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## NEW WORK IN HULI AREA UNDERWAY

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God meant it unto good . . .

Dear Friends,

Greetings to each of you from Papua New Guinea and with the trust that God is richly blessing each of you.

As for us here in Papua, New Guinea we are being blessed of the Lord far beyond our expectations, never happier in our work, and there has never been a time in the 20 years plus that we have been in New Guinea that the prospect for the work has looked as great as it does now.

From what I can glean from the news media, almost everyone is singing the blues back in America and all steamed from the mighty American dollar not being so mighty any more. Perhaps some of you will begin to realize now what I have been experiencing over here for the past nearly three years, when the actual buying power of every American dollar that I have received has been 33 cents. I wouldn't ask you to believe this either, but that does not change the fact that the American dollar has taken another nose dive on the foreign money exchange, and now the buying power of the dollar is about 31 1/4 cents over here.

In spite of all this though, God has encouraged us in this work. Beloved, as I think back over the Word of God and am caused to remember how that God took Gideon and 300 men out of a total of 32,000 and won a war against the Amalekites and Midianites, whose army were of such magnitude that they looked like grasshoppers for numbers and their camels were so many that they were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude; and when I am caused to remember that God changes not, but is the same yesterday, today and forever, I am encouraged in this work. I can see how, that in view of the above, God can take this 31 1/4 cents that I actually realize out of every dollar and stretch that into a hundred dollar bill.

To be sure, some have defected to the camp of the Midianites and the Amalekites, but all those whom God has reserved for this work has and shall continue to remain steady. Some, to use a Bible term, are giving three tithes now instead of one. Some new churches and individuals have encouraged us, by starting support of the work, but most of all, GOD has encouraged us to remain calm and steady and continue to press forward leaving all the details and battles to Him, and while those that are trying to destroy this work and my ministry, "... thought evil against me,

### NEW WORK IN HULI AREA

Beloved, for those of you that have been and still are concerned about the work among the Huli tribes people, can rejoice with me in knowing that the work is definitely under way now. The most of the month of June was spent in this area laying the ground work and getting started on a new Mission Station in that area. We finally chose a location for the station and then started clearing the ground and erecting a house to live in while there.

We have a fairly good house up, all of bush materials, but do not have it petitioned off as yet and all the windows in. The windows are



By FRED T. HALLIMAN  
Missionary To New Guinea

simply a hole cut in the side of the house, with a piece of plastic covering the hole, so the light can come in. Inasmuch as you cannot put a stove pipe through a grass roof, I do not have a stove in the house to cook my meals on, and am building a little shack separate from the main house for the purpose of cooking my meals in over an open fire.

I have been holding services there during working days, stopping work for a while to preach and then resuming work. Services have been held at some other places as well. The Huli people, especially in this area, are somewhat like a flock of wild chickens in that they will come around,

but not get very close and friendly at first. By the last week that I was there, however, large crowds of people were coming. The people were becoming quite friendly, and several from distances of up to 10 and 12 miles away, had learned of our being there and began to come in, and some have already invited us to start services in their areas.

As already mentioned, this is very encouraging to us, for while we have had a great ministry primarily among the Duna people, which number less than 20,000 (we have established 44 churches so far and another almost ready), the work among the Huli people could far outstrip this present work in that there are over 100,000 people in this tribe. This new Mission Station is sitting almost in the very center of this tribe, geographically speaking.

It will take time and a lot of hard work to build this work up. How much time the Lord has further allowed to us we have no idea, but insofar as the hard work is concerned, we are not afraid of that. Beloved, today as I write this I have turned 64 years of age. It would have been so easy to have followed the old flesh, took that big check of \$290.00 per month that I am drawing from Social Security, plus all the other millions that I have saved over the years and gone, say to Hawaii (in my opinion one of the most lovely places in the world), and retired and just sort of took it easy for the rest of my life. However, instead I have started out once again, almost where I did over 20 years ago, in that I have started a complete new work with all the problems and heartaches of such an endeavor. The only difference now and when I started this work new, is that now I have this work to look after in addition to the new work. Had I followed what my old flesh considered doing at one time, and what lots of people back in America encouraged me to do, I would have just sort of curled up here at this Mission Station with the thought that, "You have already done enough, now you can take it easy; you have already filled your barns to the brim, why worry about more". Beloved, the truth of the (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## JEWES—JESUS—JUSTICE

RAYMOND A. WAUGH, Sr.

The most hated truth that has ever coursed through the minds of men and the councils of men is very simple, and it is very short. It is a truth that the religious in every generation have opposed with violence that has been at times quite subtle and at other times rather overt. It is a truth that the nations of men have op-

posed simply because men have hated it. The religious rationalize their way around it when they do not outright reject it with unscriptural schemes, and the secular reject it with their "righteous indignation".

Christ carefully explains what we see!

"I came not to send peace but a sword!"

If we can receive it, men and women have opposed this truth with a vengeance seldom shown toward any other concept or any other teaching. Jesus very clearly aligned Himself with the prophecy, "I will raise up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all I shall command Him" (Deut. 18:18). He did this with His words, "Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (John 12:50). Impossible though it may seem to be, both the Teacher and the teaching have been opposed also by those who have called themselves "friends of God" and "children of God."

### "APPROACHMENT"

Understandably, few in the history of what is called "Christianity" have accepted the truth that "Salvation is of the Jews" or that Jesus, the Jew, is the Messiah, the only anointed means of that salvation. Sovereignly, God spoke of this many years ago when He said, "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14). We need only to peruse the categorical conclusions of men with respect to salvation to observe the indubitable evidence of man's incorrigible depravity.

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posed with their programs and honor. That truth is the message of our Lord to the woman of Samaria:

"Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).

Although God means it only and wholly for good, the depravity of many men is such that this truth fires the flames of prejudices and hatreds as none other in history. It is the cause of continuing friction in the concourse of human events. It has been the cause of some of earth's most violent conflicts

### FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

—Author unknown

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A Sermon by John R. Gilpin

### SOME CROWNS FOR THE BELIEVER

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward" (II John 1:8).

In the Bible, salvation and rewards are clearly distinguished. However, beloved, they are confounded by casual readers of the Bible. Furthermore, the majority of the so-called preachers confuse salvation and rewards.

Sometime ago I stood just out on the corner from our church building and talked with a preacher of another persuasion. I asked him, in the course of the conversation, if he didn't believe that there would be some rewards for saved people when they got to glory and he told me that we would all be on the same plane of equality in Heaven. This was his reason, that it would take all the works that any of us could ever do to take us into Heaven, and there

wouldn't be any left whereby we could be rewarded.

Of course, beloved, any man who believes in salvation by works would naturally believe as this so-called preacher said he did. I imagine that there are hundreds and thousands of such preachers who confuse salvation and rewards, and the result is that many, many thousands of church members are confused on the subject of salvation and rewards because of their own casual reading of the Word of God and false teaching that they have received from the pulpit.

Let me show you a few Scriptures whereby you can see how these two great truths are linked together.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good

works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

Any man who reads this passage of Scripture naturally realizes that we are not saved by our own works. At the same time, the Word of God definitely declares that we are created in Christ Jesus for good works. This would show us, beloved, that our salvation is not of works and, yet at the same time, there is a place for works in the life of the believer. The Word of God says that we are not saved by works but that we are saved to produce good works. That ought to show us that there is a tremendous difference between salvation and rewards:

Let's notice another Scripture:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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By HORATIUS BONAR

"Vain man would be wise, though he be born like a wild ass's colt." Accordingly, he finds fault with election, as a mere system of arbitrary partiality and favoritism; and tells us that if there be such a thing as total helplessness in man, and sovereign election in God, then man is not to blame if he be lost. Man's entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God's entire supremacy, so that He saves whom He will, are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride. But they are Scriptural.

Why was one thief saved and the other lost? "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight." God was not bound to save the one, and He had power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself. What made the difference? The sovereign grace of God.

Why was Paul saved and Judas lost? Was it because the former deserved to be saved and the latter (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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## Some Crowns ...

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build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (I Cor. 3:11-15).

Beloved, our salvation is all a matter of belief in Jesus Christ. The very first verse of this passage says that the only foundation that can be laid is Jesus Christ. This is salvation. Then after we are saved, which is all a work of God and a work of grace, and which has not one scintilla of human effort in it and not one particle of human merit and human work about it, after our salvation is completed, our Lord seemingly retires. He says to you and to me that we are to build upon that foundation which He has put into our lives. He says that if we build properly that there is going to be a reward. If we use improper materials—wood, hay, and stubble, which are combustible, these will be burned away, but we will be saved "yet so as by fire"—saved, but without any rewards.

I am sure that there will be many and many a Christian that will get to glory who won't have one single reward other than the praise of God, which every Christian will have (I Cor. 4:5). That ought to show us, beloved, that there is a distinction made in the Bible between rewards and salvation.

Here is another Scripture that will show you the same truth:

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward" (II John 1:8).

This urges the child of God to go on that he might receive a full reward, but implies that he might lay up a great reward for himself and then later, by sinning, lose what he has already wrought in the service of the Lord.

Beloved, a Christian can lose his reward, but he can't lose his sal-

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## BRIEF NOTES

The Indore Baptist Church of Indore, West Virginia and Pastor Ray Brown would like to announce the regularly scheduled mission services of their church on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. This mission meets in the Barnesville Grange Hall on Shamrock Drive, Barnesville, Ohio.

All TBE readers in this area are invited to attend. For any further information you may phone 614-484-1522.

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Elder William M. Smith, an old soldier of the Lord, went home to be with the Lord on August 4, 1980.

Bro. Smith was an old friend of TBE and has been an influence on a lot of preachers in the area. For instance, Bro. Willard Pyle was called to preach and Bro. James Hobbs was greatly influenced under his ministry.

Bro. Smith was 94 years old and had preached for 60 of those years. He pastored the Bethany Baptist Church of Rushtown, Ohio for 44 years before ill health forced his retirement.

May God's Blessings rest and abide upon his family.

vation. Listen:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:28,29).

Beloved, you can't lose your salvation but you can lose your rewards. That ought to show you that there is a distinction and a tremendous difference made in the Word of God between salvation and rewards.

Let me remind you who are saved, that some day you and I and every saved person are going to stand in the presence of our Christ



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Who died to save us. We are going to stand there for the purpose of receiving our rewards. We have a remarkable Scripture in this respect.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

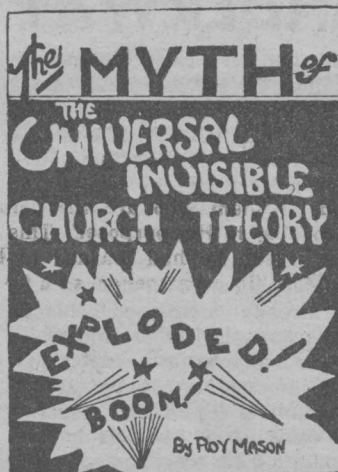
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the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in his body. The Greek word that is used for the basis of this Scripture is the four letter word "bema." "Bema" was the place where the ruler or the judge of the Olympic games sat, and after the contestant who had participated in running and jumping and other athletic events had finished the contest, they would appear before the bema to receive the prizes that were given out to the winners of the various athletic contests.

The Apostle Paul took that same little word from classical Greek and by inspiration incorporated it into the Word of God. He declares to us that some day everyone of us who are in the service of Jesus Christ here, are going to stand before a greater "Bema," a greater judgment seat, before the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, there to receive our rewards for the things that we have done in our flesh, whether good or bad.

In view of the fact that some day that is going to be our experience, I'd like to remind you that when you come to stand before the Judge of all the universe, there are five different crowns that our Lord is going to hand out. I, as your pastor, might get all five. You, as a layman, can't have but four of them. One of them is peculiarly and particularly a preacher's reward. The other four are rewards that every child of God who faithfully serves his Lord might receive.

I

### AN INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

"And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an INCORRUPTIBLE. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Cor. 9:23-27).

In order to understand this Scripture, we have to go back to the verses just preceding these. Paul says that he has made himself a servant to every class of people, that he might gain every man for Jesus that he can. Therefore, if he finds a man under the law; or if he finds some individual who is weak, or some individual, on the contrary, who is

strong, he adapts himself to that individual in order that he might gain that one for Jesus Christ. Notice that he says that he does this for the Gospel's sake.

Then, using an illustration, he says that every man who strives for mastery in regard to the track events of the Olympic games has to be temperate in regard to his flesh, but having been temperate in all things, even then all he can get is a corruptible crown, a garland of flowers that shall be placed upon the lapel of the winner, that will perish and spoil and deteriorate within just a few days' time.

Now Paul says that if any man who strives to win will be temperate in order to obtain a corruptible crown, how much more should you and I, as children of God, be temperate in all things in order that we might obtain an incorruptible crown.

Beloved, this incorruptible crown comes to that Christian man or woman who controls his body in such a way that he has his flesh definitely and directly under control. Paul says, "I keep under my body," which literally means, "I beat my flesh black and blue." He was buffeting himself in his flesh that he might have an incorruptible crown after a while.

Brother, sister, I wonder how many of you have ever humiliated your flesh as Paul said he did. How many of you have ever beaten your flesh black and blue in order to keep your flesh under control? It is an easy task to beat the other fellow's flesh, but it is a hard task when it comes to beating your own flesh, and thus buffeting your body, thereby controlling your flesh in all of its appetites, in all of its lusts, in all of its passions, in all of its desires, in all of its ungodliness.

Beloved, you and I will never gain an incorruptible crown until we learn how to control the flesh of our bodies.

II

### THE CROWN OF REJOICING

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy" (I Thess. 2:19, 20).

In the first chapter of this same book Paul speaks about those who have turned from idols to the Lord. We read:

"For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (I Thess. 1:9, 10).

These to whom Paul was writing had been idolaters but were now serving God to come from Heaven. Paul had gone to Thessalonica and had led these people from their idols to the Lord. Now in writing to them, he says that he is rejoicing because of this experience, and he calls them his crown of rejoicing.

Beloved, if you have ever had the experience of turning an individual to the Lord Jesus Christ and have seen that one turn from idols to serve God and to watch for the coming of the Son of God, if you have ever had that experience, you can look at that individual and say,

"you are my crown of rejoicing." "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

Beloved, maybe this doesn't mean much to you now. Now you are either interested or disinterested in the salvation of others, but throughout eternity it will mean everything to you. Maybe now you are not concerned whether the man that lives in the next apartment house with you is saved or not. Maybe you are not concerned about the man that works next to you whether he is saved or not. When you stand in the presence of the Lord throughout eternity, it will mean everything to you then.

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I wonder how many of you, as a child of God, could put your hand upon somebody else that is saved and say, "This is my crown of rejoicing." I wonder how many could say, "Brother Gilpin, I, by God's grace, led this man to Jesus Christ."

One of the best women that I ever knew in my life said to me sometime ago, "Brother Gilpin, I couldn't put my hand on any one person that I ever led to a saving knowledge of Jesus." I was dumbfounded, yet I rather imagine that her experience is the experience of the majority of professing Christians, and when you come to die, it will mean that you must go empty-handed into the presence of the Lord.

As the old song says:

"Must I go, and empty-handed,  
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?  
Not one day of service give Him,  
Lay no trophy at His feet?  
Must I go, and empty-handed?  
Must I meet my Saviour so?  
Not one soul with which to  
greet him:  
Must I empty-handed go?"

Brother, sister, if you have never led any man or woman to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are going empty-handed into God's presence.

Oh, how different it will be for that individual who, by the grace of God, has been instrumental in leading men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ! The Word of God tells us concerning this:

"And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations" (Luke 16:9).

Here is a verse that troubles many of God's people. The word "fail" somehow causes God's people to misunderstand this passage of Scripture. The word "fail" refers to the time when you die, or when your flesh fails. The Lord is saying to us, as children of God, to use our money in such a way that when we die that those whom our money has brought into the kingdom of God, will receive us in everlasting habitations.

I am glad that our church is a Missionary Baptist church in deed as well as in name. Thank God for the opportunity I have every month of making a missionary offering. I thank the Lord in view of our coming Thanksgiving services, for the privilege I am going to have to make a missionary offering for the cause of Christ.

Listen, beloved, everytime you give money to the cause of Christ for missionary purposes and a faithful missionary leads a soul to Jesus Christ, if that man that is led to Jesus Christ dies before you die, when the day of your death comes, that one who has been led to Jesus because of your wise and Scriptural use of your "mammon of unrighteousness" that one is going to welcome you into everlasting habitations.

Beloved, what a joy there is in store for the man or woman of God who is a soul winner, either himself or by proxy with the use of his money. Such an individual who

thus is a soul winner for Jesus will receive the soul winner's crown — the crown of rejoicing.

### III THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:7, 8).

Notice, beloved, the crown of righteousness is the crown that goes to those that love the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me ask you, do you love to think about the second coming of the Lord Jesus? Would you be glad to see Jesus Christ coming in the skies again? As I ask these questions, is there something within your soul that says, "I want to see Him but I'd rather He would not come today." Oh, brother, sister, if that be true with you, you don't love His appearing.

I thank God that Jesus Christ is coming again. I don't know when He is coming, but thank God, He is coming. It is taught within His Book, and every child of God ought to be on tiptoe with expectancy for His coming. We ought to be looking for His coming — not tomorrow, but today, not an hour from now, but now. We ought to love the thought of His coming again.

I think when some of us talk about the coming of Christ and we say that we would be glad to see Him, actually all we want is an easy way out of some of our difficulties. I verily believe that the majority of us are so entangled with our fleshly problems that beset us in life, that we would rejoice for His coming, for it would be a way out of our problems.

Beloved, you don't love His appearing if that be true with you. The man loves the appearing of Jesus Christ is the man who wants Jesus to come just because he loves Jesus. Oh, brother, sister, do you love Him that way?

Go back to the day before you were married, when you were courting, when the time seemed so short when you were with her, and the time so long when you were away from her. My, how your heart thrilled at the prospect of seeing her!

Beloved, that is how you and I ought to feel concerning our absent Lover—the Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts ought to be thrilled in prospect of His coming.

There is a crown awaiting those who love the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ—the crown of righteousness.

### IV THE CROWN OF LIFE

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will



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### BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Philemon 1:10-15.

Intro.:—In reading the Book of Philemon one gets a breath-taking view of the divine providence of God. Paul could say over and over again, "the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;" and "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." This is one reason he had learned to be content "in whatsoever state I am." Therefore he could pray and sing praises on all occasions (Acts 16:25). In the story before us we see how God brings Onesimus under the sound of the gospel and makes a willing bondsman out of a runaway slave. May we drink long at the well of divine providence.

give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Here are two Scriptures concerning the crown of life, both of which have suffering saints in view. If you will read the context as well as the text, you will find that it is talking about suffering saints — saints who are suffering for the cause of Jesus Christ, and the individual who is faithful unto death will get the crown of life.

I imagine Paul will receive it. The 11th chapter of II Corinthians tells us how he suffered. He was whipped five times — 199 stripes across his flesh. He was left for dead. He was stoned.

Beloved, there are a mighty few modern day Christians who are going to get this crown of life. Most of us instead of being soldiers battlefield, are raw recruits that are just ready for "boot camp." The majority of Christians today act as though they had a one-way ticket to glory, and have left orders with the Pullman porter to call them when the train heads into the yards of the New Jerusalem. The average Christian will never get the crown of life. It will only come to those who suffered for the cause of Christ.

Read about those fifty million Baptist martyrs who died in confirmation of their faith in the Dark Ages. Beloved, they will get the crown of life. Read of those Baptist preachers who were beheaded rather than to practice, or allow their church to practice, alien immersion or infant baptism. They will get the crown of life. Read of those Baptist preachers who refused to submit to any doctrine or any ordinance other than salvation by grace, who sealed their testimony with their life's blood. Beloved, they will get the crown of life.

The only man that will get this crown will be the man that has suffered for the cause of Jesus Christ.

I like to think of Paul's experience in this respect. Listen:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

Beloved, the man who stands up for the things of God and suffers for the things of Christ, out yonder in eternity, he will never regret one particle his sufferings in this life, in view of the glory that shall then be revealed — the crown of life.

### V

#### THE CROWN OF GLORY

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over

#### VERSE 10

"I beseech thee." A tender, but urgent plea reiterated to express the force and to move the heart of Philemon. Again, we must not lose sight of who is making the plea, and to whom made, as well as the basis for the plea.

"For my son." An endearing expression to show the spiritual relationship between Paul and Onesimus. This would also awake a blessed memory to Philemon for he too was a "son" of Paul in the ministry.

"Onesimus." Really put last in the verse as Paul prayerfully and carefully lays the foundation for his appeal to Philemon. Of all the names Philemon expected to read, this probably would be near the last. However this only emphasizes the wonder of amazing grace and that "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa. 55:8). Onesimus runs away from a Christian master and in God's providence, ends up under the sound of the Apostle Paul. Preachers need to keep this in mind when they preach and lost people don't come back to the services. Many times one sows, one waters, and God gives the increase (I Cor. 4:5-7).

"Whom I have begotten in my bonds." It is most blessed to see Paul's faithfulness in declaring the gospel under all conditions (Acts 20:18-24). We see also sinners are begotten by the gospel (James 1:18; I Cor. 4:15). This is how the gospel comes in power (1 Thess. 1:5).

#### VERSE 11

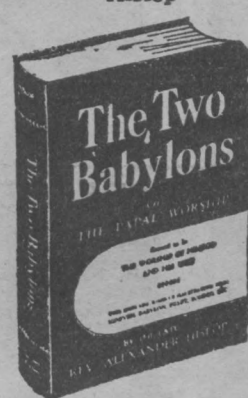
"Which in time past was to thee unprofitable." Man spiritually has fallen into the hands of thieves and they have stripped him leaving him half dead (Luke 10:30), and

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therefore man is unprofitable (John 6:63). Man's condition and conduct is further described in Ephesians 2:2,3. This reminds us, the sinner is under the dominion of the Devil by nature and so is unprofitable to himself and to others (Rom. 3:12-18).

"But now profitable to thee and to me." A glorious transaction has taken place. Onesimus has been called out of darkness into light (I Pet. 2:9; Col. 1:13), he has been quickened from death to life (John 5:24; Eph. 2:1, 4-6). He has been made a new creation (II Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10). Therefore he can be said to have been "washed, sanctified, justified . . . in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Cor. 6:11). So he is profitable to Philemon and to Paul.

#### VERSE 12

"Whom I have sent again." Onesimus undoubtedly was like Zachaeus, who wanted to, as much as possible, make things right (Luke 19:8,9) so he gladly consented to go back, as well as Paul believed this was the right thing to be done. It is good for young Christians to listen to sound advice.

"Thou therefore receive him." Do all in your power to help and encourage this new born babe in Christ by gladly receiving him with the proper Christian love.

"That is, mine own bowels." He is as dear to me as one who is my own flesh. He is truly "my son."

#### VERSE 13

"Whom I would have retained with me." I have full confidence in him in the Lord and considered keeping him.

"That in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel." This also is a precious thought. Paul knew that Philemon would have, and even now, longed to minister to his needs, but in God's providence they were separated and in this regard, he could have used Onesimus in Philemon's place.

#### VERSE 14

"But without thy mind would I do nothing." Even though Paul could have used Onesimus, and would have been happy and thankful to do so, he wanted what was appropriate and best for all parties concerned; so he foregoes his personal desires. He would do nothing to cause his brother to be offended or stumble (I Cor. 8:13; Rom. 14:21).

"That thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willing." Paul wanted to eliminate any possibility of misunderstanding. We should abstain even from the appearance of evil (I Thess. 5:22).

#### VERSE 15

"For perhaps." Paul did not know fully God's Divine purpose in the event transpiring, but wanted to assure Philemon God was working out something which would affect them all. We should even seek to both know and to submit to God's will (Matt. 26:39).

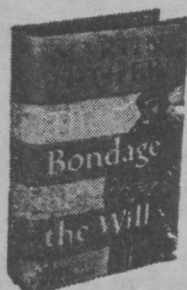
"He departed for a season." The problems, trials, and afflictions of this life, along with outward disappointments, are merely "for a season," as well as being used to God's glory and our good (II Cor. 4:16-17; Rom. 5:3; James 5:7-8).

"That thou shouldest receive him for ever." Again, the situation had been painful, but not without purpose.

Conclusion: May we learn to walk circumspectly in relation to the perplexing events of this life (Eph. 5:15).

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"Who was Jesus' grandfather on his father's side?"

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Luke 3:22,23, "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased. And Jesus Himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the Son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli."

Jesus had no earthly father in the genealogical sense. His descent was from God, and not from regular personage. Yet, He was both "the Son of God," and the "Son of Mary" (Matt. 16:16; Mark 6:3). The Scriptures over and over set forth the fact of Christ's deity, but let us be careful not to magnify His divinity to the exclusion of His humanity, for it was in His humanity He was His people's substitute under the law.

Luke 1:32 "... The Lord shall give unto Him (Jesus) the throne of His father David." Jesus was the "Son of David," and at the same time David's Messiah and eternal Lord (Mark 12:36,37). The fatal error of the Jews during the time of Christ on earth was, they placed all their hope on the human ancestral line. They consistently cried, "We have Abraham to our Father." Christ did not dispute their word, He knew they had an unbroken line all the way back to Abraham. Christ also knew that Abraham and all his progeny were born of corrupt stock (Adam), and thereby merited the wrath of God, instead of favor.

In studying the genealogies of

Matthew one and Luke three it will be seen that both Joseph and Mary are descendants of David, and therefore Jesus is fully qualified by earthly lineage to be the heir of David's throne. The Jew was responsible to keep without a single infraction all the Law of God, this included the civil aspect of the law, as well as the moral and ceremonial. The law of inheritance came under the civil aspect of the law, and for Christ to fulfill the Law and inherit the throne of Israel He must be born of the royal blood line. Thus, we read, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1). God would not break His own Law, so He sent forth HIS SON, made of a woman, made under the Law (Gal. 4:4).

Let us not fall into the error of the Jews, and claim acceptance with God because of Baptist ancestry or heritage. Let us be aware at all times that our spiritual and eternal blessings come not by being born of earth's purest pedigree, not of the will of the flesh, not of the will of man, but of God (John 1:13). In the strict sense Jesus has no paternal ancestry, save that of God.

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Strictly speaking, and according to the way your question is worded, Jesus does not have a grandfather. His Father is God.

If, however, you are speaking of His step-father Joseph, we have the answer in Matthew. "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of

Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ" (Matt. 1:16). We see then that Jacob is Joseph's father, or the step-grandfather of Jesus.

Many people get the genealogy of Matthew 1 and Luke 3 confused. Matthew gives the genealogy of Joseph while Luke gives the genealogy of Mary. Let us examine Luke 3:23-38. Verse 23 has a phrase "being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph," showing that Jesus was not actually the son of Joseph. Since the Jews never speak of the mother's genealogy as such, it is spoken of in this manner. The words "which was the son of Heli" shows Mary's father. The words "the son" are in italics to show that they were added by the translators and could have been "Jesus ... the family of Heli" or "Jesus ... the grandson of Heli." Heli was Mary's father.

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I am not sure of what the question is asking. The Bible very plainly tells us in no uncertain terms that Jesus was born of a virgin. (Isa. 7:14) "... behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

In Matthew 1:17 we find, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." Again in verse 20 of Matthew 1 we read, "... Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." In Luke 1:31 Mary was told by the angel, "And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." In verses 34 and 35, "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her,

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The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." From these Scriptures we see that Jesus had no human father, therefore He had no grandfather on His father's side.

Now if the question is asking who was the father of Joseph (the husband of Mary, but NOT the father of Jesus) Matthew 1:16 tells us, "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." In Luke 3:23 we read, "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli." Many Bible scholars believe that Matthew is tracing the genealogy of Joseph while Luke is giving the genealogy of Mary. Therefore there is no contradiction between the two accounts.

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## Grace Reigning ...

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to be saved. Was it because the one was a fitting object for the grace of God and the other not? No, the one was no more a fitting object than the other. Was it because Paul chose Christ, and Judas rejected Him? Well, but how was it that Paul chose Christ? Was it not because Christ chose him?

Why was it that Judea was made a land of light and Egypt remained a region of darkness? Who made the difference? Man or God? Was God unjust in leaving Egypt in the shadow of death when He made light to arise on Israel? What had Israel done to deserve a privilege like this?

Why is it that Britain is a land of light and Africa a land of darkness? Who made the difference? Who sent the gospel to Britain and withheld it from Africa? Is God unjust in leaving the mighty continent in the hands of Satan, and in delivering from his yoke this small island of the sea?

None have deserved salvation. No man is more fit for it than another. God was not bound to save any. God might have saved all. Yet He only saved some. Is He, then, unjust in only saving some when He could have saved all? Objectors say, Oh, those who are lost, are lost because they rejected Christ. But did not all equally reject Him at first? What made the unbelief of some give way? Was it because they willed it, or because God put forth His power in them? Surely the latter. Might He not, then, have put forth His power in all, and prevented any from rejecting the Saviour? Yet He did not. Why? Because so it seemed good in His sight.

Is it unjust in God to save only a few when all are equally doomed to die? If not, is there any injustice in His determining beforehand to save these few, and leave the rest unsaved? They could not save themselves, and God in His infinite wisdom must resolve to save them. Or, was it unjust in Him to resolve, in His infinite wisdom, to save them? Or, was it unjust in Him not to resolve to save all? Had all perished there would have been no injustice with Him. How is it possible that there can be injustice in

His resolving to save some?

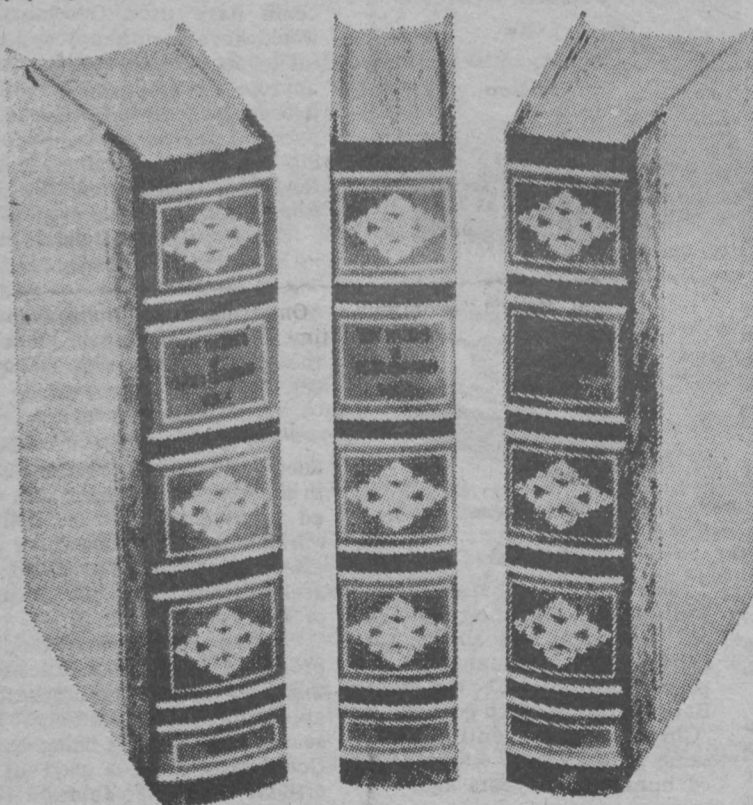
There can be no grace when there is no sovereignty. Deny God's right to choose whom He will and you deny Him right to save whom He will. Deny His right to save whom He will and you deny that salvation is of grace. If salvation is made to hinge upon any desert or fitness in man, seen or foreseen, grace is at an end.

One of the controversies of the present day is respecting the will of God—as to whether His will or man's is the regulating power in the universe, and the procuring cause of salvation to souls. The supremacy of God's will over individual persons and events is questioned. Things are made to turn upon man's will, not on God's. Conversion is made to turn on man's will, not on God's. Man's will, not God's, is to decide what individuals are to enter heaven. Man's pen, and not God's, is to write the names of the saved ones in the Lamb's Book of Life! Much zeal is shown for the freedom of man's will, little jealousy seems to be left for the freedom of God's will. Men insist that it is unjust and tyrannical in God to control their wills, yet see nothing unjust, nothing proud, nothing Satanic in attempting to fetter and direct the will of God. Man, it seems, cannot have his own foolish will gratified, unless the all-wise God will consent to relinquish His!

Such are some of the steps in the march of Atheism. Such are the preparations making in these last days by the wily usurper for dethroning the Eternal Jehovah.

Men may call these speculations. They may condemn them as unprofitable. To the law and to the testimony! Of such speculations, the Bible is full. There man is a helpless worm, and salvation from first to last, is of the Lord. God's will, and not man's, is the law of the universe. If we are to maintain the gospel—if we are to hold fast grace—if we are to preserve Jehovah's honour—we must grasp these truths with no feeble hand. For if there be no such a Being as a Supreme pre-determining Jehovah, then the universe will soon be chaos; and if there be no such thing as free electing love, every minister of Christ may close his lips, and every sinner upon earth sit down in mute despair.

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### "GROWING IN GOD"

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As a young Christian I'm aware of the trials we often face. Some of our growing problems we see each and every day, the questions often asked and the answers we come up with, from our prayers and talking to the people we respect. In the times in which we live, sometimes living for God is sometimes straining, to the aging teen-ager.

One item the young Christian is faced with are "friends." In our everyday life we meet all kinds of people, at school, or at church. What are true friends? The Bible speaks of a dear friendship, that of David and Jonathan. They were true and loyal friends, almost at the expense of their own lives. The Bible says that they loved each other dearly. Even though Jonathan was the son of the king and David was a former shepherd boy, they were good friends. "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). The Bible also speaks thus in John 15:13,16: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends . . . Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." Earthly friends are wonderful, especially, when they are loyal. But oftentimes our earthly friends at the time we need them, they let us down.

Another scripture that might comfort you when your earthly friends fail you is John 15:11,14. In this world the true friends you may think you have found, often don't understand the Christian stand you take. There may not be someone that is saved, and your own age and close enough to talk to when the time arises, but a Christian, no matter the age or distance, is a true friend. They can pray for you and often that is the best comfort anyone can give. Also, the Lord has something to say about His children fellowshiping with non-believers. Ephesians 5:11 says, "And have no fellowship

with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Also He says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness?"

Christians are faced day to day with fads and styles. It is quite difficult to deal with them—you feel out of place if you don't follow, and disobedient if you do. The Bible says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you." The avenues we sometimes get caught up in, such as, the new album, new clothes, new hairstyles, and the latest sayings. You may find yourself temporarily popular with the crowd if you follow the fads, but how much better it would be to follow God and be eternally popular with Him. A good scripture to look to is I Corinthians 3:16,23.

Weakness or Meekness. "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness" (Zephaniah 2:3). Young Christians often think or rather mistake meekness for weakness. They think if a person shows signs of a meek spirit that he has no backbone, that he cannot make up his own mind. This is not necessarily true! Meekness is a sign of strength. It proves patience, control of temper, gentleness, humility, and kindness.

The definition of weakness is just the opposite. A weak person is one who is frail in his thinking, not strong enough to endure. He yields easily and has little or no will-power. Moses, one of God's greatest leaders, was a meek man, (Numbers 12:3). For even Christ said, "I am meek" (Matthew 11:29). Additional readings: Galatians 5:22,26.

Does it matter how you appear in school, or out in your own communities? The Bible teaches "Even so ye also outwardly appear right-

eous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matthew 23:28). You may do things with your friends that you would never do around your Christian folks, or even if you were alone, but the way you appear in school or anywhere you go, you carry the Christian name. You are looked to, to see how you react with the things of the world; even if you are alone with your baby brother, the example you set as a Christian may have the greatest effect of anything he sees or learns from the world.

Christ obeyed the law. He gave honor where honor was due, and He had respect for those in authority. Do we? No, certainly growing in Christ is not an easy road or path to take, but the little things we do now as a teen-ager will make our Godly living in the future a better or smoother path. God leads you in Christian fellowship and you must follow. Something to remember when in need of comfort, "And, behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

### Jews . . .

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In the East, there is an impressive array of approaches to supposed spirituality and immortality. Without exception, however, all such are unscriptural and evidence of man's hatred of, "Salvation is of the Jews." For some of those there is physical immolation of a myriad sort, while some strive for their place on the so-called "Wheel of Karma," and others live wholly in anticipation of their absolute loss of self, personality, and identity in the supposed "nothingness" of Nirvana. And multitudes of religiously oriented hosts throughout the earth find such mystical and mythical theses, forms, and rituals to be fully consistent with their unscriptural desires.

One, writing from existing resources and with some insight, has noted, "The Babylonian records of the beginnings of time were hymns in celebration of Marduk and the other gods of the pantheon. The Assyrians treasured the temple psalms in honor of Asshur and Ish-tar. The Egyptians paid the tribute of prayers and honorific inscriptions to Ammon, Mut, and Khonsu. The ancient Aryans of India composed their Vedie hymns to the glory of Brahma, Vishnu and Siva. The Greeks immortalized their religious conceptions in their epics and tragedies, and made the names of Zeus, Artemis and Apollo familiar to the whole of the Mediterranean world. In all the other regions of the east and west the worship of the Eternal has provided the central theme of poetic inspiration, though the names by which He has been known have been as varied as the hundred divine titles graven on Akbar's tomb.

In the West, the din of religious confusion is even more intense. Though there perhaps is not a tribe, a people, or a civilization who do not have immediate access to the Word of God that could provide them with wisdom eternal, most of those who have any religious inclination whatever choose to reject either covertly or overtly, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).

Many of these, as Judas Iscariot of old, may go about "in the footsteps of Jesus," as it were, and by doing good through the medium of feeding the poor, making some moves to heal the sick, and designing social, economic, and philosophical systems to benefit those who are lacking in some of the graces of civilization. It would appear that they are doing such with the best of motives, even as Judas appeared to desire that the price of "anointing oil" be given to the poor, and thereby suppose that God will look upon them with eternal favor.

Beyond such seeming good works, we may view their multitudinous baptisms, confessions,

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Each of these preachers are outstanding speakers. In addition to the preaching we will be having special music by two quartets, the Zionaires and the Zion Adult Quartet, both from the Zion Baptist Church of Taylor.

Please phone Pastor Hamilton at 781-9662, if you desire any additional information about this Bible Fellowship.

## Labor Day Week-end Conference Program

God willing, there will be a Bible conference Labor Day week-end, August 29-31 at Grace Baptist Church in Stanleyville, N.C. The church is pastored by Elder Joe Wilson. His home phone is 919/767-6911. The church phone is 919/377-2154. Stanleyville is just north of Winston-Salem and is off highway 52. The church is located behind the Green Front Service Station which is on old 52 in the northern edge of Stanleyville. Call the pastor if he can be of any help in obtaining lodging or in any way. The church will provide lodging for speakers and families, unless such would prefer to stay in a motel. The church will feed all who attend the noon and evening meals. There will be an evening meal at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 29th. The following is the program for the conference. Each speaker will choose his own subject and will be limited to thirty minutes.

### FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P.M.

James Hobbs ----- McDermott, Ohio  
Mike King ----- Toledo, Ohio  
Dan Phillips ----- Bristol, Tenn.  
Willard Pyle ----- Fort Myers, Fla.

### SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.

Aaron West ----- Goshen, Ind.  
Open -----  
Dean Elzy ----- Sullivan Ill.  
Leroy Pack ----- Alderson, W. Va.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

Butch Bugansky ----- Rome, Ohio  
Open -----  
Ray Brown ----- Indore, W. Va.

### SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P.M.

Don Pennington ----- Warren, Ohio  
David West ----- Jessup, Ga.  
Jim Everman ----- St. Paul, Ky.  
Sam Wilson ----- Gladwin, Mich.

### SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.

Owen Croy ----- Ashland, Ky.  
Oscar Mink ----- Mansfield, Ohio  
Luther Hilton ----- Hobart, Ind.  
Joe Wilson ----- Host Pastor

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

John Lenegar ----- Sunbury, Ohio  
Open -----  
Rick Perdue ----- Taylorsville, N.C.

### SUNDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

Gene Kiger ----- Tulsa, Okla.  
Open -----  
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Gordon Buchanan ----- Perry, Ga.

There are sermons planned for the open spaces, but it is not sure yet as to who will be preaching at these times. There will be special singing interspersed through the conference. Meals will be at Noon and 5:30 P.M. It is hoped that many readers of TBE will attend this conference.

prayers, "hail Mary's," Communion, faithfulness in conformity and in performance within the parachurch, suprachurch, or denominational limitations, and worship efforts which they design to impress God or to appeal to His good sense of earthly justice. Every such effort, however, is but another mortal device designed under the aegis of Satan and with malice aforethought to counter God's eternal decree, "Salvation is of the Jews!" (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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## Wayne Mowris Canadian Missionary News

Dear Friends,  
Greetings in the most precious name of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, to Him be praise and all glory.

I attended two Bible Conferences this spring in Kentucky and Michigan. I also visited a number of churches to present the field of Canada to them.

On May 13th I drove across the border into Canada — or almost didn't. They weren't going to let me come in as a visitor but the Lord worked on their hearts as I talked with them and explained why it was needful. Did you know that in things like that you can talk and be praying at the same time? Oh! how our precious Lord does undertake, so they let me in.

I found a few independent Baptist churches but not many, and most not what we would call sound but very loose in personal Christian living.

Was thankful to be able to visit the churches and families that requested me to and found some good fellowship and a few that are very interested in missions.

There are so many cities without a Baptist church of any kind, one of 35,000, and many smaller ones. There is such a need for the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

One family that asked me come visit them lives out in the woods by a lake in upper Manitoba. They have no running water, electricity, bathroom accommodations; just simply a shanty they built out in the woods, or bush they call it. They keep Huskies to keep the bears away.

When I was in Calgary, Alberta, I checked with the church that is getting me in, to find out what the hold up is. Well, they had been waiting for clearance from the

Manpower Commission. You see, in Canada if you are taking a job away from a Canadian they won't let you in, but there is a shortage of Independent Baptist preachers so there is no problem there. However, Immigration said they did not know that but they would take my papers out of file and start processing them. Pray much about this, it still could be another six to nine months because I have to have an interview yet, then a physical, then wait on them.

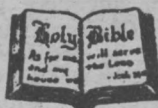
I met a man that has dealt with Chipewyan Indians and found out quite a bit about them, some of it quite scary; about the spirits they worship and the power they have. Please pray much for us concerning this. He said the older people do not speak English; just the younger generation. They stay pretty much off by themselves, but can be friendly if they trust you. They seem to be able to measure you up the first time they see you. He said they are uncanny this way.

I will be spending a few weeks getting my equipment ready. Hopefully, the visa papers will be in by that time. If not, I hope and pray that I can get a special permit to go into the area without the visa. My wife and I hope to be going very soon.

We appreciate very much those of you who have supported us both with offerings and prayers. We ask your continued prayers that God will raise up those to support us so that we will have sufficient funds when we are on the field. As you can see we still have need of more support, but we are trusting that God will supply and intend to go on to the field as soon as possible.

Praying our Lord's richest blessing on you and yours.  
Yours in Christ,  
Wayne E. Mowris, Missionary

## IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question: — WHAT CHILDREN WERE CONSIDERED BORN IN ANSWER TO PRAYER?

Answer:—Isaac, Genesis 15:2-5 and Genesis 21:1-3.  
Esau and Jacob, Genesis 25:21-26.  
Dan, Genesis 30:6.  
Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah, Genesis 30:17-21.  
Joseph, Genesis 30:22-24.  
Samuel, First Samuel 1:9-20.  
John the Baptist, Luke 1:13.

ces, even denied. Such rationalization is never the word of the Holy Spirit of God! Such rationalization is never the product of human hearts and minds which are abounding in the truth of the Holy Word of God or of lives which are being lived and empowered in accord with the Holy Purposes of God. The Holy Spirit of God cried then, and He yet cries, "Salvation is of the Jews!"

Therefore, every "native," "national," "ethnic," or "racial" likeness or image of Jesus is an attempt to deny and to blaspheme the ineluctable and the eternal truth which God declares without equivocation and indubitably, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). Every such likeness is a mortal effort on the part of men to counter God's sovereign and eternal purposes in His only begotten Son who came as the Jew to be the Saviour in accord with "The determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23)!

Such "likenesses" are never Jewish!

Such "likenesses" are nationalistic!

Always, such "likenesses" are bold, brazen, and blasphemous mockeries of, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them or serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God . . ." (Ex. 20:3-5). Second, such "likenesses," without exception, are defiant, depraved, and demonic attacks upon the God who has declared for all time, "Salvation is of the Jews!"

This is not a new phenomenon! Some men have opposed God's sovereign purposes in the earth from the beginning. God explains, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3).

Eternally, God was prepared! Before Satan said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the North; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isa. 14:13-14), God had made a way in the earth for His faith to triumph over human folly. Already, the true God omnisciently had prepared for "Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God . . ." (Acts 2:23). Already, the foundation work of salvation was completed in, "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

Eternally, if we can receive it or if we cannot, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and

## DANIEL E. PARKS JULY MISSION NEWS

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of JESUS CHRIST, Who "having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15). Hallelujah! What a Saviour! How glorious it is to know Him as King! JEHOVAH yet continues to shower His abounding mercies upon my family even though, like you, we deserve none of them. Our bodies and souls yet enjoy temporal health, and the salvation of the bodies and souls of DeeBoy and Christina yet are the subject of much prayer with Sandy and myself. These two children continue to bring us much happiness as they grow. For instance, we recently observed DeeBoy taking the hands of Christina in an attempt to help her with the hand motions to the song "Deep And Wide . . . There's A Fountain Flowing Deep And Wide." We pray that the sown Gospel seed in their hearts will be brought to fruition.

I have changed the name of the "Christian Teacher" to the "Christian Preacher" for two reasons. First, the purpose of the tract is better stated in the new name than in the old. Second, I have a desire to publish in the future a publication geared to the teaching of the saints, in contrast with the present publication geared to the preaching to the unregenerate, and I feel the name "Christian Teacher" would be quite descriptive of its intended ministry. The message of the enclosed CP this month deals with the BIBLE doctrine of Hell. I felt led to write upon this subject due in part to the propagation of false teachings concerning it by the Russellites (who have deceptively dubbed themselves "JEHOVAH'S Witnesses") and other cultic groups which seem to be becoming more and more apparent here and elsewhere. I covet your prayers for this printed ministry. The St.

John Baptist Fellowship distributes about 500 of these tracts plus other literature monthly here on St. John, St. Thomas, and elsewhere.

The series of lessons on BIBLE history which I began teaching to the St. John Baptist Fellowship in January is dealing with the Divided Kingdom Era this month. It appears that I will have more than 150 pages of these outlined summaries when the course is completed at the end of the year, type-written in single-spaced Elite type. However, I must confess that—even though I have authored them—there is no thought in them original with me. In fact, I know of nothing original with me except that which is called "original sin" by some, and I got that through Adam. Nevertheless, these lessons have been most beneficial to me, and the fellowship seems to be edified with them as well.

We are trusting JEHOVAH to provide us with a more suitable meeting house. We presently meet in my residence for LORD's Day service and in another house for the midweek service. I have sought in vain for a more suitable meeting house. I have also noted what appears to be a certain unwillingness on the part of some who have been invited to attend the services to meet in a residence rather than in a place set apart for that purpose solely. The fellowship has begun a building fund. This is the start of what will be a great undertaking here where land sells by the quarter-acre for about \$7,000-10,000 and up. Yet, I have encouraged the fellowship to shoulder the bulk of this task themselves rather than to hope that others will do it for them. We do covet your prayers concerning this and other matters.

I remain, by His ever-glorious Sovereign Grace, your servant for JESUS' sake.

Daniel E. Parks

## Jews . . .

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multitudes in His, "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14) and in "And, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32) and its corollary "For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" (Matt. 7:13).

God provides one way of salvation!

Men, offer a thousand simple ways!

In fact, there perhaps is not an area of human society, whether secular or sacred, that has not been and that is not now permeated with that deadly doctrine of anti-semitism. Whether in the East or the West, the North or the South, anti-semitism, whether covertly pursued in some religious or good-works guise, or whether overtly practiced as a political, philosophical, or pious system of human government, is always an attack upon Christ Jesus, the Son of God, albeit at times the attackers are professing Christians. Such may give the appearance of sophistication and erudite credulity, but beneath and beyond such is that pervading hatred of God.

Some call Jesus "Universal Man"!

Truly, they deny His Jewishness!

With Satan of old, they are crying, "Yea, hath God said?" (Gen. 3:1). Without conscience, their determination is to assure mortal men that salvation is not of the Jews and ultimately that Jesus is

not the Saviour or that He is not the only Saviour. It is no marvel that for some Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus, whom they call "the mother of God," becomes their "Mediatrice" and real means of salvation. It is no marvel that multitudes deem the so-called "baptismal font" or the "baptismal pool" to be the means of salvation, or at least, a necessary element of salvation. It is no marvel that unnumbered hosts of earth's teeming masses suppose that their prayers or the prayers of others are or can be their means of salvation.

"No man cometh to the Father but by me"!

"No other name whereby we can be saved"!

Tragically, the pattern of man's perversion of God's provision of salvation has persisted in every nation of earth. Under the direction of Satan and the need for relevancy, men have rationalized their need for "native," "national," or "ethnic" likenesses of Jesus, whether drawn, painted, sculptured, or magically designed. Some are so accomplished and accommodating with their desires and their designs that they presume to find His un-Jewish likeness in the clouds, in the heavens, or in visions at the foot of their beds. Some so despise the teaching of the Word of God that they decorate the walls of their churches themselves and their families nationally or ethnically, and sometimes even racially!

His being a Jew is glossed or discounted or, in some instan-

whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Rom. 8:20-30). Impossible though it may be for the mortal mind of man, the natural man — "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14)—to comprehend, God, "Who first trusted in Christ" (Eph. 1:12) had already "chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:4).

Marvelously, God had prepared, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). Typically, in covering the "nakedness" of His creations, we hear, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Gen. 3:21) and "Behold, the man is become as one of us . . ." (Gen. 3:22). Though the innocence of the Edenic Days had been lost because of sin, God had ordained a new relationship. By the way of the cross through "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," Adam and Eve had everlasting life for "Behold, the man is become as one of us . . ."

### "EARLY-ON"

Early in the post-diluvian era of history, God explained to Abram, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:2-3). If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, and hearts to understand, Abram was receiving and delivering the message of God in all of its supernatural wonder:

"Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22)!

Abram was declaring God's sovereignty!

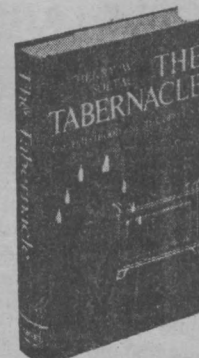
Consequently, apart from God's grace and the enlightenment of the Spirit of God, no man can ever understand or accept, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Rom. 9:13). Such sovereign and omniscient truth must ever irritate and rankle, as it were, the

hearts of men who have never learned that "Salvation is of the Jews." Men operating apart from "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17) can have no place in their "mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Rom. 9:15) or "Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?" (Rom. 9:21).

Religious men of a myriad sort (Continued on page 7, Column 4)

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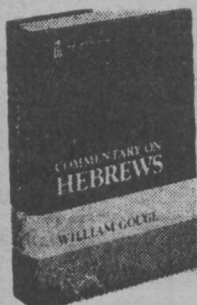
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## "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

DAYTON, Ohio (EP)—The first woman bishop of a "main-line" American religious denomination says the achievement is a little like "being the first woman on the moon." Dr. Marjorie S. Matthews, 64, of Traverse City, Mich., was elected on the 29th ballot to the the church's North Central Jurisdictional Conference here July 17.

SAN FRANCISCO (EP)—Moishe Rosen, leader of Jews for Jesus, has advised the supporters of his organization that "when it comes to giving, you ought to support your local church first." In the Jews for Jesus Newsletter, he said he had been angry when he heard "on a so-called Christian radio station" an appeal to support a radio broadcast and stop giving money to "dead churches."

Mr. Rosen declared that "if you belong to a church which you feel

is unworthy of your support and wholehearted involvement, it means the time has come for you to seek God's will in finding a new church. It doesn't mean forget the church and find substitute causes that you feel are more worthy."

TORONTO (EP)—Declaring that Russian Baptists who manage to stay out of prison do so "at the price of compromise," dissident Soviet pastor Georgi Vins opened his rival "Conference on the Persecuted Church" before sparse audiences. Scheduled by Mr. Vins to run concurrently with the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, the conference opened with about 100 participants. About 400 attended a later, evening session. Mr. Vins attracted a lion's share of media attention because of his criticism of the official delegation of Soviet Baptists attending the larger congress.

## New Work In Huli...

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matter is, God has given me a burden for the Huli people and I believe He will give me a few more years to labor among them in calling out His elect. Should you care to return and help me in this work, stay if you are already helping, or join me if you have never had a part in this work. I'll be grateful. Should you elect to not do so, that won't worry me in the least, for my plans are to continue on until He says, "It is enough."

Lots of individuals have come around the new Mission Station for various reasons. Several, just to find some sort of work only, while others have come for purely spiritual reasons. Last week a young man, perhaps 25 years of age and quite well dressed for a fellow out in the bush, walked into the new Mission Station. After standing around for awhile he said to me in quite a low voice that he would like to work. Thinking that perhaps he had above average talent, I asked him what kind of work could he do and what was he looking for by way of a job. He said he was a preacher and would like to

start working for me as a preacher. I informed him that we, as Baptists, do not hire preachers. I invited him to stay with us, attend services, and if in due time the Lord saved him and after that, called him to preach, and if some church then called him as pastor or authorized him as a missionary, he could become a Baptist preacher, and whatever church gave him authority would assume any responsibility for any money he earned, but until such time as all this took place, first he was wasting his time asking me for work as a preacher.

With the above fresh on your mind I would now like to quote from the same pharisaical letter written by the same pharisee that Brother Joe Wilson referred to in his recent article, "A PROPOSED SOLUTION." (Perhaps we will run this entire letter serially, inasmuch as it was so long, and then publish it in book form). Quote: "I do not know for a fact, but I have the suspicion that the New Guinea mission is operated on a dictatorial basis, and that preachers are HIRED AND FIRED, (emph. mine), it is lubricated with money and, if and when that runs out, the work may cease to exist... I cannot help but think there is something fishy in New Guinea, and I know that it is beyond question that while Brother Halliman carries the authority of one of the Lord's precious churches, he personally is an unfit vessel for the work and in days past YOU AGREED WITH ME 100%" (emph. mine), unquote.

I suppose if the pharisee that wrote the above had been standing around the other day when I refused to hire that preacher, he would either have to do one of three things: Not make any further statements like that, retract what he had already said, or else just go on being a pharisee. My guess is he would do the latter.

Beloved, can't you just see these two pharisees, the one that wrote the above and the one that in days past agreed with him 100%, sitting in some plush office or perhaps in the comfort of one of their homes, thanking the Lord that they are not as other men, or even as this man Halliman. Can't you just imagine that you can hear them say, "Lord, men like us are fit vessels only, and surely, you made a mistake when you called that unfit vessel Halliman to New Guinea." I suppose that if it were in the power of these two pharisees they would want to declare null and void the salvation of over 7,000 souls and the 44 Baptist Churches established here in Papua, New Guinea under the ministry of this unfit vessel. Perhaps the next time these two pharisees get together they will rebuke the Lord of glory for allowing this unfit vessel, Halliman, to start another Mission Station here in Papua, New Guinea. Can't you just hear them say, "Lord, when are you going to wake up to the fact that Halliman is just

not fit for that work over there!" Beloved, while I'll be the first to admit that I am an unfit vessel, I would not advise you to hold your breath until one or both of those pharisees leave their precious homes, families, friends and their beloved America to take my place, live in grass shacks on dirt floors, having their nostrils filled with the stench of unbathed, sweaty and dirty New Guinea natives, in order that many of them can hear the gospel and some of them believe, to the saving of their souls.

No, beloved, we do not hire and fire preachers, and neither do we try to lubricate the work here with money, and while the money may completely run out I can assure you of one thing, this work will continue on 'till Jesus comes. Every one of these 44 churches, with the exception of some 3 or 4 in very remote areas which have no way of any income at all, are self-supporting and take care of their own preachers.

This new work that I have started, of course, is an entirely different matter. We have no way of knowing how long it will be before there are some churches established in the area, if ever, and even then, until the new churches get on their feet, they will have to

then him, but he never deserted just because the burden was heavy and, because of the faithfulness to the task assigned him by the Lord, the valley of Rephidim flowed that long ago afternoon, and on into the night, with the blood of the enemies of God's people. Beloved, as I approach this huge valley in this area where I have started the new work, I sometimes pause at the top of the mountain just before I start the descent to the floor of the valley, and I think, "Perhaps this looks like the valley of Rephidim and that Satan has marshalled a great army there and now the fight is on." But, beloved, God has already promised me victory, so either with or without your assistance, I'll be here for the duration. May God bless each of you.

## Jews...

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may boast of their ostentatious "kingdoms" or "kingdom temples" or even of their small "kingdoms" or humble "kingdom temples"! Some of these may even mellifluously and most eloquently expound for purposes of their own on "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:15) and "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Some may even expound on "Ye shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

We discover, however, that many of these are intent only on pursuing their own personal and professional interests! We learn, too, that they are insistent only on accommodating their teachings to the desires and interests of their people and their peers. They live to make names for themselves, setting themselves up in power structures or religious interest, giving themselves dominion contrary to "The gentiles exercise dominion over them... but it shall not be so among you" (Matt. 20:25-26). As prophesied, so it has come to pass, "They will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts... they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears" (2 Tim. 4:3).

Christ's interests are of no concern! Christ's purposes are given no place!

These piteous and deceived souls may even expound on "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16), but they know that their own testimony is a lie for they appeal to one or more schemes of salvation which are contrary to the plain teaching of the Word of God regarding, "Salvation is of the Jews." Too, were they to indicate or concede that the Scriptures clearly teach that God's sovereign decree is "to the Jew first," yesterday, today, and tomorrow, the whole of their unscriptural religious world, their unscriptural pseudo-churches—really, kingdoms divided against themselves—would be "brought to desolation" and "fall," as they will!

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Therefore, those in every such organization—slaves to some denominational, parachurch, or suprachurch organization—who insist that one's salvation is somehow dependent upon or in alignment with it have missed the truth, "Salvation is of the Jews" and "No man comes to the Father but by me." Whether Roman, Protestant, Convention, Fundamentalist, Synod, Association, Parachurch, Suprachurch, Denominational, or Non-denominational, ad infinitum, every organization which makes such a claim has missed, "Then they that gladly received his word were immersed; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

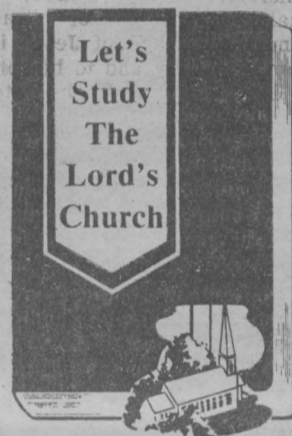
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Contrary to the philosophies and theologies of all so-called religious organizations and most so-called churches, salvation is not of the "olation" and "fall," as they will!

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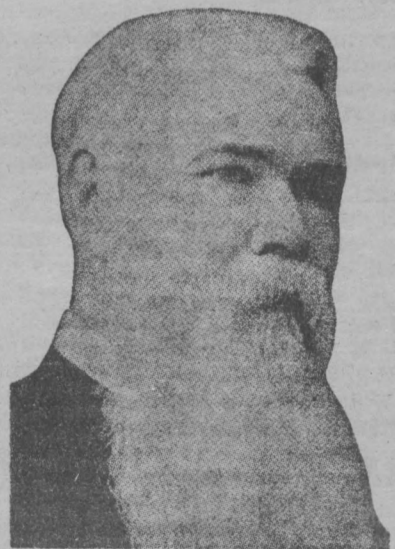
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## Some Crowns...

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God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (I Pet. 5:1-4).

This crown is for the preacher.

I have been brought face to face with the fact so many times as to how thankless the preacher's task is. As one man said: "The first year a pastor is with a congregation the people's attitude is 'nice pussy'; the second year it is 'poor pussy'; the third year it is 'scat'."

I think there is a measure of truth to it. How many times a preacher's position is misunderstood! I think not only of myself but of the experiences of many preachers that have come to me by correspondence and by personal contact. I couldn't begin to tell you how many times I have sat down with a preacher and read him this passage of Scripture when he has become discouraged and feels like giving up.

Beloved, pay day is coming for the preacher. God says for him to feed the flock. Keep on feeding them and He will give to him, after a while, a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

### CONCLUSION

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no

man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11).

Beloved, don't let anyone get your crown.

Years ago a man was handing out tracts. He became discouraged, like all Christians sometimes do. He said, "When I get through with this bunch, I am going to quit." When he handed out his last tract he was through. The man to whom he handed his last tract, was saved. That man took up the task of handing out tracts. Twenty years passed by. When these two individuals met, they compared notes and talked of their experiences. The older man remembered the words of Revelation 3:11 and said, "I have let you get my crown."

Beloved, God is going to carry on His work someday. Even if you shirk your responsibility, God's work is going on. May the Lord help you to say, "Here am I, send me."

How wonderful it is going to be when the God of all the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, hands out to you and me the crowns that are ours for our faithfulness and service to Him! I can think of but one thing greater than that. Revelation 4 tells us how that we will take those crowns and lay them down at the feet of the Lord Jesus. Greater than receiving them will be the fact that we can give them back to Him, out of love and appreciation for our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Jews...

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May God bless you! church or the churches, and it is not in the church or the churches. The church and the churches then, and the church and the churches now, consists and consist as an assembly or as assemblies of those who have experienced "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). All of these have learned eternally that "Salvation is of the Jews"! With rare exception, these have experienced that truly Scriptural immersion whereby they, having believed the gospel, have been added to a local church!

Those who oppose God's sovereign decree that "Salvation is of the Jews" can never comprehend God's Word concerning the Jerusalem Church or the true churches of today. It need not be thought strange, then, that most parachurch religious organizations, most suprachurch religious organizations, and most denominational religious organizations are made up of members who are convinced that God is through with the Jews. It should be obvious to all that "even now there are many anti-Christians" (I John 2:18) and that God has sent "them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thess. 2:11).

Such deluded men may have places of prominence and even preeminence in the religious world and in the so-called churches. Nonetheless, all with any Scriptural insight whatever should be able to realize that such deluded men live and walk in ignorance of the Word of God and delight in fleshly schemes rather than the wonder of Faith.

They deny "Salvation is of the Jews"!

Rejecting our responsibility to Jews!

Deploing "The gospel . . . to Jew first!"

"There is no fear . . . before their eyes!"

"The god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), even Satan, seems to have "blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4:4). Their delusion is so great that they suppose the troubles the Jews have experienced are evidence that God is through with them.

For the Jews, however, always the storm is followed by the rainbow. After 400 years of trouble for "Jacob" in Egypt, there were "the cloud by day . . . and a pillar of fire" by night (Ex. 13:21). Even now there is the promise, "And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Rom. 11:26).

### "CONSEQUENCE"

We have taken note of the Scriptural fact that God sovereignly chose the Jews, and that sovereignly through them He provided His Son, Jesus Christ, to "die for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3). Further, we learn "And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:4). This Son of God declared for all time, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). He further expounded on this truth with, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

If we truly have the Spirit of God, we shall be in wholehearted accord with the sovereign purposes of God. Further, we shall declare with the prophet of old, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Gen. 18:25).

If we can receive it, this is God's sovereign prerogative and His sovereign decree which He has sovereignly performed. Multitudes of men in all nations and climes, and among most religious persuasions, as well as races, may despise His

decision. It is, nonetheless, in effect until time shall be no more. In an hour when a prophet of God saw that this people would be hated by men, though chosen of God, there went forth the word, "The Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them" (Deut. 28:13).

God even promised this people, "Thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron" (Deut. 28:23) because of expected disobedience. In finality, however, His promise is without recall, His words are mistakable, "When all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse . . . thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee . . . Then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee" (Deut. 30:1 and 3).

If we can believe the Word of God, and, needless to say, I believe that we can, God assures us that the future of His people, the Jews, will be wonderful indeed, though for centuries and even now many men have given their very lives to destroy them. His words are unmistakable, "There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof . . . Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth, and in righteousness" (Zech. 8:4-5,7-8).

In that Millennial Day, "Many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech. 8:22). Amazingly and wonderfully, in that hour the Jews apparently will be the ones who will provide or arrange for the transportation of the peoples of earth to the city of Jerusalem. Again, God's Words are unmistakable, "In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have

heard that God is with you" (Zech. 8:23).

Tragically, men and nations of men have opposed the sovereign purposes and decrees of God. Always, however, such activity has been to their own peril. The Word of God which we have from Moses and Abraham of old is clear, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee . . ." (Gen. 12:3). And we have the witness of those who have indulged their programs and their efforts at extermination of the Jews. Their bones whiten in the valleys, on the plains, and upon the heights of the earth even now, as they have in every century of time since God made His sovereign determination.

Unbelievers reject God's salvation!

Believers, however, have another view!

If our perspective is as God's, we shall boldly and continually declare, even as Jesus, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). Too, if we have the same concern as the Apostle, we shall declare, even as he, that "The gospel of Christ . . . is . . . to the Jew first . . ." (Rom. 1:16). Only as our perspective is as God's and only as our concern is as that of the Apostle will our efforts as Christians and as Baptists count for God! Only then can our lives and our witness have any meaningful impact for God's purposes in the hearts, lives, and minds of men!

Only then will our efforts transcend the religious efforts of men or the religions of the world! Only then will we actually be involved in serving God! Only then will we understand the distinction which God makes in, "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness" (I John 5:19)! Only then will we comprehend in part the grace of God in His, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion! So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy" (Rom. 9:15-16)!

Only then will we understand, in a measure, the justice of our God! Only then will we have any comprehension whatever of the word, "For the Scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth" (Rom. 9:17-18). Only then will the words, "Jews, Jesus, Justice," have any effectual meaning in our minds or our ministries!

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