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*"To the law and to the Testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them"—Isaiah 8:20*

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## UNGODLY DESTROYING CURSE OF MOVIES

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"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit." This Greek word translated "mind" is elsewhere called relish, and the true meaning of Romans 8:5 is that they of the flesh do enjoy and relish the things of the world, the flesh and the devil; whereas they of the Spirit delight in the things of the Spirit.

Are you a child of Satan? or a child of God? You need right now to ask yourself that question, and you need to answer it without equivocation; for I aim to ask you more questions that must be answered in the light of this one. Do you find that you are among those who are "Lovers of pleasure more than God?" or are you among those who "desire the sincere milk of the Word;" because you have "tasted that the Lord is gracious?" I say you need to stand up and say whose child you are because our subject absolutely turns on your answer.

How can you tell whose child you are? If you see an infant feeding on a breast, you do not have any difficulty discovering whose child he is, do you? When then cannot I ask you whose breast you are clinging to—the breast of Satan or the breast of God? Peter tells us (I Pet. 2:2, 3) that the babes of Christ desire the Word that being the food that flows through the pap of God or to use another figure, (even that used of Christ) the sincere milk of the Word is sap that floweth forth from the Vine unto the branches. But if you instead are minding the things of the flesh, if you are obtaining your delight and enjoyment from the things of this world, you are but sucking the pap of Satan though the poison you are getting may be cleverly disguised as the "dainties of the

wicked" (Psa. 141), you will all too soon find that it is but bitter gall that one day shall plague you—and you shall eternally retch but never again clear it from your system. If you are feeding on the things of this world, remember that Satan is the prince of this world, and that "whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the ENEMY of God" (James 4:4). Spit out the sap of Satan from your mouth quickly, for God

hath warned you, "If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world...is NOT of the Father, but is of the world." (John 2:16, 17).

Are you a child of God? If you are, then you may want to answer some questions in your heart as to the way you are upholding your profession that you belong to Christ. When the lawyers try a case in court as to

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## IS TITHING TAUGHT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

It is sadly surprising that some of the Lord's people have the idea that the New Testament does not teach tithing. This failure to see and understand God's Word concerning this important truth has seriously hindered many in their growth in the grace of liberality and has grievously handicapped the Lord's churches in their work of carrying out His commission to preach the gospel to all the world.

A common argument against the Scriptural plan of "tithes and offerings" is that it is "of the law." But, we see Abraham (Gen. 13:17-20) paying a tithe more than 400 years before the law was given, and Jacob (Gen. 28:20-22) vowed to pay the tithe more than 200 years before Moses received the law on Sinai. Thus we see that such an argument is without foundation or fact.

This principle of tithing was incorporated into the Mosaic law (Lev. 27:33), as was also the "good news" of the coming

Messiah (Deut. 18:15-19, John 1:45), and was given to the tribe of Levi as their inheritance (Numbers 18:21-32). There was a "storehouse" in the tabernacle (and later in the temple) into

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## THE NECESSITY OF THE BLOOD

Wayne W. Livesay

"Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

One of the most misused words in the world is the word "Christian." The ever-increasing popular use of the word labels everything that seems to have a religious nature "Christian." This has resulted in the fact that our churches have become "churchy"; sin has been compromised with and dressed up. The membership of our churches are as fleshy minded as those who make no profession. Clubs, lodges, and other organizations which advocate the "Universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man" are deceiving thousands. The most dangerous trend today is the general belief that all who profess to believe in God are Christians.

What then is a Christian?...What then is Christianity?...The heart of the Gospel is the shed blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To become a Christian we must acknowledge our condition as a sinner, lost, condemned without hope and without God, knowing that we are helpless to save ourselves. When we can see this and understand our just con-

demnation, then we can see Jesus, God's own Son, paying for our sins with his precious blood on Calvary's Cross. The Gospel of His death, burial, and resurrection is Christianity. Only those who have come to God by the way of the Cross are Christians. Let us prayerfully examine our text to see what God has declared.

Without SHEDDING of blood is no remission.

To begin to see the necessity of the shedding of blood we must see where remission of sin is needed. Jesus said: "Those that be whole need not a physician but they that are sick" (Matt. 9:12). A man may be the victim of cancer but until he realizes the facts, he will never see a doctor. This is so true in our everyday life and we accept it without argument...It is also true in matters concerning the soul. The reason that today the lost sinner does not think he needs his sins remitted is that he has never come face to face with the awfulness of his sin and the fact that in God's sight he is already condemned. Listen to His Eternal Word: "There is none righteous, no not one" (Rom. 3:10). "For all have sinned and come short of the

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## DIVINE DIRECTIONS AS TO YOUR PRAYERS

God has not left us in ignorance as to whom and what to pray for when we come to the Throne of Grace. His own mind has been expressed so simply and clearly in the one Book He has given that there is no excuse in the matter. When special calls and opportunities come to pray, the question is often asked: "Well, what is there to pray about?" If you are in real earnest about this, and really want to become an "intercessor with God," then let me ask that you take a little time to read your Bible with me and find out for yourself the "Divine Directions." Your prayer times and prayer meetings need never lag or lack if these directions are followed carefully and constantly.

### 1. PRAY FOR ALL MEN

"I exhort therefore, that

first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Timothy 2:1-16). May I ask you to become thoroughly acquainted with this paragraph, and note the character of prayer, the objects of prayer, the purpose of prayer, the encouragement to prayer, the season for prayer, the medium of prayer, and the ground for prayer. Ponder those seven things, and you will begin to feel

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## A BLESSING OR A CURSE

Two Scotchmen emigrated in the early days to California. Each thought to take with him some memorial of his beloved country. One of them took with him a thistle, the national emblem. The other took a small swarm of honeybees.

Years have passed. The Pacific Coast on one hand is cursed with Scotch thistle, which the farmers find impossible to exterminate; on the other hand, the forests and fields are fragrant and laden with the sweetness of honey, which is one of the blessings. Even so, does every Christian carry with him some sort of thistle plucked from the "old man," or honey from the "new man," according as he makes choice for God.

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## ALL SPACEMEN ARE EARTHMEN

### Part I

#### Man's Venture Into Space

Initially, let me assure you that I shall not attempt to tell you that "flying saucers" or what some call "UFO'S" — Unidentified Flying Objects — are demons. Neither will I attempt to prove that they are piloted by demons as a very famed media evangelist insisted not too long before he died.

#### Exploits

Some of the things I shall say have been in process in my mind for more than twenty-five years. When the thoughts first coursed through my mind, I felt that they were sufficiently different to merit publishing. However, apart from a short article entitled "Space Travel and The Bible," to which I shall make

reference later, I have refrained. As I have studied the Word of God across the years, the Lord, I believe, enabled me to have some additional insights.

My hesitation to prepare my thought for publication has not been the result of fear. Rather, my intellectual and spiritual approach has been that if what I was thinking and writing was true, it would be true a little further on. Too, there has been the thought that another or even others more competent than I might be better equipped to bring such thoughts and Scriptural insights before men.

Since I first expressed some of these thoughts in a Bible Class I was teaching in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1953, and in a Bible Class in San Antonio, Texas, in

1954, the "Sputniks" of the Russians were not the source of my inspiration. Nevertheless, it was after Sputnik was cast into the blue on October 4, 1957, and began sending its "Beep," "Beep" messages from space that a pastor of my acquaintance announced that he did not feel that it was God's will men should travel in space. As I already had Scriptural proof men would travel in space, I deemed it apropos to write "Space Travel and The Bible," and I proceeded to do so.

On November 3 of that same year, Sputnik II was put into space. Still, there were the cries from many directions that men would never travel in space.

Some years later, when I was

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## THE MEANING OF "BELIEVING ON"

This story is told of Blondin, the tight rope walker, who had his rope stretched across the Niagara Gorge. One day as he was about to walk across, he said to a lad, "Do you believe I can walk to the other side on this rope?" "Yes, I believe you can," said the lad. "Do you believe I could do it with you on my back?" "Yes, I believe you could." "All right," said Blondin, "climb up." But to this the lad was not ready to do, and quickly disappeared in the crowd. He believed about Blondin, but was not ready to commit himself to him. We do not blame him much, because there was little to gain and much to lose. To commit oneself to Christ means to gain everything; and to lose nothing of value.

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## SPACEMEN

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preparing "ALL SPACEMEN  
ARE EARTHMEN" for  
broadcasting, I watched the  
comet Kohoutek in the Western  
Sky. It was a beautiful sight  
with its tail streaming back  
away from the evening sun. This  
natural wonder which God  
prepared for our viewing was an  
encouragement to me in the  
preparation and the completing  
of the messages.

Kohoutek!

Many people, however, seem-  
ed to be going off the deep end,  
so to speak. Both religious and  
irreligious men were announcing  
that Kohoutek's appearance  
was a foreboding of the end of  
the world or some terrible hap-  
pening on the earth. Having  
studied a bit, I knew that com-  
ets have been coming and going  
so long as men have been keep-  
ing records. I expressed myself  
to this effect on the broadcasts.

To me Kohoutek was another  
phenomenal wonder which God  
provided for our enjoyment. I  
believed and I believe that God  
made the universe. I believed  
and I believe that God is as con-  
cerned about us as He has been  
about anyone in history. I ex-  
pressed myself then and I say  
now that we can continue to de-  
pend on the Lord to provide us  
knowledge and wisdom concern-  
ing His activities among men  
and in the universe.

When Sputnik II was put into  
space, it carried a little dog,  
Laika. This creature of earth  
became the first martyr to space  
travel in recent times. Despite  
the dubious attitude of many,  
both American and Russian  
men of science made an-  
nouncements of Laika's reac-  
tions to the rigors of space, as  
they were sent back to earth. I  
did not question the scientific  
and technological know-how

then, and I still do not.

Nonetheless, during those  
days, others who stood in places  
of religious leadership could not  
envision men traveling or living  
in space. Some of them began to  
search the Word of God for the  
proofs of their opinions. One  
who was at that time quite fam-  
ed and heard and read around  
the world, but who has since  
fallen on more difficult times in  
recent days, even as his  
youngest son, made a major ef-  
fort in his ministry to maintain  
that men would never travel in  
space. He based his opinion on  
Psalm 115:16 which read, "The  
heaven, even the heavens, are  
the Lord's; but the earth hath  
he given to the children of  
men."

According to this minister,  
these words were a prophecy  
that men would never travel in  
space. Tragically, however, he,  
as a multitude of others in each  
generation in which men have  
lived, failed to apply God's  
order, "Whom shall he teach  
knowledge? And whom shall  
he make to understand doc-  
trine? Them that are weaned  
from the milk, and drawn  
from the breasts. For precept  
must be upon precept, line  
upon line, line upon line;  
here a little, and there a little;  
for with stammering lips and  
another tongue will he speak  
to this people" (Isa. 28:9-11).

In those days, this minister  
and others who were deemed to  
be competent in the field of  
religion reached back to the  
days of Nimrod and the people  
of his day for confirmation of  
their contention. The fact that  
Nimrod was not permitted to  
build a tower which would  
"reach into heaven" was used as  
proof that men would not be  
permitted to travel in space.

Some religious leaders were so  
unschooled in the Word of God  
that they supposed that space  
travel was condemned by  
Lucifer's boast, "I will ascend  
into heaven, I will exalt my  
throne above the stars of God;  
I will sit also upon the mount  
of the congregation, in the  
sides of the North; I will as-  
cend above the heights of the  
clouds; I will be like the most  
High" (Isa. 14:13-14). It was  
believed by these, and some of  
them were fine and respectable  
men of God, that any attempt to  
get into space or any effort to  
enable men to live in space was  
essentially satanic.

Such an attitude is not new!  
True science — I qualify that  
because there is a great deal of  
false science as the Apostle  
alerts us in, "Avoid profane  
and vain babblings, and op-  
positions of science falsely so  
called" (I Tim. 6:20) — has  
been opposed, in many in-  
stances, by men who professed  
to be religious but who were ig-  
norant of the Word of God.  
They were committed to their  
own theories and religious  
devices rather than to the Word  
of God as the Word of God.

In both secular and religious  
history, we learn that at one  
time it was deemed to be un-  
christian to suppose that the  
earth was round. During the  
centuries when religious men  
held the political reigns of the  
nations, the churches and their  
leaders condemned to prison  
and sometimes to death anyone  
bold enough to declare that the  
earth moved about the sun.

Not many parents or even  
grandparents today would be  
willing to have their children or

Your prospects are as bright as the promises of God.

## BRIEF NOTES

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dition.

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schedule of services on Sunday  
are 10:00 a.m. Bible Study and  
11:00 a.m. morning worship.  
Elder Ronald Brady is the  
pastor and Bro. Nabors Brewer  
is their Bible teacher. All within  
driving distance are invited to  
attend.

grandchildren taught that the  
earth is flat or that the universe  
revolves around the earth.  
Needless to say, God cannot be  
held responsible for the ig-  
norance of men who claim to be  
religious leaders or who are  
presumed to be religious  
leaders, but who do not under-  
stand the Scriptures from which  
they are supposed to speak.

### Explanation

Long before such pseudo-  
scientific religionists attempted  
to rule the minds of men with  
their ignorance, God had  
declared very clearly and  
distinctly, in words available to  
all, that the earth was a sphere  
and not flat. The words are ex-  
plicit, "His going forth is from  
the end of the heaven, and his  
circuit (or revolution) unto  
the ends of it..." (Ps. 19:6);  
"The sun also ariseth, and the  
sun goeth down, and hasteth  
to his place where he arose.  
The wind goeth toward the  
south, and turneth about unto  
the north; it whirleth about  
continually, and the wind  
returneth again according to  
its circuits" (Eccl. 1:5-6); and  
"Have ye not known? Have ye  
not heard? Hath it not been  
told you from the beginning?  
Have ye not understood from  
the foundations of the earth?  
It is He that sitteth upon the  
circle of the earth, and the in-  
habitants thereof are as  
grasshoppers; that stretcheth  
out the heavens as a curtain  
and spreadeth them out as a  
tent to dwell in..." (Isa.  
40:21-22). He wondrously  
countered the ignorance of men  
in some of the most ancient of  
Scriptures, "He stretcheth out  
the north over the empty  
place, and hangeth the earth  
upon nothing" (Job 26:7),  
though pseudo-scientists would  
insist on fanciful foundations of  
the earth for millennia.

If we have any scriptural in-  
sight whatever, we should be  
able to see that the use of  
Nimrod's experience as proof  
that men would never travel in  
space is rather strained inter-  
pretation or exegesis. Perhaps  
we may note that it was not the  
building as such that was God's  
concern, but rather the kingdom  
which they were establishing in  
opposition to God's ruling in

their hearts and in their lives.  
We can see this sort of anti-God  
and anti-Christ "kingdom  
building" on the part of men  
even today. And their  
"kingdoms," without exception,  
oppose or undermine the church-  
es of the Lord Jesus Christ or  
make them expedient to their  
ends.

As Nimrod's, their doom is  
sure!

Further, in their use of  
Satan's boast as proof that God  
will not permit men to travel in  
space, men fail to see that such  
use is not in the context. First,  
Satan, known at that time as  
Lucifer or the anointed cherub,  
was not man. He was an angel,  
if you will, with greatpower and  
dominion. The ability of men to  
put skyscrapers into the at-  
mosphere or men into space cer-  
tainly cannot be compared with  
the desire of Nimrod or the  
boast of Satan, both of whom  
accomplished his efforts because  
of his hatred for God.

Second, Satan had his domi-  
nion in the created universe, and  
his desire was the control of the  
heaven beyond the universe  
where God's throne was and is.  
The failure of some to see that  
this desire of Satan cannot  
represent an analogy pertaining  
to the flights of men into the at-  
mosphere or into the heavens  
may be due in part to an unwill-  
ingness to understand that God  
can actually be outside His crea-  
tion and at the same time active  
in it. It needs to be noted that  
man will be no nearer the third  
heaven, as the Apostle speaks of  
it in II Corinthians 12:2, when  
he has traversed our solar  
system, our galaxy, or the galax-  
ies beyond.

Men have penetrated the  
universe with their telescopes  
and radiosopes in excess of ten  
billion light years in any direc-  
tion. Yet, they are no closer to  
God's heaven to which the disci-  
ple Stephen referred in,  
"Behold, I see the heavens  
opened, and the Son of man  
standing on the right hand of  
God" (Acts 7:56), than they are  
when they view earthly sights!

Satan apparently had access  
to the earth, the atmosphere  
around the earth, and the space  
beyond. In fact, we may assume  
that his desire to "ascend above  
the heights of the clouds"  
(Isa. 14:14) would have  
reference to the great unknown  
clouds and blacknesses of the  
universe which trouble the  
minds of some of our foremost  
scientists. These, doubtless, are  
those areas in the outer areas of  
our universe as men speak of it  
which men cannot penetrate or

explain absolutely by any of our  
known theories. Although our  
understanding of God's created  
universe is necessarily limited,  
we should be able to under-  
stand, in a measure, the meaning  
of Satan's desires, "above the  
stars...and above the heights  
of the clouds."

Satan is not man!

Satan differs from man!

Satan is spiritistic!

Satan is not fleshly!

Therefore, we may suppose  
that if there are spacemen —  
and I doubt not that there are —  
they are earthmen. Such a  
thought may not be too shocking  
as most would assume that the  
reference would be to spacemen  
in this generation, this space-age  
in which we live. Yet, reference  
to space men of the earth from  
space might well cause some to  
doubt our sanity. Even most  
avowed creationists and anti-  
evolutionists cannot abide the  
thought that men today are in-  
ferior to men of the past in  
science and technology. Never-  
theless, I believe that we can  
declare scripturally that any  
spacemen, whether of this cen-  
tury or of earlier ones, will be  
earthmen.

In our next study, we shall be  
speaking of space and God's  
business in it. We doubtless will  
make reference to our  
understanding of space, man's  
place in it, and something of  
how it relates to some of those  
things which some have called  
"UFO'S"! We serve a great  
God, and He has provided us  
His Word which should stagger  
the imaginations of all of us.

—to be continued—

## UNGODLY

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whether a babe was alive, they  
ask whether or not it cried out.  
So might we have as our single  
test that set out by Peter above:  
Do you have a taste to discern  
how good the Lord is? You  
know that all souls have one  
dominant appetite, and the ap-  
petite of the natural man has  
been vitiated by the Fall so that  
he hungers for the pleasures of  
sin and "devours iniquity" like  
as if it were a cool drink of  
water, rolling sweet morsels of  
sin under his tongue (Job 22).  
But the reborn child of God says  
with David, "O taste and see  
how good the Lord is." Let us  
then apply this undeniable test  
of fatherhood to ourselves. And  
then let us take this knowledge  
and apply it to our subject.

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because they belong to the World! We have been told not to love the things of this world (I John 2:15) and that to do so was to make ourselves enemies of God. This is clear, you cannot get around these plain statements of God. To those who say they have no particular love for the movies but only an occasional fancy to see them, and that they see no harm in attending a "clean, moral" picture now and then, we have much to say—but by His will, all we say shall be from His Book wherein He reveals what He desires of His children. We do not hesitate to say that the reason that you have not been weaned from the movies is because "the god of the world hath blinded you." After you have heard God on the subject, you will find no excuse to continue to be blinded, and if you continue to go to these dispensers of the "wisdom of this world," these inflamers of the lusts, we see no reason why it cannot be said, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not because ye are NOT of God."

The Movies are Ungodly because they are made by ungodly people. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one!" (Job 14:4). "Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?" (Luke 6:39). "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doeth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit" (Luke 6:43, 44). Will you tell me that the movie industry is a godly enterprise? Of course not! Perhaps you will tell me there are some Christian movie people. I doubt it very seriously, for no Christian could be content to stay in such a filthy atmosphere and associate with such rotten people but would heed God's call. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? (II Cor. 6:14). Watch closely the so-called "godly movie people" and you will find that it is, but another performance of theirs, just as empty a role as the ones on the screen. Roy Rogers after years among them found that he could not make a profession of love for God and remain among them—and so shut off making movies. Read any movie magazine, any columnist, any biography, any Hollywood newspaper and you will find corruption piled on top of corrup-

tion, filth underlying filthy, that rape, adultery, envying, murder, idolatry, back-biting, and every other known sin rules the minds and hearts of moviemakers. There is no doubt about it, the moviemakers are children of Satan, feeding on evil thoughts, and poisoning the minds of all who will join them.

The Movies are Ungodly because they attract and please the flesh. If you have any of the Spirit of Christ in you, you cannot truthfully say that your new nature is attracted by anything whatsoever that might appear in a moving picture, be it religious or not. I have not heard anyone try to defend any type of picture as spiritual, save those which claim to be Christian. Those advocates point out that such pictures are religious—and seem to be shocked when I admit readily that they are religious; but what they do not know is that the Devil never had a very close fellowship with anyone who was not very, very religious. Satan parades as an "angel of light" and there are hordes of religious devils, both those are of Satan's own spiritual kingdom and those devils of men who cloak themselves with the world's religions. As one man put it, you can take your religion seriously and clasp it to your bosom as you go to hell with it. Such is the kind of false religion taught in the movies. Their favorite religion is the Catholic religion, a hell-broth brewed by Satan with his unusual masterful touch—and it has all the glitter the pomp, the ceremony, the self-importance, the false peace, the covering of sin, that carnal men seek and love. Their version of other Christian religions are not a whit more spiritual, neither indeed can be. Any good moral civic club has as much religion as the portraits of Christian men that you see in the movies. Tell me a movie you have seen that made you feel guilty of your sins, that made you abhor yourself in dust and ashes, that made you say to yourself, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts." How can the unclean minds of Hollywood turn out a clean thing in the sight of God? How can the fleshpots and fleshpottresses of Hollywood act like God-loving God-fearing saints who are crucifying and mortifying the flesh daily? I pray that the Lord shall bless me as He has one of my friends who reared nine children without the help of the movies; but should I send my child to the movies I would rather that he see a "Phantom of the Opera" than to see a "Prince



## The Baptist Examiner

### BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Ruth 3:6-10

Intro.: This portion of scripture serves to emphasize the necessity to rightly divide the truth (II Tim. 2:15), comparing scripture with scripture (I Cor. 2:13), and to understand the requirements set forth in the laws given in relation to redemption. It further sets forth in illustration and shadow the truth that Christ was made under the law and that He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it (Gal. 4:4,5; Matt. 5:17). Therefore when Christ had fulfilled all that was necessary for our redemption He cried, "It is finished." So having obtained eternal redemption for us He entered into Heaven with His own blood (Heb. 9:12). This will be brought out more fully as we continue our study. In this lesson we see Ruth obedient to the admonition of Naomi as she in faith, faithfully fulfills the

of Peace." At least in the former he could see the evil nature that is in all mankind, but in the latter he would be apt to imbibe and be stained with the Devil's clever lies.

Take your measuring tape with you, if you must go to another movie—ask yourself as you go along, "Have I seen any of the things of the Spirit portrayed on the screen tonight," or "Will I be able to stand before the Judge of all creatures and claim that this is sowing to the Spirit," and you will be ashamed to be there attending the school of the flesh instead of obeying the Lord Jesus who has told you, "take My yoke, upon you, and LEARN OF ME." "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1).

Are you being conformed to this world, or are you in the process of being "conformed to the image of His son" (Rom. 8:29)? Go down into your heart and take the keys to them — ransack your private cupboards and seek to find what it is that your soul is feeding upon. Delights are secret things and you must look inward to find the crumbs of your soul's repast in order to tell what your soul is treasuring for food. Dogs hide bones so that they can secretly steal forth and gnaw them, and carnal men (who are compared to dogs in Scripture) also have their secret caches where they hide their forbidden sins. Is your soul then feeding on the kind of nourishment that God deplores, or is it feeding on the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35)? Are you smacking

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promises she had made (Verse 5).

#### VERSE 6

"And she went down to the floor." She, like Phillip, meekly complied to the direction of the Lord (Acts 8:27). This truth is also evidenced in Acts 5:20, 21. Sometimes the traditions of men, (Matt. 15:3) seem more plausible or reasonable than the commandments of God, and yet, we must remember God's ways and God's thoughts are to be followed (Isa. 55:8, 9).

"And did according to all that her mother in law bade her." Naomi, in spite of her defects, knew at least some of the Word of God. We need to be extremely careful that what we direct people to do is according to the Scriptures (Rom. 4:3). How we should thank God for Godly mother-in-laws.

#### VERSE 7

"And when Boaz had eaten and drunk." It is my conviction from studying the life of Boaz that he fulfilled the admonition in I Cor. 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." This is a needful admonition in this materialistic age in which we live, for everything we do affects our testimony.

"And his heart was merry," The child of God finds joy and thanksgiving in the daily blessings of life if he is spiritually minded.

"He went to lie down at the end of the heaps of corn." Boaz was faithful in watching over that which had been given him in God's providence. He was not waiting for the wind to blow that he could complete the harvest in winnowing the grain. We are to be faithful in every sphere of activity in this life; of course, we are to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33).

"And she came softly." She had to have mixed emotions in that she was called upon to do. Therefore she did not want to cause any misunderstanding among the others who were there.

"And uncovered his feet, and laid her down." Ruth places herself at the feet of Boaz, the redeemer in recognition and in realization, for she is dependent on him to perform the responsibilities necessary for her redemption. A blessed study indeed is those found at the feet of Jesus (Luke 7:37-39, 44-50; Mark 5:15; John 12:3; 10:39; Rev. 1:17)

#### VERSE 8

"And it came to pass at midnight." The providence of God is at work twenty-four hours a day. It was at midnight Paul and Silas had a prayer and song service after which the jailer was saved (Acts 16:25-34). It was at midday that Saul of Tarsus was converted (Acts 27:6-9). (Read also Acts 12:6; John 3:2; Matt. 28:1).

"That the man was afraid, and turned himself." There are many startling events that take place in our lives which, momentarily we don't understand, and which cause fright or

apprehension (Rev. 1:9-17). Some of these things may cause outward trouble for the child of God (Gen. 39:7-20). In this case Boaz is alarmed, not knowing exactly what is taking place.

"And, behold, a woman lay at his feet." How easily this situation could have been misrepresented or misunderstood, especially to those looking for an opportunity to bring reproach on God's people. Again, we need to be careful before we bring accusation against someone based on outward appearance. Boaz acted wisely in this situation. Even in a bad situation, the child of God will seek to do the right thing.

#### VERSE 9

"And he said, Who art thou?" In order to know what to do, Boaz sought to find out who the woman was. It was apparent she had not done anything to this point to entice Boaz, so he felt she was not merely a wayward woman.

"And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid." Since Boaz knew about Ruth, he would realize there is a purpose for her being there other than anything indecent.

"Spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid." The significance of this statement is precious indeed as we read Ezekiel 16:8. Here is the reason Naomi had sent Ruth to Boaz. This is the way she was seeking rest for Ruth (3:1). It was through the work and love of Boaz as redeemer. This is spiritually the only way we can find protection, preservation, and provision. As a believer in Jesus Christ, we are under His wings. (Ruth 2:12) and under His skirt (Isa. 61:10).

"For thou art a near kinsman." Again, one qualified to redeem. Jesus was made of a woman that He might be a Kinsman (Gal. 4:4, 5). Ruth evidences her knowledge of who can redeem. We too, must know this spiritually (Matt. 1:21; II Tim. 1:12).

#### VERSE 10

"And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter; for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followest not young men, whether poor or rich." This verse brings out the spirituality of both Boaz and Ruth, for both were seeking the glory of God and not following their own selfish desires.

Conclusion: May God grant us eyes to see the beauty related in these verses (Eph. 1:18).

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Did Christ die for the Adamic sin of all people?

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Absolutely not. I have heard this teaching several times. It just is not true. To say this, is to say that Christ died for the Adamic sin of all, but not for the specific sin of any. His death is not conclusive, but merely making possible a way of salvation that man can "choose" to follow if that were true. Beloved, Christ did not die for the sinner in Hell. He did not fail. One man said that Hell is the monumental sign of the failure of Christ. This, of course, is the most ridiculous, stupid thing that I have ever heard. However, it would be true if Christ died for everyone.

Praise God, He did not fail. He died for His people, and everyone for whom He died will be saved. "Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Later, He spoke to some there and said to them, "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep; as I said unto you" (John 10:26). Christ Himself told us that not all people are His sheep, and that He died for His sheep. That's all we need. He makes it clear that He did not die for everyone.

Our answer last week shows that His death was all that was necessary for the ransom paid for each person. In other words, His death paid for all the sins of each person for whom He died.

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The questioner acknowledges the fact that sin is universal, for he has all people guilty of the Adamic sin. The Adamic sin was not the original sin as far as the order of events are concerned; insurrection against the authority of God broke out in the angelic world before the temptation of our first parents in the garden of Eden (Ezek. 28; Is. 14:12-14). Sin did not originate with Adam, but made its entrance into the human family by him. And through him, "all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Adam was the federal head of the human race, and when he sinned all of his

posterity sinned in him. When a representative person acts, all whom he represents act in him, and especially is this true when the action is of official nature, as the sinful action of Adam. It was the one sin of the one man Adam that brought corruption and death to all of his posterity; and it was by the obedience of One, even Jesus Christ, the Lord, that many are made righteous (Romans 5:19). All of mankind, the man Christ Jesus excepted, are the children of Adam, and are therefore utterly depraved by nature, being the seed of totally corrupt stock (Acts 17:26; Ps. 51:5). All men are sinners by nature, being the seed and offsprings of Adam. All men can trace their naturalness back to Adam, being created in him, and they that are in Adam cannot please God (Romans 8:8). Conversely, they who are spiritual were created in Christ Jesus unto good works, and are the eternal seed of Christ (Eph. 1:4, 2:10). Christ represented in His redemptive work an infinite number of Adam's fallen posterity, but not all, i.e., Cain, Pharaoh, Esau, Judas, and millions multiplied who have followed in their train have died with the Adamic transgression yet charged to them. Christ assumed His people's covenant responsibility, being their head and representative. He bore ALL their sins in His body on the tree, and no penal sin can ever be laid to their charge (I Pet. 2:24; Romans 8:33). The seed of the serpent (Gn. 3:15; John 8:44) has no beneficial part nor lot in the atonement of Christ. Man by nature is filthy (Ps. 14:3); if he dies in such a state, he will be resurrected in like state, and the Divine verdict passed upon all who stand before God in their own filthy self-righteousness, "he which is filthy, let him be filthy still" (Is. 64:6; Rev. 22:11). It is the Adamic sin which made man filthy, the Adamic sin brought moral ruin and spiritual death to the family of man, and the Adamic sin is the ground upon which all man's rebellion against God is built. The Adamic sin brought to man absolute condemnation; it is the Adamic sin which gave man his body of death, and to be delivered from the Adamic sin is to be delivered from the penalty connected with it. The Adamic sin brought universal condemnation and if Christ died for the Adamic sin of all people, the effect following would be, universal salvation. The Bible limits the atonement of Christ to those given to the Son by the Father in the covenant of redemption (Ps. 2:8; John 6:37, 17:2-9; I Pet. 2:9). Baptists, long ere John Calvin was born, preached that the atonement of Christ was limited in its extent, not quality or infinite value, but in its efficacy and quantity to those He vicariously represented in His death on the cross. The Arminian limits the atonement of Christ in its power, for he says that the atonement did not actually secure the salvation of any person. We know from Scrip-

ture that the atonement of Christ has freely and forever removed the Adamic sin from the elect of God, and that their sonship merited for them by the atonement is absolute (Romans 8:19, 33, 39). The elect will wait for the full application of the benefits of the atonement, to wit, the redemption of our body, while all those outside the quantity of the elect will continue to compound the condemnation brought on by the Adamic sin in gratifying their evil nature.

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"...I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:15).

I assume that by "Adamic sin" is meant one or both of the following things. The sin nature which is propagated by natural conception and birth to everyone born into this world. Jesus Christ, of course, is excepted as He was born of a virgin. The guilt of Adam's sin which is imputed to all his natural descendants, as he was the representative and federal head of the whole human race. I would think of both of these as the Adamic sin, though I am not sure that this is a Scriptural term. Anyway, these two things are Scriptural.

No, Christ did not die for the Adamic sin of all men. Our text tells us that Christ died for His sheep. John 10:26 tells us that there are some who are not His sheep. So the whole race of man is divided into those who are His sheep and those who are not. It is stated that He died for the sheep. Therefore, He did not die in any sense whatsoever for those who are not His sheep.

Throughout the Bible, whenever the death of Christ is referred to, it is always limited to the elect of God. There is no verse anywhere in the Bible which, properly interpreted, teaches that Christ died in any sense for any, but the elect of God. Isaiah chapter 53 is a marvellous exposition of the death of Christ. It tells us that Christ died for us, for we, for many (not everyone), for my people. It tells us that those for whom Christ died will be healed by His stripes, and will be justified. That Jesus will make intercession for those for whom He died. That Jesus will see in glory those for whom He travailed in soul and will be satisfied. No one can read Isaiah 53, and believe it, and not believe in a limited atonement.

Jesus Christ died for the elect. He died efficaciously for the elect, so that they all will be saved. He did not die in any way, or in any sense, or in any part for any part of the sins of any except the elect. He did die for all of the sins of the elect.

I suspect this question may be related to the question of the salvation of those who die in in-

fancy. All who die in infancy are of the elect of God. Christ did die for their sin. They will be eternally saved. Christ did not have to die for the Adamic sin of all men in order to die for the sin of those dying in infancy.

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If the "all people" in the question means all of the human race, the answer is no.

We, all, are under the penalty of sin because of the inherited corrupt nature which we inherited from Adam. When Adam sinned in the garden he died spiritually, therefore death passed upon all his seed. Romans 5:12: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned;"

Christ came into the world to redeem or to buy back, not the whole human race, but, "All that the Father giveth Me—" (John 6:37). He came into the world to die for His own. Matthew 1:21: "—And thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." Also in Isaiah 53:11: "He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities." In John 17 we read that Jesus prayed not for the whole human race, "but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine," (John 17:9) and "for them also which shall believe on Me through their word" (John 17:20).

In the first chapter of Ephesians, Paul in writing "to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 1:1) tells us in verse 4, "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." In verse 7 he tells how this is brought to pass. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

As for His elect, Christ died to pay for all their sins, but no where in the Bible can it be shown that Christ died to pay for one single sin of those who go to Hell.

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Since this question involves two separate posterities, that of Adam and that of Christ, it is incumbent that I should delineate in respect to both, in contrasting the "all" of each posterity.

So, to lead off in this brief treatise, I wish to engage your attention first upon this verse. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Cor. 15:22).

Here and elsewhere in the Holy Scriptures, we find that Adam

was, seminally, the federal head of "all" his posterity. Consequently, being in him, they "all" sinned in him, and so die corporally in him, in having the sentence of death hovering over them.

Then, on the other hand, "in Christ shall all be made alive;" that is, spiritually, only as relating to His posterity. But this posterity is limited only to those whom the Father has given to Him (John 6:37). These are His spiritual seed and offspring, to whom He is the covenant-Head and Priest before God, the Father, with the blessed assurance of being resurrected, or changed in the twinkling of an eye, to an immortal life by Him. Yes, as "all" the elect of God, who corporally die in the first Adam and also all still living at the rapture of the church, will be instantaneously resurrected, or changed (if still living corporally) in natural bodies. Thus, they go into immortality with spiritual bodies in the likeness of Christ.

As set forth here, in contrast, we see the "all" of Adam and the "all" of Christ. Then, in this, we find that things of like quality are never contrasted; but, rather, compared. Hence, the two "alls" cannot mean one and the same persons, as "it is written, The first man, Adam, was made (created) a living soul: the last Adam (not made or created) was a (life giving) spirit" (I Cor. 15:45).

There, in this affirmation, it is plainly seen that the life of the first Adam was "derived;" that is, created; whereas, not so with the last Adam (Christ), because, in Him, all life subsists, in that He is the eternal fountain-Head of life, which He dispenses freely to "all" of His God-given people in regeneration, as drawn to Him by the Father (John 6:44). So, in this, again, we find the two posterities clearly distinguished, as it is written. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6), and involves a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Then, too, Jesus said: "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). In this scripture the three glorious doctrines of the grace of God are plainly revealed; yes, that of eternal election, efficacious grace in conversion, and the final perseverance of the saints, as related to particular redemption, which is limited only by "all that the Father giveth."

So, in this limited sense, the "all" can not apply even to the whole of the twelve disciples in a truly spiritual manner, since one of them, Judas, was, as Jesus said, "a devil" (John 6:70). Too, then, the "all" of mankind can not be included; but rather, the "all" of the whole body of God's elect people, because it is written. "...thou shalt call His name JESUS; for He shall save His people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21), which relates only to "whosoever believeth" of John. 3:16, which, then excludes "whosoever believeth not" as Jesus said: "Ye believe not, because ye are not My sheep (people)" (John 10:26). Further, it is said "Therefore, they could not believe..." (John 12:39, 40). Then, also, on a particular occasion it was said that "as many as were ordained to eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48).



## DIVINE

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you must and can pray.

### 2. PRAY FOR ALL SAINTS

"Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:18). These are our fellow Christians, fellow pilgrims and strangers, fellow witnesses to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, fellow citizens of the household of God; all of which have been saved by grace, are indwelt by the Spirit, are being kept by the power of God, and are journeying to the same home which our Lord has gone to prepare. All alike have their sicknesses, difficulties and discouragements, dangers and distresses, troubles and trials, sorrows and cares and burdens, weights and worries, necessities and untoward circumstances testing and temptations, calls and demand for grace, strength, guidance, sustenance, keeping, wisdom and knowledge of what to do, and what not to do. Surely there is plenty about which to join them in prayer and for prayer.

### 3. PRAY FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

"and for me (said the Apostle Paul), that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Eph. 6:19). It is no small matter and task to tell out the good news of grace and love constantly and with power and freshness, intelligently, helpfully, fearlessly, fully, and faithfully. There is much to be made known to the mind and will of God in His Word to men, just as God has given it to us. Ministers are exhorted to "preach the voted; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." All this takes time and study, prayer for light and understanding, preparation for the needs spiritually of their hearers, sympathy and love, consideration and care to visit and "feed the flock over which the holy Ghost has made them to be overseers." Prayer will go a great way to make a successful ministry.

### 4. PRAY FOR MORE LABORERS AND REAPERS

"Then saith He to his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers unto His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Our Lord has seen the

multitudes as sheep having no shepherd, and had compassion on them; and when we think of the multitudes today without God and without hope in the world, should we not also "have compassion" upon them, and do what our loving Lord asked of us? Missionaries of the Cross should always have a large place in our prayers, especially seeing that is the very thing they are constantly imploring us at home to do. Let us spend time in asking for more reapers in the great harvest field. Pray also that many doors may "yet" be opened to carry the Gospel to every part of the world; and that those who are waiting to go may soon be able to do so. God still works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

### 5. PRAY FOR ISRAEL

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1). There is no difference concerning Jew and Gentile in this all-important matter; for "there is none other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved." than Jesus Christ. And Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." In the midst of their present sufferings world-wide, we are glad to hear of a changing attitude toward God and His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and many are accepting Him as their Saviour. Jesus said we were to evangelize "all nations," and they are "one" among them. All who are working among and for them need our constant and earnest intercession and supplications. Join the apostle in this.

### 6. PRAY FOR ALL THE WILL OF GOD

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12). What unusual kind of praying is this! Think of it "Always... laboring... fervently." Is that our kind of praying? Have we the same burden also? "All...the will...of God." That does not mean just saying: "If it be Thy will." God's will is revealed in His Word, so that His people may know it. It is up to us to search and find "that will." Read these four passages of Scripture: Ephesians 5:17; I Thess. 4:3; I Peter 2:15; I Thess. 5:18. Now pray for all these things to be done in you and note the expression: "This is the will of God." There's

No gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

plenty to pray for!

### 7. PRAY FOR THINGS

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7). What a privilege to carry "everything" to God in prayer! What a pleasure it also should be! What a profit it will be!

Praise God for the ministry of prayer! Should any child of God ever lack for anything to pray about? Can you not now understand how many of God's giants have fought and won their victories on their knees? Jesus said: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Then let us get and ponder these things in our hearts, and we shall be well able to pray, to pray more, and to pray much. "Men ought always to pray." Do "you" pray? If so, how much? How often? Follow the "Divine Directions." What a blessing it will be for yourself and others!

## TITHING

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which the tribes were brought and out of which the Levites lived. In addition to the tithes they were also given certain portions of the offerings. (Deut. 18:1-5).

No where does the New Testament condemn this principle and in no place is anything offered as a substitute for it. Jesus (Matt. 5: 17-44, etc.) taught His disciples that there were certain things in the law which were to be supplanted by higher teachings, but He did not mention (tithes and offerings). He condemned the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 23:23, Luke 12:42) for some of their practices, but He commended them for tithing. This would have been a fine place for the Lord to have taught His disciples another plan if He had not willed the continuation of "tithes and offerings." In the teachings concerning the "better" things of the new covenant nothing is mentioned as being better than "tithes and offerings" for the support of the Lord's New Testament program of gospel preaching.

This principle of "tithes and offerings" is given to the church at Corinth as the Lord's ordained plan for His people in this age. Although no believer in Jesus Christ is "under the law" the Holy Spirit uses the law to teach these Corinthian saints a needed lesson in the support of the Lord's servants (I Cor. 9:7-12). Then, we read:

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things (the common priests) live of the things of the temple) and they which wait at the altar (the high priests) are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Nothing could be plainer than that it is the "ordained" plan of God that the preachers of the gospel are to be supported exactly as the priests were supported "out of the temple" by "tithes and offerings."

The vast majority of liberal Christian stewards began as tithers and as they have received the accompanying spiritual and material blessings they have

## "Modern Woman"

Mrs. Frank Parrish  
Courtland, Virginia

These are the days of the E.R.A.,  
When modern woman would have her way;  
The scriptures, it seems, she's never heard,  
For she pays no attention to God's Word.

God's order of the sexes she just ignores,  
For man's place she covets more and more,  
Saying that she would be equal with man,  
Forgetting the fact that she never can.

Neither could man ever take her place,  
For he's not equipped for bearing the race;  
Nor has he a mother's instinct and love,  
Given to her from heaven above.

Now man reasons coolly with his head,  
But woman is led by emotions instead;  
God equipped man to take the hard knocks,  
But made the woman, the cradle to rock.

Still, modern woman doesn't see it that way,  
So against her maker she rebels every day;  
With bobbed hair and immodest dress,  
For God's Holy Word she could care less.

And even in churches this rebellion prevails,  
For God said long hair and a covering, or veil;  
In the church, be silent; be quiet and meek,  
But she has even decided to preach!

Now God knows what's best for His creation,  
And, oh, how well off would be this nation,  
If each home was a castle, every man a king,  
With a queen, subjected to him in all things.

A queen he could love, and honor, and cherish,  
And work to this end, that their home might flourish;  
A queen, in whom his heart could safely trust,  
He would seek her well-being, and protect her, he must!

She would send him off with a smile and a prayer,  
And a sense of well-being, knowing she was there  
To watch over his children and keep them from harm,  
Teaching them, and guiding them, with a firm, loving arm.

And then he would hurry when day's work was done,  
Home to his queen, his daughters and sons;  
They would live for each other and all live for God,  
Serving Him together as life's path they trod.

Oh, how much better off would be the human race,  
If woman, once more, would take her God-given place,  
But these are the days of the E.R.A.,  
And modern woman would have her way!

delighted to invest more and more of their substance in the Lord's work. Noticeable among the results of following God's plan of "tithes and offerings" are joyful giving, liberal giving, and unpretentious giving.

The Lord openly invites any doubter to "prove me now herewith" (Mal. 3:10). Of the millions who have thus proved Him not one has found the Lord breaking His promise. Happy is the child of God who adopts God's plan of "tithes and offerings," and follows it faithfully out of love and gratitude to Jesus Christ for His wonderful salvation.

## NECESSITY

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glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6). Here we see what God sees when he looks at us, whether we be murder, their, harlot, church member or anything else could be named. God has said; "There is none that doeth good, no not one" (Psalm 14:3). The sooner we preachers stop letting the world believe it isn't so bad, the sooner we show the sinner he is lost, and lost because he is a sinner by nature, doomed to spend eternity in a devil's hell, then the sooner we are going to see ge-

nuine Holy Spirit conviction that will bring the lost face to face with their sin and their condition.

We as Christians need to see more clearly that those around us without Christ are lost, that hell awaits them, with all of its horror. Look with me to Calvary as Jesus was dying for the sins of the whole world. While one thief railed upon him, the second thief rebuked him saying: "Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly: for we receive the due reward of our deeds" (Luke 23:40). He wasn't saying, "Look at the hypocrites who profess Christ"—and he had an example to look at that was by far the hypocrite of hypocrites—Judas. That thief saw HIS sin, HIS unrighteousness, HIS lost condition, and in taking his place with the unrighteous he became a saved man, coming under the precious blood that was shed for the unrighteous...But, some of you say, "I have never done any sin that compares to that thief's sin. I have never stolen, gambled..." (Continued on Page 6 Column 3)



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## FOR CHRISTIAN GIRLS . . .

The editor urges our readers to contribute articles to this column. Articles "FOR CHRISTIAN BOYS" should be written by Christian men and boys and "FOR CHRISTIAN GIRLS" by Christian women and girls. Such articles must be at least one page, typed and double spaced, yet it must not exceed two such page. Each article should be accompanied by your name and address as well as the name of the Baptist church where you are a member.

### "PRECIOUS"

Sharon R. Haynes  
Chardon, Ohio

I remember, about a year ago, a dear minister friend was visiting in our area and speaking for a few services in our Church. One day as we sat at the kitchen table in a friend's home, he turned to me and said, "The people in your Church speak a different language." Realizing I had no idea what he meant, he went on to say, "You all use words like sweet, precious, etc." Then he turned to my friend and said even she has been affected by the influence of your people, though she is not a member. My friend was thrilled at this statement. It showed on her face and she told me so later.

Good things are contagious among God's people — good talk and good practices, and so they should be among those who are precious to God and precious to one another.

Girls, a careful reading of John 17 will more than assure you of the preciousness of your soul and your life to Christ, if you are His. He speaks over and over to His Father of how He has cared for and protected us as His own. Christ prays that we may have our hearts filled with His joy and His gladness and that we, His people, may be ONE, as He and His Father are ONE.

As God has created all life, of course, all life is precious to Him, but human life above all others; why else the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

David understood the value of life as we read in I Samuel 26, verses 21-24. "Then said Saul, I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold I have played the fool and erred exceedingly." David then states, "The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and His faithfulness... And, behold, as your life was precious today in my sight, so let my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation." David, more than once, had been given opportunity to kill King Saul, the man who unmercifully pursued him, attempting to take his life, but David resisted the temptation of revenge and wisely left the matter in God's hands. God knows the beginning from the end, and as we read history in God's Word we see how God did take care of this matter for David.

I think we have determined, briefly, but honestly, that we are precious to our Lord and that we should be precious to one another. Now let's talk about how and why.

Did you ever try to figure out why some people flocked to Jesus while He walked this earth, why some ignored Him and why others hated Him. Here are three different emotions manifested — two intense and one lukewarm.

While Jesus lived upon this earth He spoke and lived perfect truth. He radiated love and perfect justice. Those who followed after Him steadfastly, knew that even though unworthy they could be forgiven, loved and taught to love. Those who turned away, mocked or persecuted, were those who hardened their hearts to love, truth and justice. Those who ignored Him perished along with the haters, because they also knew nothing of His love.

I know that people were precious to Christ because He showed compassion to those around Him in need. He understood their physical, emotional and spiritual hungers and never turned them away unsatisfied. His ways were always gentle and kind toward those who came sincerely; never harsh, cruel or cold.

Christ has given you family, friends, and brothers & sisters in the Lord. How is your behavior toward them? Didn't He say "Follow after Me." In Matthew 25 there is a very frightening example of God's judgment upon those who did not understand the preciousness of the souls of His people. God says to this group such things as, "I came to you hungry and you gave me no food; I came to you thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I came to your home and you would not welcome me, etc." Thos He is speaking to are confused and do not understand until He says, "...you failed to do it to one of the least of these (my brethren)—you failed to do it for me." Such as condemned to eternal punishment.

It is not for us to pick and choose who we will love, who we will be kind to or who we will turn away or ignore. In the Lord you have a source of supernatural love. When you sincerely desire for this love to be poured into your life, then every brother and sister around you will become precious to you, in spite of any previously irritating habits or faults.

Someone in the world may choose not to love her brother, her sister or her neighbor, and feel no guilt, but not a true blood-bought child of God. God, among His other attributes, is love, so His children possess His love and learn to understand the preciousness of one another.

If you have little or no desire to get along with, love or understand a precious one of Christ's, then you had better examine your own faith. I John 4:8 "He who does not love has not become acquainted with God (does not and never did know Him); for God is love."

Some people are easy to love, some aren't, but if we desire to please our Savior, we are to learn to love all, especially those of the Faith. As I said before, we have a source of supernatural love, and with God all things are possible. Learning to love someone who to us is unlovely is only as difficult as WE make it, and the rewards of loving are far more desirable than the consequences of hating. Never let go of precious love or forget precious loved ones! Romans 5:5b: "...for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us."

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ed, or drunk, committed murder, adultery, or idolatry. I am honest, morally clean, and I don't see why I need remission of sin." David said: "Behold I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me." Everyone who reads this, all who are alive today, all men that have ever lived with the exception of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whether they be rich or poor, black, red, brown, yellow, or white they are descendants of one man. That man is Adam. "God hath made of one blood all nations of men" (Acts 17:26). Back in Eden's garden Adam was placed as the representative of the entire human race, with one restriction upon him. God had said: "Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17).

When Adam partook of this tree he died spiritually — THAT DAY, and eventually physically. That is why all men must die, we as descendants of Adam having his blood in our veins have the curse of physical death upon us. "By one man's offense death reigned by one" (Rom. 5:17). "Through the offense of one many be dead" (Rom. 5:15). All of you will accept the fact of physical death — Undertakers are not in business by faith — They know people are going to die. Babies are born daily with the sentence of death upon them. Why?...It is because of the presence of that sinful Adamic nature all of us possess. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). We see physical death as a separation of body and soul; why can't we see spiritual death as the separation of that soul from God? We can see that we are born with the curse of physical death upon us. Why can't we see that man without Christ is already dead in trespasses and sins? Here's why men won't see it - it leaves them with a totally depraved nature, condemned to hell without divine intervention from a Holy, Perfect, and Just God. But praises unto His name, He has intervened!

Without shedding of BLOOD is no remission.

All of the blood that we could mention will fall under one of three classes; (1) Human blood, (2) Animal blood, (3) Divine blood. It is in one of these three classes wherein lies the remission of sin.

Is it human blood? Most of our popular preachers of today (Modernists) say that the blood of Jesus was human. If they are right then our precious Lord comes down on the same level with Mohammed, Confucius, Gandhi, Pope Pius, and other "good men" in the eyes of the world. God says that it is the blood that washes away sin (Rev. 7:22) and justifies us (Rom. 5:9). He declares that all men partake of the same blood (Acts 17:26). All men are sinful and human blood is the link between all men. If human blood could wash away sin, why did Christ have to leave Heaven's Glory and take upon Himself

our sin? If human blood can wash away sin, let us advocate the blood of Adolph Hitler for the remission of sin...Blasphemy, that's what it is! When people try to say the blood of our Blessed Lord was human. There is not one portion of God's Word that would lead man to believe that Jesus had human blood or that human blood could take away sin.

Is it animal blood? The temple sacrifices were animal sacrifices, but God's Word is very emphatic here. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). The temple sacrifices merely pointed forward to Christ and carried over the sins of the people until the next year. "But in those sacrifices there is remembrance again made of sins every year" (Heb. 10:3).

It is divine blood. "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 of a Lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18-19). Yes, it is precious blood that redeems from sin. That blood that flowed from Jesus' veins was literally the Blood of God. He was God's Son - God Himself manifest in the flesh. He had God's nature, God's blood, God's ways, God's Holiness, God's righteousness - HE WAS GOD. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). He was made flesh according to the promises of God's Word, "The seed of woman" (Gen. 3:15)... "The Seed of Abraham" (Gen. 22:18)... "The Seed of David" (II Sam. 7:12). He fulfilled all of the prophecies of His first coming according to the flesh, but the Link that established Him to God - The thing that set Him so far apart from this sinful world was His blood. "The life of all flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11). His blood was divine - the life that was in His flesh was divine life. That is why He could say: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). There is no other way for a sinful man to come to a Holy and Just God, but through the sinless, perfect, divine blood of Jesus.

Without shedding of blood is no REMISSION.

It is not just enough to need remission, not enough to have a Saviour with divine blood in His veins. That blood must be shed, and must be shed in an acceptable place. God has said: "I have given it (the blood) to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your soul" (Lev. 17:11). Just as the temple sacrifices were types of Christ, The Lamb without blemish and without spot, the altar was the type of Calvary's Cross, where the Lamb without spot was slain. Had not Jesus died at Calvary, there would be no remission of sins. Let us look at Gethsemane when our Blessed Lord was praying about the cup that contained the bitter dregs of our sins. As He said: "My Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me." Why, my friends, did not the cup pass from Him? Why did not the

## IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



### Question:—

What king had his thumbs and great toes cut off for having thus treated seventy captive kings?

### Answer:—

Adoni-bezek, Judges 1:5-7. - "But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died."

Father spare His own Son? Why did not Jesus call legions of angels to His aid? Why did He lay down His life without opening His mouth? Why was He bruised? Why was He scourged? Why? God has told us why — "WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION! It was God's love toward us that has provided this wonderful way of salvation. Listen, lost soul, to a scripture you have heard many times. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life!" (John 3:16). Sinner, look at yourself...There is not one thing in you to recommend you to God. Your ways are wrong, your desires are wrong, you have tried to reform but you've failed, your very thoughts are enmity against God. Like the thief at Calvary, admit your just condemnation - then look to Jesus dying for you, shedding His blood for you. Believe God when He says: "Come let us reason together...Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

Right now, by God's grace, accept Jesus as your Saviour, and let us rejoice in the face of that foundation filled with the soul-cleansing, redeeming blood of Jesus.

"The dying thief rejoiced to see

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And there have I, though vile as he,

Washed all my sins away."

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

### MEXICO CITY

(EP)—Religious broadcasting, banned in Mexico since July by a government decree that has not been strictly enforced, is apparently returning to some degree of normalcy, according to Southern Baptist press representative David Daniell. However, new restrictions probably will mean that Christian broadcasters will have to communicate their message in less direct ways.

Mr. Daniell said the government ban apparently was provoked by an invitation for a spokesman of the Roman Catholic Church to testify on the Catholic view of abortion before the Mexican Senate, which was preparing new legislation on the subject. Communist spokesmen objected strongly, claiming the Senate's action had violated the separation of church and state, according to Mr. Daniell. The IRP (Institutional Revolutionary Party), apparently viewing the Communists as a growing political threat, singled out religious broadcasting to demonstrate its adherence to post-evolution anti-clericalism, Mr. Daniell said.

Officially there still has been no government action to rescind the broadcasting ban. But Mr. Daniell predicts a gradual return of religious broadcasting which will be characterized by submission to government censorship, "in a general sense."

He believes, however, that there will be less Christian music, fewer direct references to the scriptures, and no church or denominational identification.

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DALLAS (Ep via RNS)—A leader of the so-called "Christian right" has accused one of the movement's critics of hypocrisy, while another leading critic of the movement has defended his own involvement in the Carter campaign. Southern Baptist evangelist James Robinson said here that Dr. Jimmy Allen, head of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, is guilty of "hypocrisy" when he criticizes conservative Christians' involvement in politics.

The evangelist noted that Dr. Allen recently appeared in Dallas at a parade with Rosalynn Carter. He added that Dr. Allen "was the finance chairman for the San Antonio area for the Carter election campaign in 1976, and he went before the Southern Baptist Convention and told the reasons why the country must ratify Carter's SALT II program, locking the country into inferiority." Mr. Robinson commented that he was not accusing Dr. Allen of "doing anything wrong," but added, "What I fault him for is criticizing others for their involvement in politics."

At a news conference with other religious leaders recently, Dr. Allen said that the extreme right and left do not have a right to "label their political solutions as the Christian answer and reject as un-Christian those who address the problem's solution in another way."

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NEW YORK (EP)—A statement critical of the administration of President Jimmy Carter has been issued by the Ad Hoc Committee for Traditional Morality. The group was "pulled together" by Edward E. McAteer, president of The Roundtable, an organization which promotes conservative religious and political causes. Co-sponsoring the statement and a news conference was Rabbi Abraham V. Hecht, president of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Alliance of America.

At a news conference Mr. Hecht and Mr. McAteer both denied that the meeting was intended to have political significance, but the statement denounced "secular humanist voices in general and the current national administration in particular..."

The statement "vigorously" denounces "the secular humanist forces in general and the current national administration in particular for this utterly reprehensible failure to combat pornography, sexual perversion, abortion, the concept of drafting women into the armed forces, sacrilege and blasphemy in various fields including media and entertainment, interference by government in the operation and policies of basically orderly religious schools and institutions, the immoral abandonment and betrayal of a number of America's Free World friends and allies and all forms of craven inaction regarding the spread of international terrorism and godless international communism."

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KANASA CITY, Mo. (EP)—Over 150 data processing executives from evangelical denominations and para-church organizations heard predictions here in October of a computer revolution soon to sweep over local congregations. Over \$30,000,000 in computer sales to local churches are expected by 1985, according to Mr. William T. Bray, editor of the Evangelical Marketing Report. Mr. Bray was one of 25 experts on communications, fundraising and electronic technology who addressed the Sixth Annual Christian Computer Users Conference.

Most of the conference registrants were Data Processing directors of "electric church" and para-church organizations. Bill Forsyth of the Rex Humbard Foundation said that his organization alone generates 1.2 million computer letters and receipts each month. But the use of computers for big national religious organizations was not the big news — it was new applications of small business computers in local situations that excited the most controversy.

"This is the beginning of a new era," said Mr. Bray. "The computer is breaking out of the accounting department. It will no longer be used just for stewardship and fundraising. Now it will be part of evangelism, church growth, Christian education, pastoral care and Christian manage-

ment. It is even being used on the mission field to speed translation of the Scriptures."

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SUDBURY, Mass. (EP)—In an attempt to give God a female dimension, a revised, "non-sexist" prayer book was introduced in October at Temple Beth El. In it, the 23rd Psalm begins, "You are my shepherd."

"We don't think of it as a feminist thing, but as a way to restore the dignity of women in our prayer book," said Nancy Lee Gossels, co-chairwoman of the lay committee that edited the book. "Lord, Master, King—they're all male. We are taught to believe they are metaphors, but some people who think of themselves as very religious still think of God as a man."

Constance Buchanan, director of the women's studies program at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, who endorses the new prayer book, believes the interpretations by Temple Beth El have strong theological backing.

A phrase in a prayer that read "O God, our Father" becomes "O God, our Mother...our Father." In other instances, God is referred to as "He" and "She" and "Him" and "Her."

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TOKYO, Japan (EP)—Unprecedented crowds in Japanese Christian history broke records for attendance in Tokyo when a capacity crowd of 43,000 braved cold winds in Korakuen Stadium for the final meeting of the Japan Billy Graham Crusade and more than eleven percent of them responded to the invitation to receive Christ as Savior. In every city during the October 4-26, six-city evangelistic tour, Crusade crowds broke records for attendance for any event of any kind in most of the stadiums and arenas.

Japanese men, traditionally resistant to the Christian message, made decisions for Christ in exceptional numbers with the largest number of inquirers between the ages of 19-30. This indicates a turn from what surveys had shown as no religious interest among sixty percent of the people in this nation where only one percent of the 120 million population professes to be Christian.

In Osaka, where a crowd of 29,000 overflowed the 25,000 seat Nissei Stadium Masuru Kishi, Governor of the Osaka Prefecture, said to Mr. Graham, "Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ was born. Why is only one percent of Japan Christian? I think it is because Christians have not made their message clear." In his messages Mr. Graham said, "I want to make the teachings of Jesus so clear that every one of you will understand."

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ROSEMONT, Ill. (EP)—The national convention of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches has commended he proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to its 265 congregations and their 110,000 members "for study and support." In 1972, the convention of the Lutheran Church in America urged ratification of the amendment. Earlier this October, the American Lutheran Church convention said Christians com-

mitted to justice may take different views on ERA.

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SEATTLE, Wash. (EP)—Contact has been re-established with a 1943 graduate of Seattle Pacific University, LORA JONES, from whom there had been no word for more than 30 years after she returned to China in the mid-1940s.

When the communist revolution of the late 1940s forced the expulsion of most Western missionaries from China, Lora stayed on. Then the period of silence began, continuing until late last year when the daughter of pre-war missionaries, Francis Schlosser Sherer, and her husband were able to obtain a tentative address for Lora while traveling in China. Writing to her last Christmas, they received a reply, and they and others began corresponding with her. They learned she is now teaching English in a university in Lanchow in north central China.

"Her letters are circumspect, since there is still much fear of how the communist censors will respond to various statements," an article in the SPU publication, *Response* notes. "Notably, she makes no reference to the intervening years, but she does state that 'there are many Christians here in Lanchow...Please continue to pray for us. God is so good to us all.'"

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LONDON (EP)—"Prison is a test of faith. I am not sorry that I am here; on the contrary, I am glad. I am happy that in some way I can prove my love to Him." So writes GALINA VILCHINSKAYA from prison in Lvov, Soviet Union. According to a report released by Mr. George Vins, Galina's father was sentenced to five year's imprisonment in a concentration camp for his faith. When asked how he felt about his daughter being in prison he responded: "When she told us that she wanted to serve the Lord actively, we warned her that she might never be able to come home again. She said that she had spent a lot of time in prayer and fasting, and the Lord had shown her that this is the way she must go...We gave her our blessing."

Galina left home to tell children about "God's love and gift of salvation." She paid special attention to children whose fathers were in prison for serving the Lord. In August, 1979, she was arrested. She writes that she witnesses, recites poetry, and sings, and that other prisoners respect her witness, according to a report from East/West News Service.

TEMPLE HILLS, Md. (EP)—W. JERRY and SUSAN S. CAULEY, a husband and wife team, have been ordained to the gospel ministry by the congregation of Broadview Baptist Church. Rev. Cauley is associate pastor of the 557-member suburban Washington, D.C., church, and his wife is assistant minister of music. SHAME! SHAME!

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SYDNEY, Australia (EP)—A crowd of 1,500 was in attendance for the final meeting of the ten day Toowoomba Crusade conducted by Australian evangelist BILL NEWMAN. The October crusade found 470 inquirers in

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the total crusade attendance of 11,500. In addition, over 3,000 children were reached through school visits, and newspaper, radio and television coverage Australian crusades in Waragul, Lismore, Newcastle, Adelaide and Brisbane.

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STOCKTON, Calif. (EP)—A Miwok Indian protesting construction work at an ancient tribal burial ground nailed his hand to a cross, wrapped himself with barbed wire and stood on a platform nailed to the cross for about four hours Oct. 26.

The man, Jonathan LeDeux, said in a telephone interview later that he had suffered no ill effects from his ordeal, which he said was intended to attract attention to his cause. Mr. LeDeux, whose tribal name is Swift Turtle, said his spiritual beliefs kept him from suffering.

About 30 to 40 people, including six policemen, watched as LeDeux, 49, of San Leandro, mounted a platform at the construction site, drove a 16-penny nail sterilized in alcohol into his left palm and wrapped himself in barbed wire.

The burial ground was discovered several months ago on 17 acres in Stockton when utility company crews began laying cables for a construction project. The tribe and other groups twice have failed in their legal attempts to stop construction, officials said.

Ruth Copenhaver of Stockton — a member of Friends of the Early Horizon, which is fighting the project — said 11,500 skeletons had been found at the site, some dating back 5,000 years. Community Construction Co. of Bakersfield is doing the construction work. Mrs. Copenhaver said. Company officials could not be reached for comment.



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**THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY  
OR  
HIDE-AND-GO-SEEK IN OUR BAPTIST  
ASSEMBLIES**

by Roy Snell  
Charleston, W. Va.

This article is not intended in the least to be divisive or to arouse any controversy, but rather, is for the purpose of exercising those who call themselves Baptists in order that they might be moved to contend for a true and biblically sound assembly. As it stands now there are far, far too many Baptists who continually practice a little ploy which has absolutely no biblical justification whatsoever. This is in reference to that invitational "altar call," where both sinners and saints are intreated to make a move of some sort or other.

I would probably be safe in assuming that everyone who reads this can recall having heard some well-meaning minister say near the end of his sermon, "Every head bowed, every eye closed, no one looking around and no one leaving." Or

some variation of this totally unscriptural foolishness. I am not quite sure where this practice originated, but I can tell you dogmatically, without fear of being mistaken, it did not come from God's Holy Word. There is not one verse, nor any portion of any chapter which teaches by word, precept or example, that we are to indulge in such shenanigans. If we Baptists cannot condone our actions by the Word of God, then we are sure to end up being moved and motivated by the traditions of a finite and fallible man.

Where in the world did these ministers ever get the idea of having Christian adults to hide their eyes and not look while some reluctant sinner is inveigled into "sneaking" into the family of God? Now, imagine that Paul is engaged in holding a meeting in a large room in the home of Aquila and Priscilla where he notices some strangers

in the back. When he has finished his exhortation, he then asks the believers not to peep while he makes an appeal to those in the rear. Utterly ridiculous!

On the authority of Holy Writ I must take this stand, even if I offend those whom I call my brethren — if any person is exposed to the gospel and is brought under the convicting power of that altogether lovely Third Person of the Godhead, then such a one will not wait until no one is looking before he or she comes to Christ. And they certainly will not wait until everyone sings "Tell mother I'll be there." Nor will they need the deathbed anecdotes and all the accounts of that one who "didn't walk the aisle, went out and died in a car wreck on the way home." Oh, Beloved, Jesus said plainly and clearly that "If I be lifted up I will draw all men to me." Baptists, exalt our precious Christ, invite that sinner, but then, let the Spirit do the drawing. Cease this playing of games with the souls of men. My God forgive me, chasten me and then put me straight on this matter if I am wrong, but I am fearful that we are guilty of grieving that Holy One when we attempt to do His office work, and that by some of man's devices. My own precious old pastor, a man knowledgeable in the ways of our Lord and wise in the antics of men, once said at the end of his message, "Don't anyone of you walk these aisles unless you are ready now to receive this Christ as Lord and Saviour." There is no better example or honoring the Spirit of

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God and allowing Him to prevail in that heart, instead of all the begging, pleading, coaxing, wheedling, cajoling, and yes, even tricking at times. And there is no more sure method of combatting this wildfire, pressure packed, emotionally charged "praying through at the altar," which I repeat, cannot be justified by anything to be found in the New Testament. And no, little children, this is not "hardshellism." Remember, I said to exalt our Lord and invite the sinner.

In closing, I did not write this simply to be contentious, but I openly and avowedly will contend for the purity of the New Testament Baptist assembly and for the proper, biblical procedures and practice therein. Maranatha.

Editor's Note: The writer has written along these lines before, but because of the ongoing, continued, and possible proliferation of this practice, he felt moved to enlarge on the matter.

**UNGODLY**

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your lips over the prospect of an evening with the "Hidden Manna," or do you intend to go down to the playhouses of the world to view the "workers of iniquity?" Will you receive the "water of life freely," or will you pay the terrible price of selfish pleasure? It is a wicked presumption to think that you can live to please yourself, yet avail that saints might not "henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them."

God has so linked together holiness and happiness that they cannot be separated, just as He has linked together sin and wretchedness. You may call me a puritan (I shall consider it an undeserved compliment), and some will even form the word

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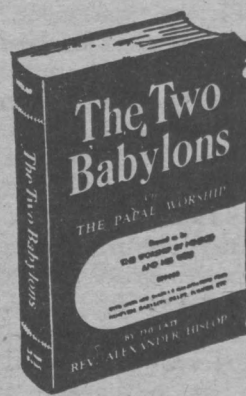
"fanastic" on their lips, but you will find God of "purer eyes than to look upon sin," the Bible is a very pure book with a very pure message—"Happy are the pure in heart: for they shall see God;" "Every man that has this hope in him purifieth himself." If you cannot endure the saints who are endeavoring to live by "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord," then, friends, you will certainly not be able to endure the sight of God in Heaven. How can you possibly sing the song of the Lamb, if your heart has never so much as beheld His glory "as through a glass darkly" here on earth, shall you be able to come out of your awful darkness and suddenly gaze on the brilliance of an unspeakable Holy God? Will you be among those who cry for the mountains and rocks to "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb?" May God grant that you may "be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove (try and test and cleave to that which is good) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

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