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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST JESUS

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"And said unto him, Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3).

It is obvious that the coming to which John the Baptist refers in this question is what we commonly term the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Also, in Hebrews 10:37 we read: "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." The coming that is referred to in this chapter is the advent of Jesus Christ which is still future, which we term the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The incarnation was for the express purpose of fulfilling a covenant agreement which Jesus Christ had with the Father, that He should come and assume bodily flesh, and redeem those whom God had chosen in Him. This is not the first time the incarnation of Jesus had appeared on earth. In the Old Testament, you will find that the Angel of Jehovah that is referred to over and over again is, in reality, Jesus Christ in a preincarnate form. These appearances are referred to by the theologians as "theophanies," that is a temporary assumption of some bodily form with man. The incarnation, of course, is different from a theophany in that an incarnation is a permanent assumption of bodily form. Jesus shall never lay aside that

HAVE YOU BEEN WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS?

"Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: God, I thank Thee that I am not as just, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

"And the publican, STANDING afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner. I tell you, this man (the publican) went down to his house JUSTIFIED rather than the other, for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:10-14).

OUR OWN MERITS CAN NOT SAVE

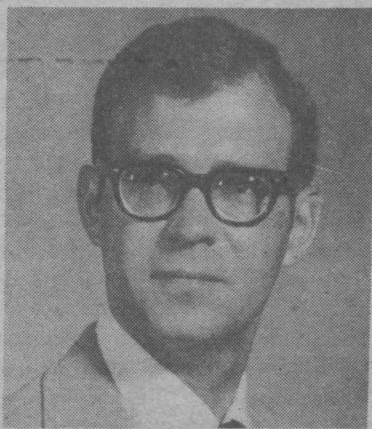
"For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of WORKS, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

"But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH on him

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bodily form which He assumes in His incarnation.

The second coming of Jesus Christ is that coming which is



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still future, that we look forward to tonight. Hebrews 10:38 accompanies this coming by saying:

"Now the just shall live by faith..."

That coming which is our hope and our joy, must be received and anticipated today by this dispensation in exactly the same way that the incarna-

tion was assumed, believed in, and trusted by the Old Testament saints; it must be accompanied by faith.

There was never a soul saved, except that he was saved by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. We that are saved today look back upon the finished work of Jesus Christ and are saved. The Old Testament prophets looked forward to the finished work of Jesus Christ and were saved.

Let me point out something to you about those two texts of Scripture which I read. You notice in the literal rendering, they were very similar, as in both cases. He that is referred to could be spoke of as the coming One. Did it ever occur to you that there has never been a time in the history of the world that Jesus Christ was not the coming One? He has always been the coming One and our joy tonight and the blessedness of this work of preaching Jesus Christ is the fact that some day He is coming again. That com-

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ORIGIN AND CHARACTER OF THE SONS OF GOD

There is a "gospel" in our day, widespread and appealing, the "glad tidings" that all men are by nature the children of God. If we ask, "Why then a gospel?" these heralds of the "new evangelism" smugly tell us, "Men must be told of their divine sonship and inheritance in the Father's house, and thus be led back from the far country, not as repentant prodigals, but as unknowing of a loving Father awaiting them."

A WIFE OF SATAN

This so-called gospel has an alluring sound, as proclaimed in

flights of pulpit oratory and seductive writings and many are being deceived thereby. But it is not new. It was introduced by the adversary in fair Eden's garden, "ye shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5).

Men are not by nature the children of God! They are the children of fallen Adam; and by moral state they are the children of wrath, inheritors of a corrupt humanity (Eph. 2:3).

If, we ask then, who these sons of God may be, that

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IS ONE BAPTIST CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

by Roy Mason
(Now Deceased)

The answer is a positive no! Undoubtedly the seven churches mentioned in Revelation were what we would today term "Baptist" churches, because that early, there were no other churches - even as John Clark Redpath, Methodist historian said when he wrote, "In the first century-all Christians were Baptists." Now among those seven churches, was one as good as another? Compare the church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-4) with the

church that stands for the whole Word of God. Some Baptist churches in the north, particularly, have come to repudiate the full inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ and in general the fundamentals of Christianity. Such a church has ceased to be a real Baptist church and it is a sin to belong to such. Gods Word concerning such is "Come ye out from among them" (II Cor. 6:17).

Then some Baptist churches that hold to the fundamentals of Christianity are loose on other doctrines. They ignore what the Bible says about women speaking, leading in prayer, etc. in public, mixed gatherings of men and women. Yet the Bible is plain (I Cor. 14:34). They receive alien baptism-that is, baptism administered by man-founded churches. They practice open communion when the Bible makes clear that such is unscriptural (See I Cor. 11:18-20-Revised Version). A church that carelessly junks even a portion of the Bible is not as good as one that respects it all (See Matt. 5:19).

2. A church that is worldly in life is not as good as one that stands for separation (See Rom. 12:2). The average Baptist church is rotten worldly, and little is said against the worldly amusements that characterize

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church at Laodicea (3:14-19). Quite a difference indeed.

Let us make some comparisons between Baptist churches of this day:

1. A church that is loose doctrinally is not as good as a

THE BIBLE, OUR GUIDE

J. S. Hunnicutt

It would be difficult indeed for anyone who has been an ardent lover and lifetime student of the Word of God, to make its teachings run parallel with the trend of modern thought. All the religious denominations of the present day have sought to construct theories suitable to their own tastes, without any apparent regard for the Word of God. I regret that after forty-five years of almost daily study of the Scriptures, honesty compels me to say I know of no religious denomination that will now take the Word of God as a whole. Yet so many among them have assumed the role of teachers of the Word who show a sad lack of knowledge of the Scriptures, and these blind guides are always dangerous leaders of the people. James

sounded a warning note against this careless practice of the churches, "My brethren, be not many masters (teachers), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation" (Jas. 3:1). Church members and preachers alike show plainly enough that they do not take the Word of God seriously. They do not receive it as Divinely inspired, as coming from the very heart of God Himself. They do not believe it to be the living Word which is "quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and joints and marrow." The Bible, a book so common. Yes, it is to be found in almost every home kept there as an ornament to look upon, but not to be studied. It is both the most loved and most hated of all books. Hated a great deal more than it

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A Sermon by John R. Gilpin

"TULIP BAPTISTS"

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(Read John 4).

The outline for my message is as follows:

T-total depravity
U-nconditional election
L-imited atonement
I-rresistible grace
P-erseverance

If you will notice on the left hand side, the large letters - reading down is T-U-L-I-P, tulip. I want each one of these letters to represent a particular doctrine - a doctrine that we find in this fourth chapter of John.

I have read to you a great

passage of Scripture - the fourth chapter of John - and I think this chapter illustrates to us every one of these truths. I think we can see in this woman of John 4 every one of these truths working. I think she can be said to be a sample sinner, and that we could push her forward and say, "This is a sample of what a 'Tulip Baptist' is."

TOTAL DEPRAVITY.

There isn't any question but what this woman was totally depraved. I need not go back and argue as to what her nature was. Her practice is enough to show that she was totally

depraved. Listen:

"Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly" (John 4:16-18).

I am not arguing about what her nature was, for there practice certainly proves total depravity. Apparently, she had been divorcing men in a wholesale fashion. She got tired

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of Reno-vating. She got tired of
going to Reno to get a quick
divorce, so she decided, instead
of doing so after five ex-
periences, she would just live
with this man without any
pretense of marriage. The Lord
Jesus Christ told her of what she
was doing and what she had
done, and all this is but an
evidence to us of the fact that
she was totally depraved.

I say to you, this woman is no
exception. She is exactly and
precisely like everyone of us here
within the house of God. There
is no difference. We all stand
totally depraved in the sight of
God. Listen:

"The Lord looked down
from heaven upon the
children of men, to see if
there were any that did
understand, and seek God.
They are ALL GONE ASIDE,
they are ALL TOGETHER
BECOME FILTHY: there is
none that doeth good, NO,
NOT ONE" (Psa. 14:2, 3).

Can you imagine the
Almighty introspectively look-
ing toward this earth to see if He
can find one human that
understands and seeks after
God? You would think out of all
the millions and the billions that
are living in this world that God
would be able to find at least one
person that is seeking after Him
— that God would be able to
find at least one person that
understands spiritual truth.

You can tell an individual
anything you want so far as this
world is concerned and he will
understand it. You can tell him
how he can gratify his lust and
you will have no difficulty mak-
ing him understand. You can
tell him how he can advance in
wealth and worldly wisdom, and
even in worldly education, and

he will understand. But talk to
him about spiritual things and
he becomes befuddled before
you get to first base. The fact of
the matter is, every unsaved per-
son is so totally depraved that he
cannot understand spiritual
things. Spiritual things have to
be illuminated to him. They
have to be explained to him.
Spiritual things have to be
taught to him, and he can't
understand them apart
therefrom.

As I say, this text in the
Psalms tells us of God's in-
trospection of this earth, and
how God looks down upon
humanity and comes to this con-
clusion, that "they are all gone
aside, they are all together
become filthy: there is none that
doeth good, no, not one." Without an exception, the whole
human family is totally depraved.

The New Testament presents
to us the same truth. When the
Apostle Paul was writing to the
church at Rome, he said:

"For all have sinned, and
come short of the glory of
God" (Rom. 3:23).

There is an underlying im-
agery here — that of a man
shooting at a target with an ar-
row. One arrow goes up almost
to the target. Another arrow
falls just at the feet of the
bowman. Other arrows fall in
between. Not a single arrow hits
the target. Not a single arrow
overshoots the target. All the ar-
rows fall short of the target.
Paul says that we are all wiming
at the glory of God; we are all
striving to reach the glory of
God, but we have all sinned and
come short of the glory of God.
Not a single person has reached
the target. Not a single person
has overshot the target. Some
may have come up fairly close
and others may have fallen far
away, but all have fallen short of
the glory of God. That is just
another way of saying that we
are totally depraved.

When the Apostle Paul wrote
unto the churches of Galatia,
one thing he emphasized above
all else was the depravity of
those Galatian individuals.
They had heard the truth. They
had turned from the truth. They
had gone back away from the
truth to the extent that Paul
says, "Ye are fallen from grace"
— that is, they have fallen away
from the system of grace as
taught in the Bible. In order to
show them why they have done
this, he says:

"But the scripture hath
concluded ALL UNDER SIN"
(Gal. 3:22).

The reason why these Gala-
tian Christians had turned so
completely from the system of
grace to the system of works —
why they had turned so com-
pletely from truth unto error,
was just one little three-letter
word — sin. As he says, "The
Scripture hath concluded all
under sin."

I might turn through the
Word of God and read Scripture
after Scripture to prove this
truth that all men are totally
depraved. It isn't a subject that
evokes very many "Amen's"
from a congregation. Very few
people ever "Amen" a sermon
on total depravity. The reason
is, I am showing you what you
are in the light of God's Word. I
am showing you God's picture
of you and me, and not many of
us want that picture.

When Oliver Cromwell was
the head of English government,
someone suggested that there

ought to be a large life-size paint-
ing of him, and they persuaded
him to sit for such a painting. It
so happened that Oliver
Cromwell, according to history,
possessed a big wart on the end
of his nose. When the painter
painted this picture, and pulled
back the curtain to unveil it, as
he thought, to the appreciative
gaze of Mr. Cromwell,
Cromwell looked at it, to realize
there was no wart on the end of
his nose. Cromwell said,
"Where is my wart?" The artist
tried to tell him that he thought
he would look better without it,
and therefore he left it off the
painting. Cromwell said, "That
is not a painting of me. I want
the wart on my nose."

Beloved, there's not many
people like Oliver Cromwell. We
don't want the warts. We don't
want the scars. We don't want
the blemishes. We don't want
the imperfections. We don't like
to be told that we are totally
depraved. We don't like for men
and women to look at us in the
light of the Word of God,
because we have all sinned and
come short of the glory of God.
We don't like for the world to
consider us as bad men and bad
women. We like to think of
ourselves as good and pure. We
like for the world to think of us
as somebody that is worthwhile.
But, beloved, we stand in the
sight of God totally depraved.

This woman is God's sample.
God draws this woman out of
His showcase and says, "Here is
a sample — totally depraved."

II UNCONDITIONAL ELEC- TION.

Here was a woman who was
unconditionally elected of God
unto salvation. There is not a
condition laid down in this
fourth chapter of John relative
to her salvation. We read:

"And he must needs go
through Samaria" (John 4:4).

A true Jew wouldn't have
dared to set foot in Samaria. If a
Jew were going from the
southern section of Palestine to
the northern section of
Palestine, he would actually
cross the Jordan River and go
up the east side and cross back
over the Jordan River to get
back into the land that he
wanted to go to, rather than
journey through the country
that was inhabited by the
Samaritans. That was the or-
dinary travel on the part of the
Jew from the South to the
North.

Not so with Jesus. "He must
needs go through Samaria."
Unlike the average Jew, the
Lord Jesus Christ had a need in
going through Samaria, and
that need was a Samaritan
harlot who, before the founda-
tion of the world, was uncondi-
tionally elected of God unto
salvation. Now Jesus Christ
passed through Samaria because
there was a need that He go
there. When the disciples came
back and found Him sitting on
the well of Sychar talking with
this woman, they marvelled.
They couldn't understand it.
You and I couldn't understand
it. You and I could never
understand why God would save
any of us, but unconditional
election underlies the whole
story.

How many conditions did the
Lord Jesus Christ lay down
relative to this woman's salva-
tion? Not one. How many con-
ditions did He enumerate in
order that she might be saved?

Did He tell her to keep the law?
Did He tell her to reform? Did
He tell her to do any of the
things that man ordinarily does
today? No. Why? Because she
was unconditionally elected of
God unto salvation before the
foundation of the world.

Whenever I think of this, it
thrills my heart just to know
that every man who is saved to-
day, or shall ever be saved, was
in the mind of God before the
foundation of the world. This
poor woman, a woman who had
shed husbands as a winter's gar-
ment that she got rid of in the
spring — this woman who was
living in open sin with this in-
dividual who was not her hus-
band. God knew that woman
before the foundation of the
world, and God elected her unto
salvation.

Don't talk about salvation as
though it were anything any of
us deserve. Don't talk about
salvation as though it were
anything that any of us ought to
receive from God. If this woman
had gotten her just desserts, she
would have gone to hell; and if
you and I had gotten our just
desserts every last one of us
would have gone to Hell. We are
all sinners. We are totally
depraved. Like those of us who
are saved, God had elected her
unto salvation.

I don't know of anything that
is more thrilling or more cheer-
ing than the story of the doctrine
of election. I wouldn't have one
reason to preach to you if I did
not believe God had elected
some of you to salvation. I know
you are depraved. I know you
can't save yourself. I know there
is no hope for you unless God
elected you to salvation.

We read:
"All that the Father
GIVETH ME shall come to
me" (John 6:37).

Thank God for this truth. If
you have been given by God the
Father as a part of the love gift
that the Father gave to the Lord
Jesus Christ, then all Hell can't
keep you from being saved.

In that great High Priestly
prayer that Jesus prayed. He
said:

"As thou hast given him
power over all flesh, that he
should give eternal life to as
many as THOU HAST GIVEN
HIM" (John 17:2).

Who is it that is going to have
eternal life? Every one that God
gave to Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I could go through
the Bible at length and read to
you over and over again this
blessed truth that you and I who
are saved are the elect of God.
We have been unconditionally
elected. It is taught throughout
the length and breadth, and the
totality and entirety of the Bi-
ble.

I thank God that I can look at
this poor woman and can say
that here is an example. If left to
herself, she would have gone on
shedding husbands. If left to
herself, she would have gone on
in her sins. But she wasn't left to
herself, thank God! She was un-
conditionally elected of God the
Father unto Jesus Christ, and
unto salvation in Christ, before
the foundation of the world.

III LIMITED ATONEMENT.

How many people did Jesus
Christ appeal to in this fourth
chapter of John? It was limited
to this woman first of all. Then
a little later, we read:

"And many of the
Samaritans of that city believ-
ed on him for the saying of the

woman, which testified. He
told me all that ever I did"
(John 4:39).

It doesn't say that this woman
and all the city believed on Him,
but it does say that this woman
believed, and it says that many
of the Samaritans of that city
believed, and it says that many
of the Samaritans of that city
believed. Notice, it doesn't say
all of them. His message of eter-
nal life was a limited message. It
was limited to the woman and to
a number of the Samaritans in
that city.

Beloved, mark it down, the
message of salvation is not that
all the world will be saved. That
would be my desire. I would like
to live in a world where
everybody was saved. But the
message in the Word of God is
that the atonement that Jesus
Christ wrought out at Calvary
was a limited atonement.

In the Gospel of Matthew,
when the Lord Jesus Christ was
establishing the Lord's Supper
and when He observed it for the
first time, we read relative to the
wine:

"And he took the cup and
gave thanks, and gave it to
them, saying, Drink ye all of
it; For this is my blood of the
new testament, which is SH-
ED FOR MANY for the remis-
sion of sins" (Mt. 26:27, 28).

Notice, He didn't say, "I die
for everybody." He didn't say,
"My blood is shed for all." Rather,
He said, "My blood is
shed for many, for the remission
of sins." This is a limited atone-
ment.

This was prophesied in the
Old Testament. Listen:

"He shall see of the travail
of his soul, and SHALL BE
SATISFIED" (Isa. 53:11).

Out yonder in the future, the
Lord Jesus Christ is going to
look over all the ransomed
throng and He is going to see the
travail of His soul and be
satisfied.

Will everybody be there? No.
Will everybody be there that has
ever been born into this world?
No. There will be many
thousands and millions and
billions of earth's population
that will not be in that ransomed
throng. Yet He shall see of the
travail of His soul and He shall
be satisfied. Why? Because
every one for whom He died is
going to be in that number.

Somebody may say, "I
thought that Christ died for
everybody." Beloved, if He did,
there wouldn't be any need of
preaching the Gospel. If Christ
died for everybody, we would all
go to Heaven. If Christ died for
everybody, there would never be
a man go to hell, if Christ died
for everyone, then we would
have a universal atonement and
everybody saved. If Christ died
for everyone, then there would
be no doubt that every man and
woman in this world would be in
Heaven. But you and I know
that there have been multiplied
thousands through the ages that
have died and gone to hell, re-
jecting the Lord Jesus Christ.
Why? Because His death was
limited to the elect of God.

Somebody may say, "Brother
Gilpin, doesn't the Bible say
that Christ tasted death for
every man?" Yes, that expres-
sion is in the Bible. Listen:

"But we see Jesus, who was
made a little lower than the
angels for the suffering of
death, crowned with glory
and honour; that he be the
grace of God should taste

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death for every man" (Heb. 2:9).

But who were the men for whom He tasted death? The following verses say "many sons" and "they who are sanctified." A little later He calls them "brethren," and a little later He calls them "children." In other words, in verse 10 He refers to them as sons; in verse 11 as those that were sanctified; in verse 12 He calls them brethren; in verse 13 He calls them His children. For whom did He taste death? For His sons, for those that were sanctified, for His brethren, and for His children.

You say, "But, Brother Gilpin, doesn't the Bible also say that He is not willing that any should perish?" Yes, we have an expression like that in the Bible. Listen:

"The Lord is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

Now who is the "us-ward"? Go back to the first verse and you will find that He says:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds."

To whom is He writing? To people who had pure minds, and He says, "This is the second epistle that I write."

Notice again:

"Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace an peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" (II Pet. 1:1, 2).

To whom is he writing? To those who obtained like precious faith. When he says that He is longsuffering to us-ward, it means that He is longsuffering to the elect of God, that every one of them shall come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

How is it with you? Before you were saved, did you ever have a close call with death? Before you were saved, did you ever have an experience when you might have been wiped out of existence? I could go back to more than one such experience. I do mention one experience before I was saved when I could have been wiped out very quickly one Sunday afternoon, but God saw to it that that didn't take place. He was longsuffering to me that I might be saved.

Beloved, I thank God that while the atonement is a limited atonement, it is limited to those that God has chosen to be His children, His sons, His heirs, His brethren, and those whom He has sanctified. It is limited to those whom He has chosen before the foundation of the world. I thank God that though it is limited, every one of the elect shall come to a saving knowledge of Him.

IV

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE.

This woman was saved, and you can certainly see in this how

God's grace is irresistible. Notice:

"The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this Christ?" (John 4:28, 29).

This woman came to draw water. She didn't come to talk about her ex-husbands. She didn't come to talk religion. She came, I say, that day to get a pitcher of water at noontime, at the warmest time of the day, to slake her thirst. She didn't come to deal with Jesus Christ. But when she left that place, she forgot all about what she came for, and she left her water pot behind and went back to the city. For what purpose? To tell everybody what had happened in her life.

Talk about irresistible grace you have it here. She is irresistibly drawn by the Holy Spirit. That is the way God draws His own to Him. If you are one of God's elect, God is going to irresistibly draw you. You can't keep from it.

I often think how God draws His own — how remarkable it is that all of God's elect are drawn to Him. You can take some steel filings and ashes, mix them together and lay a magnet down at a known distance away from the pile, and that magnet will draw every one of the steel filings and leave all the ashes, without disturbing them one particle. Beloved, that is the Lord Jesus Christ. He irresistibly draws you.

In the Old Testament, David said to Ziba, "Fetch me Mephibosheth." They had told David that he was the only one of the household of Saul that remained, that he was the lame son of Jonathan, that he was lame on both feet, and had become lame as a result of the fact that his nurse had allowed him to fall one day. David said, "Fetch me him," and Ziba fetched him. He didn't go to Mephibosheth and say, "It might be to your advantage to come and see David." The Word of God says, "Fetch him," and he fetched him.

Beloved, that is the way the Holy Spirit deals with the unsaved. God irresistibly draws men to Himself. This woman couldn't help being saved. She had to be saved. She came out there expecting to find water that day and she got so concerned and so interested in spiritual truth that she forgot all about what she came for. She was irresistibly drawn.

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PERSEVERANCE.

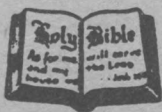
We read:

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

Jesus says to this woman, "You drink of the water that I give you and you shall never thirst."

I see a man down there in Hell that looks up and says, "Send Lazarus that he might dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." Men that go to Hell thirst. Every man that goes to hell thirsts. That rich man was so thirsty that he would have given everything that he had ever owned in this world if Lazarus could have put

IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:

When were sick people cured by a man's shadow falling on them?

Answer:

Acts 5:15-16 "Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one."

For many instances of superstitions about the magical effects of shadows, see Frazer's Golden Bough, volume 3, pp. 77-83.

just one drop of water on his tongue. He was thirsty in Hell. Men that go to Hell thirst. Jesus said, "The man that drinks of the water that I give him shall never thirst," as if to say, "You are saved — you are saved for ever. There is going to be perseverance. There is going to be preservation. You are going to be a child of God from now on." That was what he was saying to this woman.

You say, "What about her later life?" I don't know. The Word of God doesn't tell us but Jesus said to her, "If you will drink of the water that I give, you will never thirst." Therefore, He guaranteed to her that she would never go to Hell. I know this, that up yonder in Glory, singing the praise of God and listening to me while I preach, is that poor soul who was irresistibly drawn by the Holy Spirit. I know she is in Glory today because Jesus said, "If you will drink of me, you will never thirst."

CONCLUSION

T—total depravity; U—unconditional election; L—limited atonement; I—irresistible grace; P—perseverance. I chose to call this message "Tulip Baptists."

You say, "How do you know that this woman became a Baptist?" I know one thing, she could not have been anything else. The Lord Jesus Christ had Baptist baptism. He had been baptized by John the Baptist, and every one of His disciples had Baptist baptism. They had all been baptized by John the Baptist. I am satisfied when she associated with them that she also became a Baptist. If she were baptized, and I am sure she was, I am satisfied that one of these Baptist preachers — one of the twelve apostles baptized her.

Beloved, I say to you, if I were not a member of a church, I would certainly want to be, and I would want to be a "Tulip" Baptist. I would want to be a Baptist that believed these five great truths of grace.

I ask you, are you saved but not a member of a church? Are you saved but have never followed Jesus by baptism? Shame on you! You ought to run to be

baptized. If you are saved, come out on God's side and take your stand, and become today a "Tulip" Baptist.

May God bless you!

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ing which we look forward to is in two aspects.

I believe that there is that aspect which we refer to as the Rapture when Jesus Christ comes for His church and takes out His bride. There is also that aspect which we refer to as the Revelation, when Jesus Christ shall come at the end of the seven years tribulation period in all of His glory, Lordship, and Kinship to establish the throne of His Father David in Jerusalem.

The Rapture, or the first of these aspects, is imminent. I take great joy in preaching that Jesus Christ may come at any moment. Before I finish this message we may be ushered into the presence of God. What a joy that Jesus is coming at any moment.

Ephesians 5:26, 27 reads: "That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The only way that the church of Jesus Christ is cleansed is by the preaching of the Word of God, which is truth, as it says in John 17:26.

"And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

The word "spot" (Eph. 5:26, 27) gives the idea of being unfaithful. The word "wrinkle" refers simply to the signs of old age. All you have to do is look around you and you will see that all of us submit to the signs of old age and humanity. God was very true in I Corinthians 1 when He said that He did not choose those who were the best looking and most wise, and for the truthfulness of that, all you have to do is look at the fellow next to you, and then go home and look at yourself. None of us are ever going to win a beauty contest or be known for our worldly wisdom. But that He might present to Himself without these defects, a spotless church, a chaste virgin, and that we be ushered in to the presence of the Father, the Rapture is imminent!

The Revelation will come, not for the church, but for repentant Israel. We see history and prophecy being fulfilled before us today. The Old Testament has said that God would call to the land which He gave to Abraham, His people that He would call them back in unbelief. Isaiah says that from the north, the south, the east and the west He would call back His sons and daughters; that He would bring them from afar, and He would establish them in His land. Those Arabs, Jordanians, and Egyptians are fighting a losing battle. God is fighting on the side of the Jews. They are fulfilling His prophecy and don't even know it, just like He said they would.

The first coming, the Rapture, will be in the clouds. I Thessalonians 4 says that we

shall be caught up with those who are raised from the dead to meet Him in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. In the first phase of this coming, He is not going to put His foot upon the earth. We shall be ushered into His presence between earth and heaven just as Rebekah was ushered into the presence of Isaac outside the home in Genesis 24.

In the second phase of this coming, however, He shall come to the earth. He shall put His foot upon the earth, and topographical and geographical changes shall take place all over the earth: mountains shall cleave, earthquakes shall occur. The sun shall cease its shining in the face of Him, who is the Son of Righteousness. Mountains shall change their course because the Creator has arrived.

In Revelation 19:11 John says, "And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse..." Notice John says, "I saw Heaven opened." He did not say that Heaven did open, but "I saw Heaven opened," which is to say that some force opened it. God opened it. The Book of Revelation is very clear when it says that it is His will that those who are in the armies of the anti-Christ shall be brought to the valley by the will of God. Now, if you want to preach "lovely-dovey religion," there is something for you to explain away — whom Jesus Christ destroys, shall be destroyed by the will of God.

He is also a God of judgment as we shall see. "His eyes were as a flame of fire..." Revelation 19:12. I want you to remember that. Now, let us look at verse 16.

"And He that on His vesture and on His thigh a name written. KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

I would just about as soon preach Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords as anything that I know of. If you want something to thrill your soul and put you on the mountain top of preaching, just preach Jesus Christ as King, and you'll get a blessing out of it.

We have too much preaching in this age of Jesus sitting in Heaven, all frustrated because He loves everybody and nobody loves Him. I tell you, my friend, that the Jesus I preach and serve, is King of Kings — He is Lord of Lord, and it makes no difference whether you believe it or not. He is King — He always has been, and He always will be. He is simply hiding His time until he demonstrates that Kingship to every unsaved reprobate on the face of the earth.

In His Revelation, He is coming in judgment. Joel 2:2 refers to the day of the Lord. "A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been even the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations." That is literal my friend. The firmament will recognize Jesus Christ.

Now notice verse 3: "A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate

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He who falls into sin is a man. He who grieves at it is a saint. He who boasts of it is a devil.

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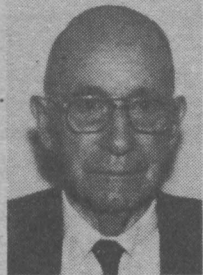
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I Corinthians 6:20 says we are bought with a price. Who were we bought from? And to whom was that price paid?

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In speaking to those who were "called to be saint," as "sanctified in Christ Jesus" (I Cor. 1:2), the apostle Paul said: "...ye are bought with a great price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:20).

When something of great value is bought at an agreed price, it is normally proper to enquire, "From whom did you buy it?"

However, in this most unique case, the price for the redemption of God's elect people was formulated in the Trinity, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him, in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, through which He hath made us accepted in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:4-6).

So, to this end, Christ came into the world "to give His life a ransom for many" (Mt. 20:28). This "ransom" was the redemption-price which He gave "to save His people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21).

This perfectly satisfied the requirements of God's justice; in other words, this ransom price was not paid to the person of a whom; but, rather, to the satisfaction of God's justice by the love of God in Christ Jesus for the redemption of His people yes, "for as many as were ordained to eternal life; that is, for as many as the Father gave unto Him, no more or no less."

Thus, He took our obligation to be punished, and, instead, laid upon us a new obligation to obedience, which answered to the justice of God's eternal purpose.

Too, since "the life of the

flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11), the purchase was "with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Consequently, in answer to the "ransom," as paid to the satisfaction of God's justice, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us..." (Gal. 3:13).

Then, in answer to this fact, we are told that "when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3).

Thus it is affirmed that this "purging" was "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12).

Also, Peter, in speaking to the "elect" (1 Pet. 1:2), affirmed their knowledge which they had of "the precious blood of Christ...Who was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in those last times for you" (1 Pet. 1:19, 20).

So, finally, in "a new song," it, in God's justice, was affirmed that the Lamb of God "hath redeemed us to God by thy blood...And hath made us unto our God...a kingdom of priests" (Rev. 5:9, 10).

These few of many instances do not, in any way, infer that, when we were bought with the blood of Christ, the purchase was from some person who owned them for sale; but, on the other hand, it is known that God, the Father, Who gave His elect-people to Jesus, owned them, even before the world began. So, when they sinned, the blood of Christ was strictly a ransom-price to satisfy God's justice for their redemption.

In paying this ransom, as required by God, the Father, we are told that He "was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). Then, being now justified by His blood, "we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (Rom. 5:9).

"Moreover...whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified" (Rom. 8:30).

Always, it must be remembered, justification by God, the Father, is "in the

name of the Lord Jesus," being by grace through faith, and apart from works.

Who, then, "shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth? Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Rom. 8:33, 34).

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"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:20).

Yes, we were bought with a price. That price was the precious blood of Jesus as of a Lamb without spot or blemish. That price was the only price in all the universe that could have paid the required price and redeemed the elect of God. Oh, how we love Him — how we adore him — the one who went to Calvary for us. On the basis of this truth, we are commanded to glorify Him in all we do. We were obligated by creaturehood to do this, but now there is an added reason why we should do such.

I would not make any issue at all out of the matter of to whom was this price paid. I do not think the Bible goes into such a subject at all. I will say that most certainly the price was not paid to the devil as some have taught. I would put the matter like this.

Because of our sins, we were subject to the claims of God's broken law against us. The law demanded that the penalty for our sins be suffered. The law of a thrice Holy God will never discharge one from its power and obligations except all claims be fully met. This law is the expression of God's holy character, and God's holiness demands that sin be properly and adequately punished.

Jesus Christ took voluntarily upon Himself all the guilt of all the sins of all the elect of God. No more and no less. God punished Jesus Christ with the exact equivalent of what the total elect would have suffered in an eternal hell. I most emphatically mean the exact equivalent — no more, no less. So that none but the elect will be saved by His death. And, praise God, all the elect will assuredly be saved thereby. I believe that this suffering by Christ of the exact equivalent of the total hell for the total elect is what is meant by Christ buying us with a price. If we must say who it was paid to, it was paid to the

Father in satisfying completely the claims of His holiness and of His holy law against the elect. However, I would hesitate to use this terminology, but again if it is a payment to anyone, it was to the Father, and we were bought from under the claims of His law.

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The Bible tells us that we are all sinners. "...As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:9-23). We are completely sinful deserving nothing but death. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Rom. 6:23). God being a perfectly just God demands the payment of sin.

We are told that we are bought with a price. The price was not paid to anyone as such. The price was the ransom necessary to satisfy the just demands of a Sovereign God. "...That He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). Thus we were bought not from anyone — for we were not held by anyone — but from our own guilt as sinners.

This price was the sacrifice of a guiltless person, the Lord Jesus Christ, paid in place of the guilty. "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). Galatians 3:13 tells us that "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us." The Greek word for redeem here means to ransom or rescue, or in other words to loose with a price. I Timothy 2:6 speaks of the ransom in the sense of "a corresponding price." "Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." The price that was paid corresponds to all our sins so that we stand perfect in Christ before God.

Again the price that was paid is the death of Christ — and His shed blood. "...Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

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The price paid for the redemption of God's elect was the blood of Christ. The believer was bought from his "vain conversation" or "from the curse of the law" (I Pet. 1:18 & 19; Gal. 3:13). The price was paid to the Judge of all the earth, almighty God, who will even deal justly with those who say, He is unjust (Gen. 18:25). God's justice is absolute, and will in no wise overlook the first infraction of the holy law (Na. 1:3), and "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). Thus it is, we read of Christ, "...by His own blood He

entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us...For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (9:12, 24).

And the blood which our glorified Lord presented to the pre-judicial court of the sin avenging God in the heavenly tabernacle, speaketh better things than that of Abel (Heb. 12:24). God's justice looked upon the penalty paid by the perfect and sinless Son of God, and was eternally satisfied. The infinite and eternal mind speaking in view of His fallen, helpless, and hell-deserving people, said, "By His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities" (Isa. 53:11). While the true goodness of God cannot be exaggerated, it is not such as to preclude justice and severity. "The judgment of God is according to truth" (Ro. 2:2), and every sin shall receive a just recompense. Christ was recompensed for the sins of His people, suffered their awful penalty, the just for the unjust that He might bring them to God (I Pet. 3:18).

It certainly was not to the Devil, redemption price was paid, for the only thing God owes him is, everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:10).

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In answer to this question let us first look at a few passages of Scripture. In I Peter 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." Also in Romans 3:24-26, "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." In Gal. 3:13 we see, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: —"

These passages as well as many others show that Christians have been purchased, redeemed, or recovered to God. The price was the blood of Jesus, as an atoning sacrifice, a ransom, which accomplished the same ends in maintaining the truth and honor of God, and in upholding His law, as the eternal condemnation of the sinner would have done. Therefore it can be said that the price was paid. The question is not from (Continued on Page 5 Column 1)

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wilderness: yea, and nothing shall escape them."

Have you ever talked to anyone who has recently come back from Israel. That is the most fertile and productive area in the Middle East today.

Again in Joel 2:6 we read: "Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness." I want you to notice that the means by which Jesus shall destroy the armies of the anti-Christ is fire. Verse 7, 8 and 9 indicate that those who come with Jesus Christ as glorified saints will be invulnerable. Notice: "They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks." Nothing can penetrate their formation, you see. The battle of Armageddon isn't going to be something that see-saws. There is never any doubt as to who the victor is.

"Neither shall one thrust another; they shall not be wounded." (vs. 8) Isn't that glorious? Nothing is going to hurt that army. Nothing can hurt that army because they are the glorified saints who have had the sting of sin removed.

When I started studying this, I became very impressed with the times in the Word of God where a manifestation of the glory of God is mentioned, that fire is also mentioned. Did you ever notice that? If you will notice in Isaiah, the sixth chapter, fire is mentioned when Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up.

Fire is mentioned also in Ezekiel 1:27, 28:

"And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of His loins even upward, and from the appearance of His loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake."

When Ezekiel again, in the 8th chapter, saw the manifestation of God's glory, fire is mentioned as it is also in the 10th chapter.

Daniel says that where the ancient of days did sit it was like fire. (See Daniel 9:6). Every

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whom we were bought but from what were we bought? The answer is the "Curse of the law" (Gal 3:13). The law of God demands eternal punishment as the wages of sin. So Christ by His death purchased or redeemed us from that punishment. The price was paid to satisfy the just demands of the law of God.

We say, when a person has served a term in prison for a crime which he had committed, he has paid his debt to the demands of the law. Christ paid the debt that we as sinful creatures owed to the righteous demands of the law of God, a debt that we could never have paid in an eternal hell.

time a manifestation of the glory of God is seen in the Old and New Testaments, fire is somewhere involved.

In Revelation 4 John is ushered into the presence of God in glory and sees Him in all of His majesty and glory and seven flames burn before the altar. Fire is invariably mentioned when a manifestation of the glory of God is revealed. There is a reason for that.

"And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel." (Exodus 24:17).

Do you remember when Elijah prayed and God rained down fire? That was devouring fire-it not only consumed the sacrifices but the sand, altar, rocks, and everything else.

"For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:29. The glory of God in the Scriptures is identified with consuming fire. That is why no unsaved person can stand before God. His glory forbids it. They would be immediately consumed by the glory unless they are protected by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

II Thessalonians 2 speaks of the time when Jesus Christ shall be revealed from Heaven against the anti-Christ and all of his millions of his armies who will be arrayed there outside of Jerusalem in all of their arrogance and pride against the God of glory. We read in verse 8, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." The very presence of Jesus Christ shall consume those who are arrayed against Him like consuming fire.

Listen to what Zechariah 14:12 says: "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." Divine fire! To be consumed with the brightness of His glory and we are going to be just like Him! What a glorious salvation we have in Jesus Christ. What a glorious truth-we are going to be just like Him. See I John 3: 1,2.

According to Zechariah 14:4 Jesus Christ shall appear on earth and the Mount of Olives shall be split. The Jordan River flows north and south in Israel and just right at the north end of the Dead Sea, is Jerusalem with only one natural obstacle in between and that is the Mount of Olives. This verse says that Jesus is going to stand on the Mount of Olives and it shall cleave, half to the north and half to the south and a great valley shall be opened up. It will be a valley almost 200 miles long and 50 miles wide and it is in that valley that the blood will flow thick as horses' bridles, which will open His way straight to the east gate of Jerusalem.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:27).

Brother, He's coming from the east. He will come through

the east gate which has been blocked all these many years, and He is going to establish Himself in Jerusalem as King of kings and Lord of lords. Thank God!

I was talking recently to a friend who has just returned from one of those Holy Land tours. He said as he stood at the foot of the Mount of Olives and looked upon that mountain, he noticed a path that was running from the west to the east and he asked his guide why no one lived along this path that seemed to be running right across the middle of that mountain. The guide, an unsaved man who did not know any of the Bible said, "That is not a path. It would seem that the mountain is beginning to cleave and in some places the cleft is 6 inches wide."

Beloved, Jesus Christ is coming again! He is coming very soon. Aren't you glad that you have been born again and are ready for His coming.

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that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Rom. 4:5).

JESUS SAID

"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me HATH EVERLASTING life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Yes, we must have our faith in Christ's BLOOD for forgiveness of sins-plus nothing minus nothing. If our faith is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, then we are safe.

If one's trust in good works, as was the Pharisee's, then that one needs to accept Christ and trust in what He did on the cross at Calvary for us.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth, Unto him that loved us and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD" (Rev. 1:5).

Perhaps you have wondered what James 2:17 means, because it reads: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." It is beautifully explained in the 18th verse if one does not hurry while reading it: "Yea, a MAN may say, THOU hast faith, and I have works, shew ME thy faith without thy works, and I will shew THEE my faith by my works" (James 2:18).

So we see in this precious word, show ME and I will show THEE. That is man reasoning with man. Mans asks show me, or for proof. The world or those we come in contact with, wants proof-show ME. And no one on earth can see our faith, they only see our works, unless we bear fruit they will not believe our testimony. Works justify us in the sight of man.

"Ye see then, how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (James 2:24).

God gives us eternal life for FAITH in Christ. He sees our

faith. "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life" (John 3:36). "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:39).

God expects His sheep to follow Him closely, and He greatly rewards us for our obedience. Please read John 10:27 through 29, also turn in your Bible to I Cor. 3:11-15 which explains the gain of rewards, or the loss of rewards, according to our faithfulness.

Trust in Christ for salvation and remember: "He that believeth in him is NOT condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already. BECAUSE he hath NOT believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

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passage in the gospel by John may best tell us. They are those who have received Him, who have believed on the Name of Jesus;

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

The sons of God, then, are Christians-they have joined themselves by faith to the only begotten Son of God. By assent of mind, and consent of heart to Him, they have become in the peculiar, special, glorified sense of Scripture.

THE NEW BIRTH

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Through the gospel, the Holy Spirit, in a supernatural manner works upon the hearts of men, and by His operation they are regenerated, born again. There is an actual putting forth of Divine power whereby the sinner dead in sins and trespasses, is quickened, the rebellious will subdued, the hardened conscience made tender, and he who once despised the Son of God, is brought to cast himself down at His feet.

A MORAL TRANSFORMATION

There is a radical change of life. The new birth gives the son of God a new nature; makes him love the things he once hated, and hate the things he once loved; makes his thoughts different and his habits different; makes him different in private and in public; so that to be a son of God is to be a new creature, to whom old things have passed away and all things are of God (II Cor. 5:17, 18).

THEIR ILLUSTRIOUS PEDIGREE

And then we have the illustrious pedigree of the sons of God, traced, not back to some notable ancestry, but up to God.

"Which were born, not of blood," (natural generation) nor of the will of the flesh, (ceremonialism) nor of the will of man, (reformation) but of God" (John 1:13).

UNKNOWN BY THE WORLD

For these sons of God, the world has no place of honor.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed

upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not" (I John 3:1).

As the world gave the only begotten Son of God no honor, gave Him only rejection and the cross, so it gives the sons of God no honor, and were a Christian to gain a place of worldly favor, he would not be in the path way of His Lord.

THE GLORIOUS DESTINY OF THE SONS OF GOD

There is for the sons of God, a coming day of glory and honor, together with their now rejected Lord. In I John 3:2 we are given a faint hint of a coming glorious change.

THE CHARACTER OF THE SONS OF GOD

In Phil. 2:15, we have the calling of the sons of God - to be bearers of a testimony to the world,... "among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (verse 15). It is not a simple declarative, as in A.V., but an imperative, a command, "Shine ye!" as in R.V.

WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

The sons of God are to be "lightbearers" to the rest of mankind. The only light this poor world has is "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (II Cor. 4:4). The sons of God are to be witnesses of this light.

But a witness must have a character consistent with his testimony. In a court of law, a witness may bear a perfectly true testimony, but if the opposing council can prove that his character is bad; that he is not wholly reliable; that he can be bought and sold, his testimony will be thrown out of court. And that Christian whose speech is full of unbelief and doubt, or in whose life there is worldliness, or careless and open sin, will find that any testimony he may seek to give, rejected with scorn.

CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTERS

The sons of God, as witnesses for Christ to a world of moral and spiritual darkness, must have more than a good moral character. Many worldlings possess, outwardly at least, good moral characters. Witnesses for Christ must have a character far above this. They are to have Christ-like characters, true reflectors of Him Who is the light of the world. In the chapter we are looking at we have a divinely given pattern of the Christ-like life. First, we find that the sons of God are to be:

LOVING HEARTED

"If there be, therefore, any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any compassions and mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:1-2).

Love is the altogether indispensable quality of soul in one who would be a witness for Christ, whether gospel preacher, missionary, or who, in the common walk of life would be a "lightbearer" in this world of moral and spiritual darkness.

The worthlessness of all professed Christian activities, not motivated by love, is declared in the 13th of I Corinthians. Eloquence, whether of men or of angels, without love, is but as the clanging of lifeless, brazen instruments. Wisdom, even of the Scriptures; faith to perform

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miracles; concern for the poor, apart from love, profiteth nothing.

LOVE TOWARD SINNERS

"Covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet show I unto you a more excellent way," (I Cor. 12:31) "the way of loving hearts."

A noted evangelist once said, "If you don't wish to suffer, do not pray for love." But if the sons of God are to bear effectual witness for Christ, they must tread the "more excellent way," even though it bring suffering. The love, then, that can love the unlovely and the hateful, that can reach down to the fallen and perishing, in earnest effort to "snatch them as brands from the burning," is the "more excellent way," the soul-winning love.

In the early days of the writer's Christian life, he became much interested in one of the city Rescue Missions of a great city. More than once he has seen the superintendent leave the platform and go down among the men, put his arm about the shoulders of some poor, filthy derelict, and urge upon him the love of God for such as he. He had seen from the platform some evidence of concern about his soul, perhaps a tear upon the cheek. In his love for these lost souls, he was greatly used in "compelling" many of them into the Kingdom of God.

Asked on one such an occa-

sion, "How can you bring yourself to put your arms about such filthy, ill-smelling men?" he replied, "Oh, I have received such mercy from God, I have not only to tell of this grace, but in some little measure to show it."

These men do not need to be told they are lost: they know that. What they need is to be told lovingly of the love of God for them, and of a Saviour mighty to save.

BROTHERLY LOVE

Then, too, how vitally important is love, brotherly love, among the saints. It alone can preserve the harmony of the "house of God." In the church at Philippi it is evident there was incipient schism, and some were being urged by the apostle to seek to heal the widening breach.

"I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord." (Phil. 4:2).

The great adversary is unceasing in his efforts to disrupt the assemblies of God, and so break down any living testimony. Grace and love abiding in the hearts of saints will bring to naught his evil working. We have read of a famous Italian Cathedral, "the dome of which is so constructed, that sounds beneath it come back in sweet replay of chiming melody, and the clash of discord is changed to harmony as the seasonant vault returns it to the waiting ear." Brotherly love is the harmonizing dome over an assembly of God, and if undamaged the sounds of discord or faction will never be heard.

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the membership. There is a vast difference between a church having members who live worldly lives with at least the tacit approval of their church.

3. A church that is part picture show and entertainment agency is not as good as the church that sticks to its divine mission as given by Jesus. That mission is stated in Matt. 28:18-20. Many churches have taken over functions that are not even mentioned in the Bible. This is unwarranted and perversion of what Jesus intended. A church should be a religious institution—not a play house or

supper club.

4. A church that is missionary is bound to be better than a church that isn't. One of the main questions concerning any church ought to be, "When is that church going to get the Gospel out before the world?" Many churches spend more on feeds, suppers, socials, than is spent to send the gospel abroad. Such need to consider this Scripture (Rom. 14:17).

5. A church unscripturally organized is not as good as one that follows the Scriptures along the line of its organization. What right do people have to



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Ruth 2:21-3:1-5

Intro:—The Book of Ruth sets forth beautifully in type, shadow, example, and illustration, the story of the Redeemer and the redemption we have in Him; however we must not forget it also sets forth everyday situations which reveal the practical side of our duties and responsibilities in our relationship to each other, especially the facts of a proper attitude in regards to courtship and marriage, which is so desperately needed in our warped society. This lesson deals with an easily misunderstood or misapplied meaning to the proper attitude and action of a man and woman. The Bible is very careful to protect the sanctity of marriage and of a proper relationship of husband and wife (Gen. 2:24). Because of sin, this natural, normal, and Godly union has been abused and misused (Rom. 1:26, 27). We need therefore to once again set before our young people the beauty of marriage, and to let them know it is normal and proper to save themselves for marriage. However, we must also remember that if one be overtaken in a fault, he is to be recovered if possible.

VERSE 21

"And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest." Since Boaz had given instructions to the young men to take special note of Ruth, he would naturally give her proper instructions as to her privileges and respon-

change the organization of a church - to put in clubs and societies and auxiliaries of all kinds? None—and it is a sinful and wrong thing to stuff a church with things that Jesus the Founder, never authorized.

It not only matters that a Christian be a member of a New Testament Church, but it matters that he belong to a Baptist church that seeks to follow the Scriptures to the letter. One should not consider lightly any of the teachings of the Word of God.

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is loved, ten thousand to one.

The churches make much ado about the Bible as a book to carry to church on Sunday, but during the week they turn to fiction and the story magazines. The dog returns to his own vomit and the sow to her wallowing in the mire.

The modernists of these most dangerous of all days in the history of the world, are inviting the swift judgments of Almighty God upon the world by their wilful departure from the true teachings of the Divinely inspired Word of God. They have sought to hide its true teachings from the weak and weary people of God. This they do by totally

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sibilities. She was therefore to continue in the same pattern day by day until the end of the harvest. We can surely glean from this fact an application for us as we consider our relationships and responsibility to the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41, 42; Matt. 28:18-20) for we too, have a task until the end of the harvest.

VERSE 22

"And Naomi said unto Ruth, her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens," Both Boaz and Naomi had the same care and concern for Ruth. Boaz told her to keep fast by the young men, for he had instructed them not to touch her, and to provide for her whatever was necessary. Naomi told her to go out with the maidens, for she believed she would be safe in doing this. How good, when God through others, provides for our well being (Acts 9:6).

"That they meet thee not in any other field," We should, at all times, seek God's leadership as to the field in which He would have us to labor. This was the field of His choice. Thank God, He knows where we need to be. Even though there are other fields of "like faith and order," we still need His directions. Of course, there are other fields, spiritually which are to be off limits to the children of God.

VERSE 23

"So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest." The readiness and willingness of Ruth to heed God's message through His human instruments is a classic example for all the saints of God. If your Pastor is God's man, giving forth God's message, he is to be heeded, for he will direct your steps into following the Lord.

"And dwelt with her mother-in-law." In spite of her outward success and the natural tendency to be on her own, she still had respect for, and felt an obligation to her mother-in-law. This also manifests the mutual feeling they had for each other.

CHAPTER 3, VERSE 1

"Then Naomi her mother-in-law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?" Naomi, in knowing the laws in relation to redemption and marriage, could direct Ruth into the right thing to do. It is well when the older women teach the younger women in the ways of God (Titus 2:4, 5). In fact, this is one of the greatest needs we have in our land today; women fulfilling their God given roles in the home and in the church, is a worthy testimony in any society. This is the best and only way to be faithful to God, and to find real contentment and happiness.

VERSE 2

"And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast?" What she is about to suggest is not ill advised or hastily advised; and surely not

deceitfully advised. Naomi assured her this is proper; first, because of the fact he was a kindred by marriage, and next, because of the attention and affection Boaz had shown to her over a period of time.

"Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing-floor." We can rest assured the intention of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz were honorable. What Boaz was doing, and where he was doing it, gave occasion for the fruition of the bringing together of Ruth and Boaz; not only for Ruth's redemption, but that the Godly line may be continued.

VERSE 3

"Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee." Proper adornment and a proper deportment for a woman is always important (I Tim. 2: 8-15). However, the real beauty of Ruth and all Godly women is on the inside (Prov. 31:5; I Pet. 3:1-6) spiritually. You might compare this verse with Isa. 61:10 and Rev. 19:7, 8.

"And get thee down to the floor; but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking." There is a time and a place for a woman to be in the background and in silence (I Cor. 14:34; I Thess. 2:11, 12). This does not make her inferior or of less importance than the man, but it does bring out the fact of the headship of the man.

VERSE 4

"And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down." This was not to be done to any other man or in any other way. This, I'm sure, would seem peculiar, and even suspicious to the natural man, but if you know the custom of the day, and the purpose behind this, it would appear, as it was intended, in its real light.

"And he will tell thee what thou shalt do." Naomi was certain Boaz would respond in the proper way. This is a testimony of his character.

VERSE 5

"And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do." Ruth had every reason to have all confidence in Naomi, for she had found her love to have manifested itself in the time they have been together.

Conclusion: Needless to say, we have many helpful lessons and examples in this portion of the Word of God; may we rightly divide the scriptures and apply them.

(EDITORS NOTE: If you would like to write to Bro. Pyle expressing your appreciation for the lessons or ask him questions about his exposition of the Scripture his address is Rt. 22, Box 1198, Fort Myers, Fla. 33908).

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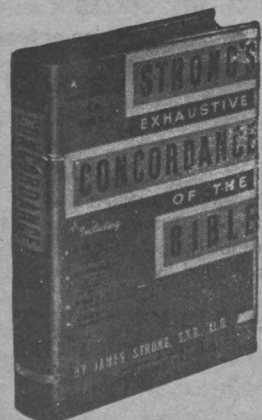
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

NEW YORK (EP via Religious News Service)—Two Americans jailed in Cuba for dropping religious tracts over the island from a plane were among the jailed United States citizens who have been pardoned by the Cuban government. Cuba released "all U.S. citizens who are currently serving prison terms in Cuba" as a good-will gesture to America.

Known by fellow inmates as "the Bible bombers," the two men accused of illegal entry and "pamphleteering" were each serving 24-year sentences in a Havana jail. They are Melvin Lee Bailey of Newport News, Va., 32, the pilot, and Walter Thomas White of Glendale, Calif., 32, who conceived the idea. Both are evangelical Christians. They were sentenced after making a forced landing in Cuba in May, 1979 while trying to drop religious anti-Communist literature.

Mr. White's wife, reached by telephone in Glendale, said the State Department has confirmed the news of the pardon of her husband and Mr. Bailey. "The State Department said they don't know when and they don't know how — but the prisoners were released recently."

DALLAS (EP via RNS)—Dr. W. A. Criswell, a prominent Southern Baptist pastor, has broken a month-long silence to denounce a statement made by Mr. Bailey Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, that God does not hear the prayers of a Jew. "I have illimitable love and affection for the Jew," said Dr. Criswell. "We wouldn't have a Bible we wouldn't have the Lord, if it were not for the Jews."

Dr. Criswell, pastor of the 21,000-member First Baptist Church here, the largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention, was president of the 13.5-million-member denomination in 1968 and 1969. When Mr. Smith made his statement about the Jews at a Dallas meeting in August, Dr. Criswell did not speak out about it because, he said, he did not want to appear to be causing divisiveness within the denomination.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (EP via RNS)—Citing a new state law that sharply curtails his authority over churches, state Atty. Gen. George Deukmejian announced here that he is dropping 12 investigations of religious groups, including the Worldwide Church of God, Synanon and the Glendale Faith Center.

A bill by Oakland state Sen. Nicholas Petris that was signed recently by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. divested the attorney general of power to prosecute cases involving tax-exempt religious organizations when there are allegations of misuse of funds or internal civil fraud.

"We urged the legislature to include a 'savings clause' in this bill in order to preserve actions which our office already had filed," Mr. Deukmejian said, "The legislature rejected that re-

quest." He said his office would dismiss three lawsuits and close its books on nine additional investigations. The cases were based on complaints by church members.

Mr. Deukmejian's announcement followed the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of an effort by the Worldwide Church of God to require the attorney general's office to return church documents seized last year during a preliminary investigation of church finances.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (EP)—"The people of God, if they are really the people of God, are on the side of the poor," said author-educator Ron Sider who addressed a Baptist conference on developing a Responsible Christian Lifestyle. Speakers at the three-day meeting repeatedly called for simplified lifestyles and closer identification with the poor and hungry.

Mr. Sider, author of "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," warned against adopting legalistic definitions of "simple lifestyle" but said Christians must confront the Bible's "clear teaching" about responsibility toward the poor and hungry in the world. He said the "desperate poverty of hundreds of millions," coupled with "billions who have never heard of Jesus Christ," are two compelling reasons for American Christians — the "rich minority" — to live more simply.

JERUSALEM (EP via RNS)—Prompt action by a Jerusalem fire-fighting brigade prevented a fire from spreading from a chapel in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and seriously threatening the vernal structure.

The fire, which broke out on the night of Oct. 14 in the Armenian Chapel of St. Helen, destroyed a religious painting and severely damaged much of the wood covering the stone walls of the crypt-like chapel.

The fire was discovered by an Armenian Orthodox priest assigned as a live-in watchman at the famed church, built over the traditionally accepted sites of Jesus's crucifixion and burial. Authorities ruled out arson. Investigation of the blaze indicated that it had begun accidentally; a pilgrim had left a burning candle on a wooden table in the chapel.

TUPELO, Miss. (EP)—The National Federation for Decency has named Alberto-Culver the top advertising "buzzard" on television in a recently completed report. The NFD said "buzzard" is slang for an advertiser who intentionally buys into programs classified by the trade as "distressed merchandise." Distressed merchandise programs are those in which the networks have trouble selling time to sponsors and must sell at a greatly reduced rate to advertisers who are less concerned about program content than price.

"A buzzard is a bird which converges to eat dead and

decaying animals," said Donald E. Wildmon, executive director of the NFD. He said buzzard was a slang term which is applied to advertisers following a similar practice in buying time on television. The NFD named five other companies as buzzards. They are Beecham, Inc. (Aqua-Fresh toothpaste, Cling Free, Calgonite, Brylcreem), Thompson Medical (Dexatrim, Prolamine and Control diet tablets), Mazda (automobiles), Liggett Group (Alpo dog food), and Vidal Sassoon (hair care products).

"These companies are far more concerned about price than content. They are buzzards in the truest sense. They hover around a rotten program in order to buy time for peanuts" Mr. Wildmon said.

NEW YORK (EP via RNS)—The J.P. Stevens Co. and the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union have called a truce to their rancorous, 17-year-struggle over the union's attempts to organize company plants.

Stevens signed 2½-year contracts with workers at seven plants in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. The agreement is expected to serve as a model for contracts at other plants in North and South Carolina and Alabama where the union had won previous organizing elections. In exchange, the union promised to call off its four-year-old boycott of Stevens products and cease its drive to oust company directors and officers who serve on other corporate boards. The agreement left both sides claiming a victory of sorts.

ST. LOUIS (EP via RNS)—Breakaway Presbyterians meeting here in September agreed to set up a "network of communication, fellowship and shared resources" which they insist will not lead to the creation of a new denomination. According to its elected moderator, the Rev. Calvin Gray, the newly formed Association of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches should attract at least half of the 40 churches that in recent months have bolted the 2.5-million-member United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Representatives of 25 breakaway churches, and 15 churches considering such a move affirmed six fundamental principles of common doctrine. Only a handful said he expects that the association will soon comprise churches with a combined total of some 18,000 members. Many of the churches involved bolted over United Presbyterian Church legislation to require female participation on their local church boards called sessions. All of them cited lax theological trends — exemplified, they say, in the appointment of a pastor who refused to affirm the full deity of Jesus Christ.

LEDYARD, Conn. (EP via RNS)—Insisting that he wants his children's education to be rooted in Christianity, Andrew Krajec quit his job as an engineer to become a teacher —

of his three sons.

Earlier, in an unusual decision, the town board of education gave Mr. Krajec permission to teach his sons, ages 12, 14, and 15, at home, provided that their home schooling is "equivalent" to what they would receive in public school.

ELKHART, Ind. (EP) — ALEXANDRA KOZAREZOVA, mother of ten children and current director of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives, was recently convicted of Article 187 of the Ukrainian Criminal code. Sources in the Soviet Union report that the case was concluded in just five days in early October in Voroshilovgrad, Ukraine. Article 187 is frequently applied to Christians who have been involved in circulating documents detailing persecution of the church. Kozarezova's husband ALEKSEI was imprisoned eight years in Soviet prisons and concentration camps for his active faith in God, according to spokesmen here at the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches of the Soviet Union, Inc.

SANTIAGO, Chile (EP via RNS)—Chile's military government has invited American Protestant evangelist REX HUM-BARD to visit the predominantly Roman Catholic nation and conduct mass crusades. The invitation was extended to the religious broadcaster at a meeting here with Chilean President Augusto Pinochet Ugarte. According to a Rex Humbard Ministry news bulletin, the invitation is "historic" and "unprecedented," as it marks "the first time that the Chilean government has requested a visit by an American evangelist."

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. (EP)—The Athletes in Action basketball team announced today the signing of former Notre Dame star RICH BRANNING and UCLA veteran GIG SIMS. The new recruits give the Campus Crusade for Christ-sponsored team and first-year Head Coach Wardell Jeffries bolstered strength that they hope will move AIA toward its goal of becoming the number one amateur team in the world. The signings bring the total of new AIA players to five and complete the 1980-81 roster at 11.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (EP)—Lionel Patton came alive in a New Orleans mortuary.

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When he woke up in the mortuary crypt, Mr. Patton thought he was in heaven. He tried to pray and sing hymns. "When I came to the morgue," Mr. Patton recalls, "I was sort of singing. I thought I was going to a better place, but I was still stuck in this miserable world. Since I was here, I felt like I had to turn it (his life) around and make it a positive motion instead of a negative one."

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ignoring a great portion of the written Word, or hiding its teachings with a multiplicity of words which are meaningless to the Lord's people who desire to know the truth. Through their own ignorance of the truth, they juggle with the Scriptures as if the Bible were a book of idle tales. And these modern antichrists now occupy about all the places of importance as leaders in christendom, and the world has run greedily after them. But not the Lord's people, thanks be to God. His people can never be deceived for long into giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. The elect of God are immune from the deceptions of antichrists. But in these last days there are few, very few indeed, who are proving that they are the elect of God, and that they love the Word of God sufficiently to study it so as to understand it. It is true the Bible was not written for the disinterested, lazy and careless class, but for the truly sincere souls who love

it, and prayerfully seek daily to know its teachings in order to measure their Christian experience and daily walk by it. These and only these will ever know any part of the teachings of the Bible.

We speak from good authority when we say the modernist leaders in both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions are denying the virgin birth of our Lord. Denying the miraculous conception of the Virgin Mary by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost. It was reported over the air just recently, that one prominent Baptist leader of the South made the following statement: "I know of no preacher of any note who believes in the virgin birth." This and many other things which the modernists are teaching, and which their followers are accepting, are sufficient to evoke an indignant protest from the very tomb of James Arminius, and he would blush, no doubt, were it possible for him to witness any one of the many popular church services of today. For he certainly had no idea that his heresies would ever

become so popular in the modern world, and so soul destroying as at this present time. But how true are the words of the apostle with regard to these heretics, "And their words will eat as doth a canker" (II Tim. 2:17).

Arminianism, the invention of Satan, who is the father of lies, is responsible for this worst of all backward steps in the ranks of the Baptists, i.e. Modernism had its inception in Arminianism. But what could be more natural or more to be expected than for Arminian believers to drift into even worse heresies? For if the atonement made by Christ was not sufficient to save the believer, and if one must fashion his own life after a mere example in order to be saved, then it would be perfectly easy to believe that the life of Christ was an example, not of the God-Man, but of a good man only.

Modern "high pressure evangelism" has done much to destroy what was once a great Christian organization. Baptists today, with the exception of a comparatively small number of churches and God-called ministers, who are holding their pastorates to the glory of God, are no more like they were in the days of John Gill or C. H. Spurgeon, no, nor like they were even forty years ago, than if they were not the same people. And it is only too plain in the eyes of any GENUINE Baptist that they are not the same people except in name. And everyone who has had interest enough to keep pace with the trend of Baptist thought, has had occasion to watch them drift farther and farther away from all the best and most important teachings which were once held as dear as life itself by the Baptists. They have also seen the leaders of both conventions espouse the most damnable heresies. And those creeping heresies have been, and are, eating at the very vitals of true Christian beliefs. While the few godly preachers are still holding forth the Word of life, giving their time and talents to the study of the Bible, knowing it to be God's book, given by Divine inspiration, the only book that God ever did or ever will give to a helpless fallen race of people, the only book that tells us of a God-given Saviour, who is Christ our Redeemer, yea, God in the flesh. Without this book we could not even know there is a Heaven or Hell. Those preachers who are still holding this old tear-stained book dear to their hearts, I say, are a small minority, and have been almost crowded out of church society. They are not wanted in the popular churches. The true teaching of the Word of God is not wanted. It is too straight for them. Is it any wonder then that godly men who have loved and revered the Bible, and have given the greater part of their lives to the study and teaching of it, is it any wonder that such men find it necessary to refuse to fellowship with these modern heretics? Is it any wonder that such godly men could no longer tolerate their flat denials of the Divinity and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ? Oh, that

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God would be pleased to open the blind eyes and unstop the deaf ears of all those who continue to follow these blind guides ignorantly, carelessly. And who continue to pour their pennies, dimes and dollars into the pockets of such heretics to pay them for spreading their soul destroying falsehoods.

Not only are those antichrists denying the virgin birth of our Lord, they are also teaching people of our day, that it is a thing of the past and for the Jews only. This is the most damnable heresy that the Devil ever foisted on a gullible people. The Scriptures have told us in language too plain to be misunderstood, that without repentance there is no remission of sins. And even now the severe judgments of God Almighty are beginning to descend upon the heads of a Christless Christendom, who have defied the words of our Lord and His apostles. The modernists who know nothing of a Sovereign God and His dealings with men, have courted the world in order to get their support and to make an easy life for themselves, and have built up great churches (?) using any and all kinds of unregenerate to join their assemblies. They have never experienced repentance themselves and therefore cannot teach it to others. They say they believe in one God, but the Devils also believe this and tremble. And what kind of a god do they believe in? Evidently the god of the Pantheists or one just as bad, but certainly not the true and living God who rules in the Heaven and the earth, and who will hold them to a strict account for their false beliefs and actions.

We hear much of so-called Christian America today. But dear reader, is our America really a Christian land? Is it not rather true that everything points to the fact that God has now taken just about all of His elect out from the Gentiles? For "God did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name." For this very reason, God has not but few true Gospel preachers, and there are few who will hear the true Gospel. True, there are very many preachers so-called, in the world today. And we often hear it said, "There are too many preachers." Shall we ever be persuaded that God knows just

exactly what He is doing? "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world." God neither has too many nor too few preachers, but just enough at all times. The "too many" are not God's preachers. The Lord's preachers love the Bible, study it continuously, and preach it boldly, defying the mockery of the modern critics. And they are careful that their churches do not contribute one cent to propagate the heresies so popular today. Men would scorn at the idea of contributing money to pay a hireling for taking the life of a fellow man, but they do not hesitate to contribute their money to pay a hireling for preaching soul-destroying heresies. Which is worse? Our Lord tells us not to fear Him who hath power to kill the body, but to fear him who hath power to destroy both soul and body in Hell. It is much worse to spread false teaching to destroy souls than it is to commit murder.

In view of all the evil before our very eyes in these terrible days, I wish to urge the true children of God to "a back to the Bible movement," with sincere prayers that God may enlighten our minds more and more to understand its teachings. But not to the twentieth century "Revised Standard Version" which seems to be Satan's masterpiece for the last days, and which may prove to be his final trick to deceive. This new Bible, revised by unbelieving modernists, can be a dangerous book in the hands of the unskilled. I have perused it for weeks, only to find that the modernist revisers have tried hard to obscure the teaching of the miraculous conception, the virgin birth and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. No, dear reader, given to us by our parents and foreparents. The Bible which is a lamp to our feet, food to our souls, a sword of the Spirit to fight modernist heresies and Satan's lies with. It is the Good Seed which, when planted in good ground, will bring forth, some a hundred, some sixty and some seventy fold. Read it, study it prayerfully. God requires it of every one of us.

"The thoughts of man are lies,
The Word of God is true.
To bow to that is to be wise;
Then hear, and fear, and do."

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