you, just destroys your body, but God destroys both soul and body in Hell, Jesus said, "Fear Him."

I say then, beloved, in the light of these Scriptures that I have just read to you that God is to be feared.

II

SOME HAVE NO FEAR OF GOD.

It seems a strange thing that people wouldn't have any fear of God, but many of them don't. God's Word specifically tells us that some people have no fear of God. Listen.

"The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is NO FEAR OF GOD before his eyes" (Psa. 36:1).

When the Apostle Paul would describe the unsaved, he said:

"There is NO FEAR OF GOD before their eyes" (Rom. 3:18).

As Jude would speak of the apostate teachers of his day, one of the characteristics that he says they possess is that they are without fear. Listen.

"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves WITHOUT FEAR" (Jude 1:12).

Some people, I say, have no fear of God, and lots of Baptists have absolutely no fear of God. You tell me that a man can read Malachi 3:8-10, which talks about tithing, the blessings which come from tithing, and the curse that comes from not tithing — you tell me that a man can read Malachi 3:8-10 and refuse to tithe, refuse to bring his tenth unto the Lord, that that man has the fear of God in his heart? Beloved, if he had the fear of God in his heart, he would want to give in the light of the Word of God.

Do you mean to tell me that a man can read Hebrews 10:25, which says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is," that a man can read that verse of Scripture and lie up in bed on Sunday morning and not come to the House of God? Beloved, he has no fear of God before his eyes.

I say to you, when a man reads I Thessalonians 5:17, which says, "Pray without ceasing," and stays away from the house of God on Wednesday night, and does not attend the prayer service unless he has a reason that would be approved by a good conscience before God, there is something wrong with that individual. He does not have the fear of God within his heart.

Let's take another illustration in the Bible. Abraham was either blessed or cursed (whichever way you look at it) with a beautiful wife. I rather imagine Sarah was quite some "looker" when she was a young woman. Even when she was 80 years of age and better, Sarah and Abraham took a tour down into Egypt. As they neared Egypt, Abraham said, "You tell them that you are my sister, be-

A MESSAGE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

In view of the fact that many pastors and churches over the land are concerned that no answers have been presented concerning the allegations that are being made relative to Bro. Halliman, his family and New Guinea Missions, we are using this means to share the following information regarding a meeting that was held to bring about reconciliation.

On the evening of March 10, 1980, by mutual consent, Bro. Milburn Cockrell, Bro. Fred Halliman, Bro. James Hobbs, Bro. W. W. Wilkerson, and Bro. Kimm Zamarron met in the basement office of Calvary Baptist Church. The results of the meeting were that all issues appeared to be reconciled, with Bro. Cockrell promising to publish this fact in a forthcoming issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Bro. Halliman then believing that all questions had been satisfactorily answered and all requirements met, immediately made plans to depart for the mission field in New Guinea. In the meantime, Bro. Cockrell reneged on his promise and proceeded to bring further charges and allegations, took the easy way out and resigned as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and has continued to write letters about the charges and allegations as if no reconciliation had ever been reached.

Because it requires some 6 to 8 weeks for round trip correspondence to and from New Guinea, Bro. Halliman has just recently learned that Bro. Cockrell has continued to write and mail many letters to many people as if no reconciliations were made. Bro. Halliman has furnished answers to all of the allegations that have been made for all who are interested. So that valuable space needed for publishing the precious doctrines of our blessed Lord not be wasted, anyone desiring further information may write Calvary Baptist Church, at the usual address of P.O. Box 71, Ashland, Ky. 41101 and you will receive a copy of answers to the most frequently asked questions, written by Fred Halliman himself.

cause somebody will see you and kill me and take you." He got by fairly well in that case.

A little later, Abraham was in the country of Gerar with King Abimelech and he tried to pass Sarah off as his sister. When Abimelech found out that Sarah was not the sister but rather the wife of Abraham, and that he was being deceived he called them on the carpet. What was Abraham's excuse for what he had done? Listen: "And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely THE FEAR OF GOD is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake" (Gen. 20:11).

He said, "The reason I did it was because I thought the fear of God was not in this place. I thought that there was nobody here that feared God. Therefore I have done what I have done because I thought there was nobody here that feared God."

I am satisfied that there are places like that, that there is no fear of God. I am satisfied that there isn't a single person in that town that has any fear of God, I am satisfied that there are lots of communities where there is nobody in the community that has any fear of God. They may be good people; they may be good, moral upright citizens—citizens of ethics and morals yet they have no fear of God.

I tell you, beloved, this Bible tells us that God is to be feared, yet it tells us that some people have no fear of God.

III

GOD HAS BLESSINGS FOR THOSE THAT FEAR HIM.

As I have studied through God's Word, it has been more than a blessing to me to notice that God has some blessings in store for that individual that fears Him. Listen: "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee" (Psa. 31:19).

A man goes to the bank on payday, and makes a deposit. He is laying up something against his old age. The Psalmist says that God has something laid up for the man who fears Him, and he says, "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them

that fear thee."

Let's notice some of the blessings that He has laid up for those individuals who fear God.

Here is the first blessing: If you fear God, then you can worship Him. Believe me when I say you can't worship God if you are an unsaved person. Jesus said that the only person that can worship is the individual that worships "in spirit and in truth." Listen:

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

An unsaved man may go to church. He may sit through a worship service, but he actually cannot enter into the worship service for the simple reason that the Holy Spirit is not within him.

Beloved, I say to you, when a man fears God, it enables him to worship.

Listen again: "But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of the mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple" (Psa. 5:7).

In other words, the Psalmist says, "I'll go to church. I'll come into your house, and in a multitude of mercy and in thy fear — in the fear of the Lord, I will worship in thy holy temple."

Beloved, no man has ever yet worshipped God apart from the fear of the Lord. It enables you to worship. If you fear God, it enables you to worship.

Another blessing that comes from the fear of God is the fact that it prolongs one's days here in this world. I am not speaking from God's standpoint, because God has your days numbered. But from your standpoint—from the human standpoint, it prolongs your days to fear God. Listen:

"The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened" (Prov. 10:27).

Then there is the blessing in that the fear of God produces confidence in God. We read:

"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge" (Prov. 14:26).

Beloved, in the fear of the Lord, the children of God can have a re-

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JOHN R. GILPIN

seen others, as I say, clutch the covers of the bed, pull them over their heads, and scream and shriek that the devils of Hell were all about them. They were afraid of God. That is the distinction.

I

GOD IS TO BE FEARED.

We read: "Thou, even thou, art TO BE FEARED" (Psa. 76:7).

This verse very specifically tells us that God is to be feared.

Notice again:

"Better is little with the FEAR

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fuge there. I remember sometime ago that I was out on the plains of Kansas. It was interesting to me to note the storm cellars they have there. The winds blow rather briskly across the plains of Kansas, and it was interesting to me to notice that nearly every person has a storm cellar. When the storm comes, and the wind blows, it looks like the people might be blown completely off the face of the earth. They break for that storm cellar, and hide in its refuge until the storm has passed.

Beloved, the man who fears God has a spiritual storm cellar. The man that has the fear of God within his heart that man in the fear of the Lord, has strong confidence. He has real confidence in the hour of trouble.

Another blessing which comes through the fear of the Lord is that it will keep one from evil. We read:

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: FEAR THE LORD, AND DEPART FROM EVIL" (Prov. 3:7).

I don't think that if you have the fear of God in your heart as you should, your life will be filled with evil. I think this Scripture is very clear when it says, "Fear the Lord, and depart from evil," as if to say that the ultimate consequence of the fear of the Lord is to depart from evil.

Another blessing in fearing the Lord is that it brings security to the child of God. When I say security, I mean that the child of God knows that God is going to keep him. He is going to be safe, eternally and always. We read:

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put MY FEAR in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me" (Jer. 32:40).

The man who has the fear of God in his heart has a guarantee of security in Christ Jesus. Isn't it wonderful to know that if you have the fear of God in your heart you have a guarantee of security?

I think about some of these heretics that are on the radio on Sunday who talk about falling from

grace, who emphasize the fact that you can be saved today and lost tomorrow. I tell you, beloved, they don't have the fear of God in their hearts. If they had the fear of God in their hearts, they would know that there is security in Christ, because if God puts His fear in a man's heart, He also puts the thought of security there. God's Word says that if they have the fear of God in their hearts, "they shall not depart from me."

IV

IT PAYS TO FEAR GOD.

Right here in this world it pays. I am not talking about when you die. But right here in this world, if you fear God, it pays big dividends.

In Moses days, there had been a decree go out from King Pharaoh that all the boy babies that were born in the land of Egypt were to be put to death. Midwifery was common in these days. When a woman was to have a baby, she didn't have to go to the hospital. She didn't have to have a doctor and a half dozen nurses. She didn't have the care that women have today.

The Word of God tells about these midwives, how they were used of God in the delivery of the babies of the Israelites, and how, instead of destroying the children as they were ordered to by the king, that they saved some of them alive. If you will read the first chapter of Exodus, you will find that the king called them up on the carpet and said, "What is the reason you haven't destroyed these boy babies?" They gave a rather flimsy excuse. They said, "Well, these Israelitish women, they are more active than the Egyptian women, and they give birth to the child before we get there." That was just an excuse. The reality of it and the reason back of it was Exodus 1:17, which says:

"But the midwives FEARED GOD, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive."

These midwives gave the old king an excuse. The reason was they feared God.

Then we read:

"And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses" (Ex. 1:21).

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Ephesians 6:10-13.

Intro.: As Paul, under inspiration, comes to the conclusion of this letter, in which is set forth the glorious salvation we have in Christ Jesus, he gives one final but urgent exhortation to remind the church of her responsibility on this earth. She has been charged with a ministry to carry God's message into all the world. There-

I don't know how God blessed them. I am not sure as to the full meaning of that expression, "he made them houses." But I know one thing: because they feared God, God blessed them. I say to you, it pays to fear the Lord.

Notice again:

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE was written before him for them that FEARED THE LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels" (Mal. 3:16,17).

Notice concerning the man who fears God, God says He'll be mine in the day when I make up my jewels." It refers to the man who fears Him. I tell you, beloved, it pays to fear God.

CONCLUSION

An unsaved man? He does not fear God. He is afraid of God. He is very much afraid of God, but he doesn't have the fear of God in his heart. I'll show you the picture of an unsaved man when he comes down to the end of his way.

In Revelation 21, we are told about certain classes that are going to Hell, and it names a number of them: the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars. Eight groups shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. The fearful — the man that is afraid of God. God says that the unbeliever, the abominable, the

Be sure if God sends you on stony paths, He will provide you with strong shoes.

murderer, the whoremonger, the sorcerer, the idolater, and the liar are all going to Hell, but the man that is going there first, the fellow that is given preeminence, the fellow that is given priority, the fellow that is listed as Number One, is the fearful — the man that is afraid.

Once in a while, someone will say to me, "Brother Gilpin, I am just afraid I am not saved." I never argue with such. I know he is not. I know he is not saved. The man who says "I am afraid I am not saved," I know he isn't saved.

I tell you, beloved, the man who is afraid, isn't saved. He is in a mighty big class — a mighty bad class. He is one of the eight groups that is spoken of in Revelation 21:8 who is going to be cast into Hell, which He says is the second death.

Might it please God to help you who are unsaved to realize that it pays to fear God. May you realize that it is a terrible thing to come down to the end of the way, and to be afraid of God, for if you do so, you are going into Hell. But the man who fears God, and who walks in the fear of God, who has walked in reverential fear and piety, when he comes to the end of the way, can fold his arms across a pulseless breast and he can say, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I will fear no evil."

May God bless you when you come to the end of the way, that you will be able to meet Him in peace because you have the fear of God in your heart!



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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fore because of who she is and where she is, she is a prime target of the evil one. The "gates of Hell" are seeking to enclose the church to destroy her (Matt. 16:18). The Devil as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour (I Pet. 5:7). However, he is ever so subtle in coming as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:13,14). Now in the exhortation before us in this lesson we can be thankful the Captain of the Lord's host has made ample provisions for this great conflict in furnishing ample supplies by providing "the whole armour of God." Yet, God has supplied all of our need (Phil. 4:19).

VERSE 10

"Finally." Carries with it the idea of starting right now and continuing onward. In other words, don't attempt any movement either offensively or defensively without this. Therefore be very sure of this by examination and preparation.

"My brethren." Paul's attachment and endearment to the saints is vividly demonstrated both in word and in deed. He was both to spend and to be spent for them. No preacher will be much help without this.

"Be strong in the Lord." The saint is to find His source of strength always in the Lord (I Sam. 45).

"And in the power of His might." His power has been defined in Ephesians 1:19 and 3:20. Therefore we can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philip. 4:13). This, I believe, is being filled with the Spirit and walking in the Spirit (Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16) and also walking in Christ (Col. 2:6).

VERSE 11

"Put on." The child of God has been exhorted to put off the old

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man and to put on the new man in chapter 4:22-24 of this letter.

"The whole." We are not to be indifferent or careless or selective, but use the total supply.

"Armour of God." This armour is both fashioned and furnished by God. It is therefore designed and designated for a definite use.

"That ye may be able." The child of God will find the armour sufficient in every aspect. It will cover, leaving no achilles heel exposed. It will conquer as used on the offensive.

"To stand against the wiles of the devil." John the Baptist was found to be no reed blown in the wind because he was empowered of God. Yes, the Devil will huff and puff, using all of his energy and ingenuity to blow the Christian down or off course, but will be unsuccessful, while the child of God uses the resources at his disposal. The tricks of the Devil are many and varied; as we see in the Garden of Eden and in the temptations of Christ, but can all be met by the prepared Christian.

VERSE 12

"For we wrestle." This is a very real conflict of hand to hand combat.

"Not against flesh and blood." However, it is a spiritual and not a physical conflict.

"But against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." What a vivid description of the forces of evil surrounding the children of God. The unseen enemy who is ever present. Although unseen, neither the Devil nor his armies are mythical in character; they are very real. They are organized in their ranks and in the execution of their plans.

VERSE 13

"Wherefore." Because of who the foe is and because of the force.

"Take unto you the whole armour of God." The trumpet has sounded for the battle; therefore, be not unarmed, but pick up and put on the proper weapons supplied by the Commander and Chief. Each piece is necessary either for offense or defense.

"That ye may be able to withstand." There is no question about it — the enemy is advancing in full battle array seeking to overrun, scatter, and defeat, and there is only one way to meet him.

"In that evil day." The battle does not lessen, but intensifies in the close of this age. The darkness deepens and perilous times arrive (II Tim. 3:1-5).

"And having done all." That is, having put forth every effort to properly prepare.

"To stand." Don't give ground. Read carefully Paul's statement in Galatians 2:5, "to whom we gave place by subjection, no not for an hour." Don't compromise nor give audience to the enemy (Neh. 6:1-9). "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

Conclusion: My beloved fellow-saints, how we need a revival in this respect. The Devil has made inroads into our assemblies and is outwardly taking the field; however, may we regroup under our victorious Captain and stand in the gap. May we heed the admonition in Hebrews 10:24,25: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

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"Can a child of God commit suicide?"

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As suicide is a sin, let's take up the sin question and discuss it. All of Adam's race are born into this world with a sinful nature. This nature is capable of and does commit sin.

At the new birth God imparts a new nature which is sinless, but the old nature is not removed. This is where the trouble starts for the child of God. The old sinful nature wants to continue in sin, but the new sinless nature does not. There is a constant warfare between the two natures. The seventh chapter of Romans tells us of this warfare. The fact that we are warned over and over in the Word of God not to commit sin, shows that we can and do sin.

In I John 1:9 we are told that, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Unconfessed sin brings about chastisement (Heb. 12:5-8). I John 5:16 tells us there is a sin unto death. Some in the church at Corinth had committed a sin unto death (I Cor. 11:30) "... and many sleep." Suicide of a child of God would be such a sin. What does this sin unto death mean? It means that God has ceased to use that person in this life and has taken him home. Remember, Christ on the cross of Calvary paid for that sin as well as all of his other sins, even the sin of suicide.

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There is no sin a child of God cannot commit except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mt. 12:31, 32). It is believed by some that Samson committed suicide (Judges 16:28-30), but I prefer to believe he was a soldier dying in battle against the enemies of God. Suicide is self-murder, and Samson prayed to God for strength to bring about the great slaughter of the Philistines wherein he would die in achieving this God-honoring end. God granted him the strength. Samson's prayer was a prayer of faith whereby God would receive great glory. It was not a prayer motivated by a desire to commit suicide. Samson was a martyr, a willing sacrifice for the cause of God. Samson made the heroes of faith Hall of Fame (Heb. 11). Self-murderers are a stench

in the nostrils of God, and to all that is decent and honorable.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh..." (John 3:6). The flesh of the Christian is not one whit better than that of the vilest reprobate, and if it were not for the restraining grace of God the saint would stoop to depths of debauchery that would make the crimes of Hitler look like childish pranks. God's grace is sufficient to keep the Christian from committing suicide, while many may contemplate suicide it is extremely rare when this preventative grace does not lift up the distressed saint and cause him to repent of such a foolish notion.

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This is a difficult question to answer as the Bible does not say much about it.

Since God is in control of all things, even if a person committed suicide they would not be leaving this life before God had determined for him to do so. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: a

Church Autonomy

(Continued from page one) given it, assumes power not inherent in it, and becomes destructive rather than protective. Church autonomy is of such nature that when men press it beyond its original designs, and form conventions, associations, or any such thing which subordinate churches; it does not gain a true advantage, but the new autonomy becomes an adversary of the churches.

BAPTIST CHURCHES SUBJECT TO ONLY ONE HEAD

Jesus Christ is the Supreme magistrate and unquestionable Head of the church. Ephesians 1:22, "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the church." Every church is responsible to God for its actions, and to none other. This does not mean that a church can unduly offend any person, but it does mean that Christ is the only legal examiner of churches. A church may consider the action of a sister church to be contrary to the spirit and letter of the New Testament, but the disagreeing church has no proper authority whereby they can go behind the action of the church to inquire whether it acted justly or unjustly. Decisions made by a church are not subject to the official examination of another church or any number of churches.

The recognition of church autonomy will go a long way in keeping ecclesiastical disputes to a minimum. Churches disagree, and

time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted" (Ecl. 3:1,2).

We have at least one example of a servant of God who committed suicide in the Bible. Samson not only killed himself, but prayed for God's blessing on it. (See Judges 16:28-31). Others who committed suicide include Saul and his armor-bearer (I Sam. 31:4,5), Ahithophel who hung himself (II Sam. 17:23), and Zimri who burned the house down on himself (I Kings 16:18).

often do, but no church has the power or authority to abridge the action of the church with whom they disagree. An attempt to do so would be to exercise the prerogative which belongs exclusively to God, and in essence would be an attempt to improve upon the government which God has appointed. This does not mean that disputing churches, cannot call in a third church for advice and counsel, but the third church or counseling churches should never assume arbitrary power for themselves. To do so would necessarily subordinate the autonomy of the disputing churches, which subordination belongs to God only. The autonomy God has placed in His churches cannot be superceded by human arbitration, be it ever so expeditious. Only He who granted autonomy may revoke it, this is his peculiar work, and every other person and church must wait His appointed season.

A sense of duty to God will beget proper respect for the autonomy of the Lord's churches, and their ecclesiastical dispositions. To infringe on the autonomy of a church is not only to exceed proper limits and exercise undue authority, but such inordinate conduct is an affront to the Head of the church, and brings the infringing church into disrepute in the eyes of orderly churches. Within each New Testament church is the authority of heaven (Matthew 28:18-20), and there is no power on earth sufficiently preeminent to contravene the decision of a New Testament church. However, the Head of the church has built invincible walls to contain that authority. Common prudence teaches that church authority and discipline cannot reach beyond the immediate membership of the church, and any effort to extend that authority beyond those walls is antiheaven.

AUTONOMY

SELF ENDANGERED

A church may err, and churches have often erred as is seen by the departure from the faith by the Galatian churches (Galatians 1:6, 7); the churches of Asia Minor (Revelation 2,3); and the church at Corinth was replete with error. When a church errs and becomes irregular in gospel practices the means and measure of correction must come from within the erring church. And the least coercion from without would be a serious error in itself.

Every New Testament church is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, tutored by the Holy Spirit, empowered by the Holy Spirit with authority, and made sufficient by the Holy Spirit to attain all the holy ends assigned it in the commission given by the Head of the Church. Knowing a church is subject to err, it behooves every church to keep its "pillar and ground of the truth" from becoming spotted or blemished. A church is not only subject to err, but may persist in its error, and degenerate to the place that Christ will say, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:5). Jesus

Christ is the glorious and infallible Head of every New Testament church, and He will be long suffering with the erring church, His patience and mercy with the erring church may be tried oft times. But if in due season the church fails to repent, then the Lord will chasten the church, and if correction and repentance are not produced by chastening He will for the sake of His own honor and glory remove the candlestick.

As a member is responsible to the church for wrong doing, so is a church liable to Christ. The failure of a member to repent of wrongdoing is to despise the highest authority on earth, the failure of a church to repent of her departure from truth is to despise her Head which the church is constituted. As long as repentance goes wanting in an excluded and offending person, church privileges are to be denied that person. While a church persists in its sin, fellowship with Christ suffers, the power of the church wanes, and ultimately the candlestick is removed. Having "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:4), is the ground of church acceptance with God, anything less endangers church autonomy and status. The gracious Lord has spoken to erring churches, saying, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent" (Revelation 3:19). If the deviating church continues in its rebellion and impenitent state, the Head of the church will set it aside, saying, "... And all the churches shall know that I am He which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto everyone of you according to your works" (Revelation 2:23). The Lord disciplines His churches, and has never given authority to men to do so, and it behooves all churches and men to leave it with Christ where it sovereignly resides.

Faith Healing

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is also shown in that the epistles were written for our guidance on all matters, and there is not one word said about what we should do about the gift of healing. The only mention of healing is in I Corinthians where it is clearly shown that the divine gift would cease, and in James where it is said that the elders of the church should be sent for and should COME and pray for you.

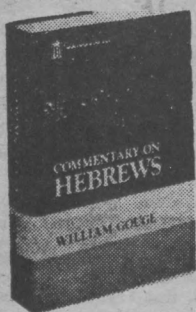
The reason for this article is that there are those going about our country, claiming to have healing powers, though some of them readily admit they have no divine powers but plead the efficacy of the verses of our text. They tell their victims that if they will only believe, God will SURELY do as they ask. These vultures prey on the sick and the afflicted. They tell them to come, they even send out invitational booklets of testimonials, or other types of advertisements. Realizing failure is always present when man is the agent, they give no promises. Then when failures come they always blame the failure on the afflicted's lack of faith. That this is wholly unscriptural, and to show the true meaning of the above Scripture, is our aim herewith.

Now the verses of our text have to do with the miracles which attended the preaching of the Gospel in the early days of Christianity, and we note that these miracles were performed by faith. These verses were spoken to a particular class, and they were promises which were fulfilled very shortly thereafter. They were spoken to the disciples. In Matthew 21:21 and Mark 11:24, they were spoken immediately after the withered fig tree. The followers of Christ were assured that they, too, could do such a thing, that they could even remove mountains, if so be that they would pray, believing. Now earlier, Christ had appointed twelve to preach and to perform miracles (which miracles were to accredit them) to show that they were followers of the Almighty. After that the 70 were commissioned to preach and came back rejoicing in that they had cast out devils. They also healed the sick. Therefore these promises here were made to those already in possession of miraculous powers and the design of them was the strengthening of the disciples. We can see by the context that these words were spoken in regard to the performing of miracles. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." These words are indefinite and unqualified, yet we cannot take them without limitation in the light of other Scripture. The context shows that miracles were being considered here. Christ is assuring His apostles that if they prayed in faith for any supernatural gift of power in particular, that gift of power would be granted. There is no Scriptural warrant for believing that this promise held good for the personal wants of the disciples. They were men in poor circumstances, men afflicted in various ways, having trials and temptations, being men subject to like infirmities as we are. We cannot doubt that they often prayed for the removal of (or mitigation of) their personal afflictions and obstacles. Yet nowhere are we given any inkling of their being able to unqualifiedly call on the Lord and through faith have Him change things according to their desires. Paul, an accredited apostle, certainly could not. Many of Paul's prayers of faith are demonstrated to have gone unfulfilled, though every single one was answered and God's Will was shown him. Rather look at Judas, who was one of those to whom those promises were given. Judas was one who went about performing miracles through faith that these promises would be fulfilled. Now we know that Judas desired many things for himself, even stealing from the money bag, and if these promises were universal surely Judas would have had many things for himself.

"BELIEVING, ye shall receive" and again in Mark 11:24, "BELIEVE that ye receive them." This promise with respect to miracles was conditioned upon faith. That it must have been a certain kind of faith, and that it was conditioned like all other promises in Scripture, is shown by the application that the disciples made of the promises. See Matthew 17 (Continued on p. 5, Col. 1)

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where the disciples had failed to heal the sorely vexed boy. They asked the Lord why, and He told them it was because of their unbelief. Now clearly it was not unbelief in Jesus as the Son of God. So, in this case, it must mean they had not applied the belief that they are exhorted to have in the verses of our text, the belief that they can cure by faith. It rests on another foundation. It could only be exercised by those endowed with supernatural power to work miracles, which pertains alone to Christ's appointed at the beginning of this age. This faith had to rely on these specific promises of Christ which had to do with performing miracles, for it was only through faith that they could count on His assistance. This is demonstrated in our text verse, "And these signs follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." An instance of this faith in the promise of supernatural power is seen in acts 3 and 4 wherein Peter declares that the healing of the beggar came from faith in the name of Jesus. It was clearly the power of Christ being demonstrated through the faith of Peter in the performing of it.

Saving faith has to do with the receiving of the Gospel; it is laying hold of Christ Himself. But the faith to perform miracles can only be exercised by those to whom special promises for the working of such had been given. They had the word of Christ that such miracles would be performed (Mark 16:17, 18) and they believed His Word. That this faith is inferior altogether is clearly shown by the fact that Judas oftentimes performed miracles by this kind of faith. Paul shows how we should look upon such faith in I Corinthians 13:2, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing."

It should be obvious to all of us that we cannot apply these promises to ourselves today. No minister should declare "all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive them." Many a faithhealer has claimed this promise and told it to the afflicted. Then he has watched them pick up their crutches and hobble away. He blames the failure on the little faith of the crippled, the sick and the blind. Whereas, Scripture teaches the faith belongs in the healer and not in the afflicted. These healing men have no faith which is demonstrated by miracles, because they cannot claim these promises of our Lord. If they were divinely given the gift of healing, then would our Lord fulfill His promise to do whatsoever they would ask, believing. So they are

the afflicted for their failure to heal. Of course, most of the modern breed of healer is the sneaking kind and invite people to come to them to be healed. Furthermore, they in their form of prayer claim the promises given in Scripture to those with the gift of healing in early times.

Of course, all this so-called faith healing is antiscriptural from the standpoint that it does not consider the Will of God, or the Word of God. We will show this to be so in a later article on "Faith-healing Prayer." But they are further shown to be wrong by numerous acts of healing in the Inspired Word where no personal faith was present in the afflicted at all. Naaman had no faith in the Jordan River, nor in Elisha for that matter. Jesus healed the ear of the soldier (which Peter slashed) without any act of faith. No faith in the raising of the little girl, as a matter of fact, it is said those present scoffed at our Lord. No faith in the son of the Centurion, or the man on the cot, or the man at the troubled waters, etc. Mark 9:18-24 shows us a case where the healed boy had no faith, and the father had none so that he told Jesus to do something IF HE COULD. Jesus imparted faith to him, but need not to have done so. And so with

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the disciples in their healing. Acts 5:15, 16 shows people being healed by the very shadow of Peter, and states that they brought the sick from near and far and EVERY SINGLE ONE of them was healed. Would you have me believe that each one of this multitude had an unwavering, undoubting faith in God through Jesus Christ? Or isn't it true that the faith lay in Peter, and that his faith was in the promises and Word of our text verses.

Our faith-healing evangelists would soon go out of business if they would preach these Scriptural facts to their audience. The Lord will put them out of business anyway one of these days, and they will have an uncomfortable time remembering their wicked ways. As for me, even though I were afflicted I would put my faith in the Word of God as my guide. The Word tells me, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth my infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered." If I need the intercessions of a person for the relief of my affliction, I shall choose with spiritual wisdom the Holy Spirit of God to be my intercessor in prayer.

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Look And Live

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a figure of Satan, as he used the serpent to deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden. The serpent's bite is a figure of Satan tempting men to sin and break God's laws and rebel against Him. The people dying because of the serpent bite is a picture of the end result of lusting and sinning against God. James 1:15 says that when lust hath conceived it brings forth sin, and Satan is the tempter who causes us to lust. Then James 1:15 says that sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. So we see that the serpent that bit the people and was causing their death was a figure of Satan who causes us to sin through temptation and the result of our sin is death. This death is not just the death of a physical body, but is the eternal separation in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14).

PEOPLE WERE DYING

As we look at the people who had sinned in the wilderness, we see that many died from the serpent's bite. The Bible says in Numbers 21:6: "Much of the people of Israel died." In John 3:16, Jesus said that the people who would believe on Him would not perish. People today are perishing; they are dying in their sins. (John 8:24). Every physical death is visible proof that Satan has caused them to sin. Every person who dies physically, unless he has been born again, will die eternally under God's judgment. I John 5:19 says, "... the whole world lieth in wickedness." Galatians 5:22 says that the Scriptures hath concluded all under sin. The serpent bite was a fiery one, creating a burning in the flesh. But the final judgment of God for sins will be an eternal burning in the fires of Hell. Fear God who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell (gehenna or lake of fire). Matthew 10:28.

PEOPLE CONVICTED OF SIN

The first thing that happened in the hearts of the people that led them to the salvation offered by God in the wilderness was the conviction in their hearts that they had sinned against God. Numbers 21:7. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I Timothy 1:15. He did not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners. Matthew 9:13. The whole need not a physician but they that are sick. Matthew 9:12. There is absolutely no salvation to those that are self-righteous. There must come a time in your life when you know you are a sinner, that you are dying under God's judgment. You must realize that if left in that condition, you will perish eternally. This conviction comes by the Holy Spirit, and unless you are born again from above, you will continue to live in sin.

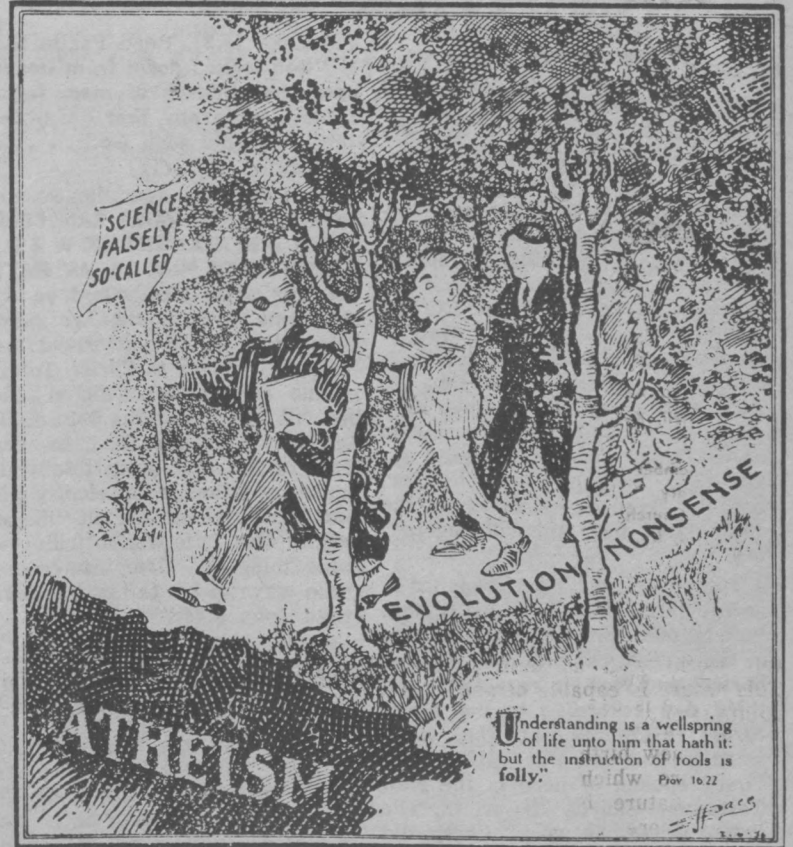
FALSE IDEA OF HOW GOD SAVES FROM SIN

The people asked Moses to pray to the Lord that He might take the serpents from them. Numbers 21:7. Now this would help those that had not been bitten, but what about those that had already been bitten? They would die even if the serpents were taken away. The problem must be dealt with in a greater way than man's way. Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. Romans 5:20. We will find out later that the serpents were not taken away, but that the bite was healed and the snakes had no power to hurt them.

GOD'S WAY OF SALVATION PROVIDED

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live" (Num. 21:8). Now this verse corresponds to John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Both of these verses give us God's way of deliverance from sin. Both tell us how God delivers people from perishing. Both of them teach us that it is God that heals from the snake bite and from sin. In Numbers 21:8, a serpent like

"CAN THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND?"



EVOLUTION NONSENSE

By WM. E. BIEDERWOLF, D.D.

"Evolution nonsense." That's what Professor Virchow, of Germany, the foremost chemist of the world in his day, said about it. He said, "It is all nonsense. It cannot be proven from science that man descended from an ape. All real scientific knowledge has proceeded exactly in the opposite direction."

Some of our Highschool teachers and college professors are so cocksure of the whole thing that they actually pity the rest of us who are unable to give it our endorsement. But you will find it very interesting to make a running review as to what the really great minds have concluded and are concluding as to this theory called Evolution, and if you do, you find how far those of us who are disputing its right to recognize as an acceptable theory of man's origin are after all afflicted with the "leprosy of mental incompetence." or are the "mental slaves of effete traditions," or a "pack of howling antediluvians."

Some people talk about "Christian Evolution." There is no such thing. Evolution that reasons with true logic leads straight to Atheism.

"Science falsely so-called." Indeed. When Charles Darwin traced our ancestry from a stagnant pool of water up through the fish, the reptile, and the brute to man he used the phrase, "We may well suppose," over 800 times. Mr. H. G. Wells, in his "Outlines of History," in 103 pages traces man's descent from the ape, and he uses the expression, "It probably was," 24 times, "It must have been," 21 times, "It would seem," 16 times, and then he goes on with "possibly," and "perhaps," and "so far as we can guess," and "it is supposed," and "it appears to be," and "it is commonly asserted," and "it may be possible," and finally, after this halting, stumbling gait, he winds up by saying, "It follows, therefore." And some folks call this science!

How strange that thinking young people should follow their blind leaders in school and college when the best they can give them, in lieu of their ability to give them fact, is supposition.

Evolution is not only unscientific but it is distinctly and radically unchristian in every sense of the word. The climb has ever been upward. There is no place for a "fall" in evolution, and if there was no fall, then there is no room for and there is no need of an atonement.

If all things without exception came by way of evolution, and this, of course, evolution declares to be the case, then Christ must have come that way, too. It makes me shudder to think what this does to the Only Begotten Son of God.

There are ecclesiastical as well as academical bolshevists who would pull God down from His Throne and Christ down from His Cross, and roll this old world back to savage brutes and beastly men. From all such may the good Lord in pitying mercy deliver us. It is Evolution or the Bible. Between the two there is nothing and can be nothing but absolute and eternal conflict.

unto the one that had bitten them was made out of brass. Now in what way does this represent Jesus Christ? The answer comes when we see that Jesus Christ bore our sins in His own body (I Peter 2:24). He suffered for sin (I Peter 3:18); He destroyed the works of the devil (I John 3:8); He took part of flesh and blood, that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil (Heb. 2:14). The devil is called that old serpent in Revelation 12:9. Jesus was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (II Cor. 5:21). (Continued on page 6, column 5)

Jesus then, as our substitute, was willing to go to the cross, to be lifted up and bore our sins (our snake bites) and satisfy the wrath of God and deliver us from death which was caused by sin. Jesus is God's way of deliverance from the snake bite of sin.

THE WAY SALVATION COMES THE SAME

In Numbers 21:8, God tells Moses to say to the people "Look and live." The people must believe that this was God's way of healing them; that God would cause them to live if they would look to that serpent as it hang on that pole.

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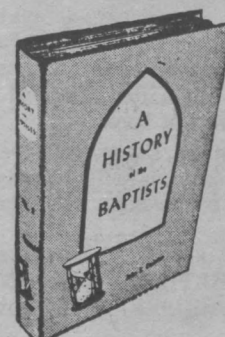
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ANOTHER GOSPEL

By CHUCK SANDELIN
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"Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel, unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8).

What is the gospel that the Apostle Paul preached? What would be classified as "another gospel?" The gospel Paul preached and the gospel recorded in the Eternal Book is this: First, that God is sovereign in His election, justification, redemption, sanctification, regeneration, and glorification. God set His purpose to bring about the salvation of those He elected for His Son, those His Son died for, and the same for those whom the Holy Spirit has and will regenerate.

The gospel that Paul preached is recorded in Holy Writ as saying, "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4). The "key" word in that verse is "OUR;" the "our" spoken of here is the New Testament Church at Corinth. The "our" is not the world. Christ did not die, be buried and rise again for the world, but only for His elect — our sins. So the gospel that is recorded in the Bible is that gospel preached, propagated, and proclaimed by the Sovereign Grace Baptist Churches in the world today, for they testify of a Sovereign God, who does ALL things "after the counsel of His own will." It is those Sovereign Grace Baptists who oppose the free-will Arminian, decisionalism of man as blasphemous.

The gospel recorded in the Book is one that says God is God. It is one that tells and shows how man is saved from his fallen state and who it is that has done all the work, and who it is that is to get all the glory; and who one day will get all the glory, and it is not man.

Here are a few Scriptures that show, in this glorious gospel of salvation, who did it — ALL of it.

John 1:12-13: "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." The Arminian says, see, that proves that a man's salvation rests upon his receiving Jesus Christ. Look at the verse, it says, "as many!" Who are the "as many?" These are they and ONLY they who "were born of God." Look at the rest of the verse (which Arminian decisionists always seem to leave out), "which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, but of God" (my emphasis).

Another is Romans 3:10,11: "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (Read Psa. 10:4).

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and Luke 14:3). Read Psalm 53:1-4: "God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God . . . no, not one."

What does the Arminian do with John 6:65: "NO MAN CAN COME UNTO ME, EXCEPT IT WERE GIVEN UNTO HIM OF MY FATHER" or John 5:40, "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." Totally depraved man "will NOT" come to Christ. Totally means completely! This includes his will. His will is his nature. His nature is depraved. He is in every facet of life and being totally depraved and thus is "at enmity with God" and making himself "the enemy of God." He wants (wills) not those things of God, but chooses those ways of his father the devil, (read John 8:44).

Mankind hates this kind of preaching because he would try to make himself believe that "there is a little good in all of us." Baloney! not by the Words of God. He said, "all your righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). The religion that tells man he is good or that his will is not totally depraved, or that he possesses that power to come unto an all-Holy God; is not the religion found in the Bible, but that conceived in the mind of idolatrous man. It is a religion that dethrones God and exalts man.

There is a defender of the Word of God who constantly says (about those who have scholarship and the Bible, as two authorities), "When man has two authorities to choose from, then he is the final authority, and not God." The same is true of Arminianism. If God cast His lot and the devil cast his (for man), and man is left with the deciding vote — Brother, who's bigger than God? Friend, man doesn't want to bow to God, he doesn't want to come out and say I deserve hell, I never would have chosen God, I was as all flesh — at enmity against God! Brother, man has that pride and if fed with Arminian heresy, he'll swallow it and smack his lips at the same time.

Arminianism is a gospel after man (flesh). Now if you read the text in your Bible and look at verse 11, Paul said his gospel was, "not after man." Verse 6 declares that Paul's gospel was a gospel of "the grace of Christ." Grace means "we don't deserve, we have nothing to do with, it is solely done of another." The gospel Paul preached was a gospel of sovereign grace. The gospel of the Arminian "is not another; but there be some that would trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (verse 7). It sounds like it is the gospel, it is spoken of in Bible fragments, it is appealing, etc., but it is not the gospel. It is the gospel perverted. It is another gospel than the gospel of grace; their's is a gospel of grace and man's works. Paul says you mix works with grace and "it is no more grace."

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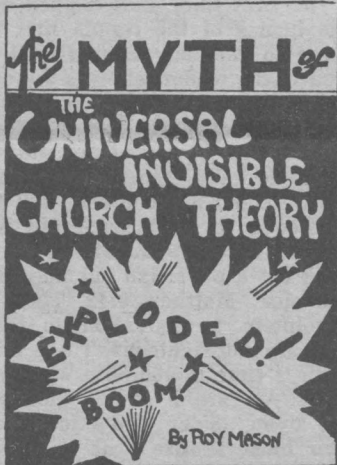
Answer: Evidently celebrants of "heathen" mysteries, Isaiah 66:17: "They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord."

The tree was probably an "asherah" or sacred tree, and the custom a survival of tree-worship, or possibly phallic worship. See Deuteronomy 16:21,22.

For an interesting account of sacred mice, read First Samuel, chapter 6.

Now read the words of some of their leaders and see if we be wrong. (The following is a reprint of page 12 "Laying the Axe to Arminian Heresies").

"In the book of Proverbs, the Lord says that He will laugh at the calamity of the wicked, and I doubt not that He is already chuckling a bit over the puny conception the Arminians have drawn of Him. It's enough to make anyone laugh. I laughed when I heard J. Harold Smith say over the radio that God had done all He could do to save sinners; I laughed when I read what Noel Smith (past Editor, Baptist Bible Tribune; the paper for Bible Baptist Fellowship International) said about Hell be-



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ing a ghastly monument to the failure of God to save those that are there; I laughed when I read a sermon by Dallas Billington, in which he said, "No man can ever make his bed in Hell until God has tried His best to save him." I laugh when I read these little "decision blanks" tagged onto all the Arminian gospel tracts, saying that God wants you to sign on the dotted line; I laugh when I read or hear Arminian preachers tell sinners how badly God wants to save them, but can't do so, unless they permit Him. Why, these Arminians are the biggest jokes that could be published in any joke book."

If you are in one of these Arminian Societies (churches) that teach such blasphemy, you need to get out and join a Sovereign Grace Baptist Church where "THE GOSPEL" is preached.

Verse 10 of Galatians I, Paul says about this subject: "Do I seek to please men or God? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Paul wrote a little farther on down in Chapter 4:16, "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" Friend, don't just cast this matter carelessly aside and get mad at me, I'm just telling you the truth.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT FAVORITISM?

By ROY MASON

We wish to deal with an exceedingly practical and important subject, namely, our attitude as a church towards different people.

First of all, let us realize that "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). And the same sentiment is expressed in other passages. God is not impressed by wealth, color or position. To Him a man is a man, regardless. Likewise we should take lessons from His example in this regard.

WHAT SHOULD OUR ATTITUDE, AS CHURCH PEOPLE, BE TOWARDS OTHERS?

1. To the stranger and visitor who comes we should be cordial and friendly. And Proverbs 18:24 is suggestive just here. What about YOUR attitude? Do you go into a huddle with a little bunch of friends after the services, and pay no attention to others? Do you pay attention to just a few of the "old timers" and none to newer members, leaving them to get acquainted as best they can? Do you make it a practice to go off home without ever greeting anybody—leaving that for the pastor or deacons or somebody else to do? Can you call the names of most of those who have come into the church since you have been a member, and if not, why not?

An attitude of friendliness means much in a church. Many a stranger is lonely and needs a kindly word. Why shouldn't we have one of the friendliest churches anywhere? It doesn't cost anything to be friendly with people who come, and it certainly pays rich dividends.

2. The new member shouldn't have to wait and wait for "seniority rights" before being used. Let us realize that when people join, they have all rights and privileges. We are not running a railroad with a seniority system. We learned the other day of a church that split on this issue. The town began to grow—new members came into the church, but a ruling clique were unwilling for new members to hold any places of leadership. Folk got tired of this and the result was a split. We know of a big church in Texas that split in the same way. Any church, any group of members ought to welcome new blood. It is easy to get into a rut. Southern Baptists make the mistake of featuring just a few men.

3. No distinction should be made as to wealth and position. Read James 2:1-5. Let us seek to have a church where ALL CLASSES are welcome. The ground down around the cross is absolutely level. In the past, we have served as pastor where kinfolks, clannishness, and distinction between land owners and "share croppers" hindered the Lord's work greatly.

4. Christians should be "given to hospitality" — especially as a church.

Read I Timothy 5:10 and Hebrews 13:2. "Strangers" mentioned here, refers particularly to saved

people. It means a great deal for us to create the idea that the doors of our church building are open wide in cordial hospitality to any and all who will come for worship.

WILL YOU STRIVE TO DO THE FOLLOWING — FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH AND THE SOULS OF PEOPLE?

1. Will you lay aside any "exclusiveness" that you have consciously or unconsciously assumed, and will you mingle among people that come, instead of hurrying home?
2. Will you make it a practice to greet a number of people who are visitors every Sunday? Will you do your individual part in making yours the friendliest church possible? It will pay rich dividends!



Look And Live

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This salvation God promised was not by any works on their part, but was to be accomplished by the power of God through faith in God. Now the same thing is taught in John 3:15,16 and 18.

There must be a lifting up of Jesus (John 3:14). This lifting up is plainly explained in John 12:31-33. "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die." Jesus said in John 3:15, that whosoever believeth in Him, look and live. Also in 3:16, Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. John 3:18 says that "he that believeth on him is not condemned." So the message is the same. Look and Live. This does away with any works on man's part in order to be saved. It was all of God through faith.

SALVATION BY POWER OF GOD

The looking to the brazen serpent didn't save. But it was the power of God that healed them from the snake bite. As soon as an Israelite looked, he lived. God's power saved them through faith. The gospel tells us that Christ died for sin, was buried, and was raised again. The Gospel is the good news that His Son was lifted up on the cross of Calvary, that the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6). He made His Son an offering for sins. As it was in the wilderness so it is in our day. When the Gospel is preached, when Jesus Christ is presented on the cross, dying for sinners, the message is the same. Look and Live. You are responsible to look. God's power will save you through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:24).

The Apostle Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

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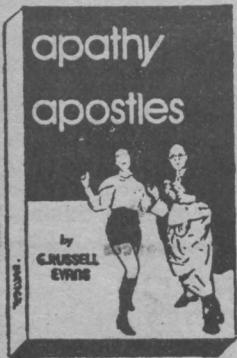
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

ST. LOUIS (EP) — One of the chief leaders of the movement in the Southern Baptist Convention promoting biblical inerrancy said here that he will stop fighting his battle for the Bible when others "stop attacking it." Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Texas, declared further that World War III can be avoided only if the United States experiences spiritual revival, which in turn hinges on acceptance of the Bible as inerrant (without error in the original manuscripts). "That alone can stave off global conflict," he said.

Speaking less than an hour later from the pulpit, the president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference urged Southern Baptists to avoid fighting among themselves. Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, reminded the crowd that because the most bitter of fights occur in families, Southern Baptists must not jeopardize their influence with internal battles.

Mr. Patterson decried the position of those Southern Baptists who claim Jesus Christ rather than the Bible as their "ultimate authority." Mr. Patterson contended that Jesus Himself believed and proclaimed an inerrant Bible. Citing various quotations of Jesus in the Gospels, he said that Jesus believed in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible and in both its infallibility and inerrancy.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (EP) — Jack N. Sparks, author of *The Mindbenders: A Look at Current Cults*, and the book's publisher, Thomas Nelson, Inc., have been accused in a \$8.1 million defamation suit by the "Local Church" movement and its leader of causing the Christian sect to be hated, ridiculed and boycotted by the public.

Mr. Sparks is chancellor of the Academy of Orthodox Theology, an arm of the Evangelical Orthodox Church headquarters near Santa Barbara. "Even before I was actually served notice," Mr. Sparks commented, "calls started coming in from people who had left the cult, offering to testify on my behalf." The principal plaintiffs are Witness Lee, the Chinese-

born spiritual leader who lives in Anaheim, and the Church in Anaheim. The book also has sections on Jim Jones' Peoples Temple, and Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church and the Hare Krishna movement, among others.

WASHINGTON (EP) — The Senate has voted 58 to 34 to approve the \$13.3 million needed to register about four million young men this summer for a possible military draft. The measure was opposed by an unusual, bi-partisan coalition of traditionally anti-draft doves and hawkish conservatives who consider peacetime registration to be an empty gesture. The bill was sent back to the House to reconcile slight differences in the appropriations figure.

House opponents of the registration have vowed to put up a last ditch fight to block it, but they have admitted little hope for success. Instead, they announced a "battle plan" to take their case to the presidential nominating conventions, to the courts, and to the post offices where the young men will be required to register.

"The Selective Service System is now at war with young adults," declared Barry Lynn, a legal counsel for the United Church of Christ Board of Church and Society who also heads an anti-draft group called Committee Against Registration and the Draft. Estimates of those who will ignore the new registration run as high as 200,000.

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (EP) — Proposals for local action drawn from the women's movement, evangelism, and the Bible are being readied by Christians who want to reply to conscription, war taxes, and the growing hazards of so-called military security. Friends, Mennonites, and the Church of the Brethren, along with peace activists from other denominations, are working together in the New Call to Peacemaking. They will meet in Green Lake, Wisc., Oct. 2-5, to find new patterns to speed up their responses to recent conflicts erupting between nations and peoples — from Iran and Afghanistan to Miami and Havana.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (EP) — To a back drop of martial band music and cheering soldiers, the Salvation Army commissioned 182 officers from across the nation at a ceremony here combining fervent evangelism with military precision. It was the first time in the 100-year history of the organization in this country that cadets of the army's four "war colleges" were commissioned at one time and in one place.

The ceremony was a concluding event in the army's five-day national Centennial Congress, which brought together some 12,000 uniformed Salvationists. The 66 single women, 36 single men, and 40 married couples solemnly vowed to "care for the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unlovable, and befriend those who have no friends."

FRANKLIN PARK, Ill. (EP) — Modern People News, a "Hollywood gossip" magazine, is sorry it decided to take a poll of its readers in 1977. The survey was based on an article it ran giving details of a film on the "sex life of Jesus Christ" which had been contemplated by Danish producer Jens Jorgen Thorsen. The magazine's editors asked its readers to offer their views on the project, which was later abandoned.

Readers of the 300,000-circulation magazine responded with an overwhelming "No." The periodical sent a copy of the results to Mr. Thorsen, reported on them in an article, and decided to forget the whole thing after a later article noting that the project had been canceled. But readers were not willing to forget it. Despite having been told that the film was no longer being considered, they continued to flood the magazine's of-

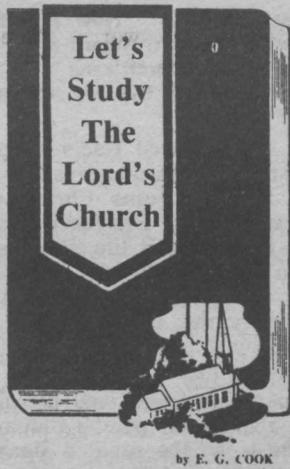
fices with letters and petitions protesting the film.

The flood of mail continues unabated today — three years after the project was canceled. A secretary has been hired by Modern People News just to send out a printed disclaimer on the issue. Letters have been arriving at the magazine's offices at a rate of 2,500 per week to complain. "We frankly don't know what to do to get this stopped," said one magazine staff member.

TORONTO (EP) — Presbyterian Church ministers opposed to women clergy have been given 10 years to change their minds or get out, the 106th General Assembly has decided. The assembly meeting in

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Windsor also decided to ban from now on the ordination of anyone opposed to women clergy.

The ruling requires Presbyterian ministers to cooperate fully with female elders and clergy, but will not — until 1990 — force them to take part in ordaining women themselves. The church, which has 166,190 adult members, decided to ordain women in 1966 but about 15 percent of its 993 ministers are adamantly opposed to the move.

KITTERY, Maine (EP) — Four members of a berobed religious sect, arrested at Kittery's York Beach after their requests for free lodging were denied, have received 4-day suspended sentences and a warning to seek free rooms outside the state of Maine. Police said the group, who said they belonged to Alpha Omega, solicited free lodging as disciples of God but were turned down at a York Beach motel. They told Kittery District Court Judge Ralph Ross that they were commanded by God to seek lodging but that an innkeeper with a "heart of stone" refused them.

NEW YORK (EP) — The American Bible Society has provided more than 270,000 Spanish Scriptures for the use of Cuban refugees who recently arrived in the U.S. Roman Catholic and Protestant churches and groups, chaplains, relief agencies, and individuals are participating in the Bible distribution program, ABS officials said.

The National Association of Evangelicals in Wheaton, Ill., purchased more than 40,000 Scripture Portions and Selection of God's Word for distribution by the Latin American Mission in Florida. Roman Catholic officials in Miami

said they have received "terrific" reception for the Spanish New Testaments and Gospels distributed by them, ABS officials said here.

HEBER CITY, Utah (EP) — The fantasy game, "Dungeons and Dragons," has been discontinued from an after-school program for gifted

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students here following complaints that the game used terms from witchcraft and demonology and was anti-religious.

School officials in this predominantly Mormon farming community offered the game in January to the program for gifted students, which also included special sports, science and other activities. Wasatch School District Superintendent Douglas Merkley said the game has been withdrawn because it "polarized" the Heber City community and was a divisive element. "We need the support of all the people in the community."

VATICAN CITY (EP) — In one of his clearest, most forceful statements on abortion to date, Pope John Paul II declared "that any willful destruction of human life by procured abortion, for any reason whatsoever, is not in accord with God's commandment." Addressing a group of Indonesian bishops on their 5-year ad limina visit to Rome, the pontiff said he was speaking out on the issue "so that all may know the stand of the Catholic Church on the utter inviolability of human life from the moment of conception."

WASHINGTON (EP) — A born-again part-time preacher, currently under investigation for claimed religious tax exemptions, has lost a job as military aide to President Carter. Marine Corps Maj. Jeffrey Zorn, 33, has refused since 1976 to file a federal tax return. He says that he has no money to report because he has taken a vow of poverty and given all his income to the small church he founded. He and his wife are co-pastors of the non-denominational Third Estate Church in Quantico, Va., which has about 12 members.

MUNICH (EP) — Nikolai Khrapov, a Russian pastor who believes that "we must retain the freedom which Jesus Christ gained for us," and who already has 26 years in Soviet prisons to show for his "faithfulness to Christ," has once again been arrested. Khrapov was taken into custody on February 16, 1980, and now awaits trial in the

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ASHLAND, Ky. (AP-ADI) — Under Articles of Incorporation, Berea Baptist Church, Inc., nonprofit; C. B. Stephens, 2515 Montgomery Ave., Ashland, agent; C. B. Stephens, 2515 Montgomery Ave., Ashland, W. O. Miller, Kitts Hill, Ohio and Carl Massie, Huntington, initial Directors and Incorporators.

PHOENIX, Ariz. (EP) — Red-faced Arizona State Employment Service officials are trying to explain how the Ku Klux Klan got listed as an "equal opportunity employer" in an agency effort to recruit people to make Klan robes. A local Klan organizer, who declined to identify himself, said he called the state employment agency to recruit seamstresses for a rush job. He said five persons, including one "minority lady," were hired. The Klan hopes to sell 500 robes in coming weeks as part of an organizing campaign in Maricopa County.

Asked if the Klan had agreed to comply with the equal opportunity requirements, the organizer replied, "on a one-time basis, yes."

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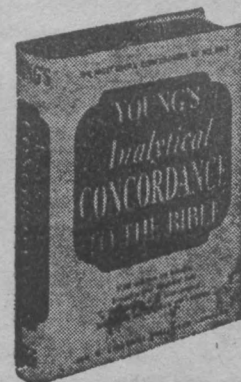
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Children Of The King

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fied, cleansed, and purified the vessels of honor by fire — according to the grace of God which is given unto the children of God. For the Almighty is a wise master-builder, for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Upon His foundation, the children of the King produce gold, silver and precious stone. The fire of the Holy One refines and purifies the gold and removes all the dross. The mighty deliverer comes, riding on His white horse, delivers with power from the darkness and hath translated His children into the Kingdom of His dear Son. Pneuma recovers them out of the snare of the Devil, who were taken captive by him at his will. The children were alienated and enemies in their wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled. In the body of His flesh through death, He presents His children holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in His sight. Col. 2: 2,3: "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." II Tim. 1:9,10: "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the

world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

The greatest mystery is how the King's children are accepted in the Court of the King. The children are reconciled to the King by the death of His Son. We have peace with the King through His Son. Therefore, there is no condemnation to the children of the King, which are in the person of the Son.

The King's Son is He that liveth, and was dead, and behold, He is alive forevermore and has the keys of Hell of death and is long-suffering to the King's children; not willing that any should perish, but that all the King's children should come to repentance. Then the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. For all the children of the day will be removed from the Land of Darkness. Pneuma moves through the Land of Darkness to lay hold of the chosen of the King. Pneuma shall perform the work of the King until the day of the Son. Being confident that Pneuma shall search out all of the King's children, and none shall be lost. Pneuma shall go to the wilderness, pig pen, miry clay, to the ditch and vomit of unrighteousness, to bring back the lost children of the King to the High Priest that sat on the Throne of Grace.

He delivered the King's children from the power of darkness and hath translated them into the kingdom of His Son. The King's Son,

which is the Light of all glory, hath made known the riches of glory of His inheritance to His children. Pneuma brought the beloved ones into the Court of the King and before his Son, and crowned him with Lovingkindness and tender mercy.

Such are the experiences of a sinner that is saved by grace. Everyone that is born of God dreamed of being with God. Everyone that is accepted in the Beloved wants to see the beloved of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. All of the elect of God realized that life is a transient dream. All the children of God are looking forward to the moment when they see their blessed Saviour. Oh, glorious days, when I shall be delivered from the body of this death. My mind cannot understand how it is possible for a majestic God to be so kind to a sinner.

Ephesians 2:19: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

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I John 2:17: "... and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Oh, that marvelous day when Heaven shall open and time shall be no more. When the dawn of Heaven opens, we will enter the sanctuary of the heavens, into the palace of love, hidden in the castle of peace and safety. It will be sweet music, sweet sound — the most beautiful song that ever thrilled my soul. When the angel Michael sounded the trumpet of the Lord, the sweet voice of my Saviour said, "Come up hither." What a beautiful picture! What a beautiful sight as I stand in His presence. Oh, my soul melts with love, no weight to hinder my flight to the blessed One. The weight of my body is released. My soul desires to flee to my beloved, my beloved to Thee.

Side by side, I am now, amidst the brethren and my King. I cried with weeping eyes by Blessed Hope. I will gather with the saints clothed in white to gather around the throne forever and ever. Oh, praise the giver of eternal life. Face to face I will stand in the presence of my Saviour, my Lord, my King.

Come to the table of the Lord;

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eat of the delightful fruit which comes from the tree of life. Eat of the richness of His Word. Drink from the cup of tender kindness. Dessert shall be the sureness of His promises. Sit at His feet; rest upon His bosom. Enter into His fellowship of love as all the troubles are removed as you rest in His arms.



Look And Live

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looked lived. Numbers 21:88. He lived immediately. He was cured immediately. So it is when believing in Jesus. The very minute you believe on Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you live. John 1:12 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." John 3:15: "That whosoever believeth in him would not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 5:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." Romans 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Romans 4:5: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Salvation comes immediately. Galatians 3:26: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Acts 16:30: "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Verse 30 says: "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

SNAKES LOSE THEIR POWER
The Lord did not take the serpents away. No, this would have left the bitten dying. But He cured the ones bitten when they looked. He gave them the power to walk in the midst of the poisonous snakes which, in turn, had the power to kill any who did not look. Yet the snakes would bite them and not hurt them. Even so it is today. Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood we are cleansed from all our sins. Romans 5:9. God does not take away the sinful flesh and Satan causes us to sin day by day. I John 1:8 says: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." In Romans 7:17 and 20, Paul says that

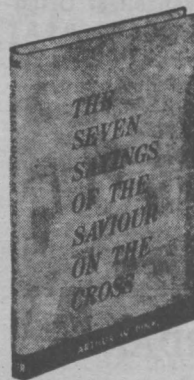
"sin dwells in me." Also in Romans 7:23, he declares what he feels about himself: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death." Romans 4:5 gives us the truth about the snakes losing their power: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." The strength of sin is the law. Break the law and you die. When we are born again, God takes us out from under law and puts us under grace (Rom. 6:14). Therefore, sin shall not have dominion over you.

CONCLUSION

What about you? Ye must be born again. Have you ever realized you are a sinner? You are guilty of breaking God's law and God's judgment for sin will come after physical death and you will be cast into an eternal burning. Then I will tell you to look to Jesus Christ the Son of God who came from heaven to earth and became a man so that He might live a perfect life and provide for you as a gift—a perfect righteousness. Look to Jesus who went to the cross and died for our sins. Yes, it must be a personal look. As many as looked, lived. You will never live unless you by faith accept Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Look and live, sinner. What must I do to be saved? Believe (look) on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (live)" (Acts 16:30).

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