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"THE LORD'S SUPPER"

by John R. Gilpin
(Deceased)

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"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26).

When we built our new building in Russell, it was suggested that we place a crucifix in the building, as a means of keeping the death of Christ before us. Of course, we did not do so. It is true that I want to keep the death of Christ before our people at all times, but, beloved, we have a better method than that of a crucifix - we have the Lord's Supper - just as it was given by the Lord Jesus to His church which is His own way whereby we should constantly remember His death.

When man sinned in the Garden of Eden, even man's memory was injured. Of this we are assured in Ephesians 4:18. "Having the understanding darkened." No man is in his

right mind until he is saved. Listen:

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and love, and of a sound-



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mind" (II Tim. 1:7).

I say then, beloved, that man's memory was badly impaired as a result of the fall in the Garden of Eden. Because of

our forgetful memory, we need this ordinance of the Lord's Supper. It helps to keep in our recollection the passion of our Lord.

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This Memorial Supper SHOWS FORTH CHRIST'S DEATH. This is what our text tells us.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26).

First of all, it shows the painfulness of His death. The bread

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CREATURE WORSHIP

by Roy W. Snell
Charleston, W. Va.

If I stand alone I am going to sound one discordant note in the midst of all this humanistic, creature exalting furor which has been inundating the press, radio and television for the past few days. One single issue of our daily paper carried nine separate articles pertaining to a recent reprehensible occurrence and I have no intent to minimize or gloss over the senseless taking of human life. I have even less desire to show any disrespect for the deceased, but at the calculated risk of bringing down the wrath of many upon my head, I am going to point out the sheer foolishness of the world at large in all this deification of a mere mortal.

Too many ministers, and I would suppose numerous professing Christians, have been caught up in a veritable orgy of creature worship and are holding "prayer" services and are beseeching others to assem-

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cancelled, at least temporarily; but, there were no cancellations on anything that God had planned to take place during this

time. Sometimes we have to scrap our plans, but this is never the case with God. Everything, including every phase of this mission work, is right on schedule. While there may be individuals or groups that have allowed themselves to be used of the Lord to slow down or completely stop some phases of the work for a while, and perhaps their thoughts were evil in what they were doing, "God meant it unto good..." (Gen. 50:20).

There have been numerous revival meetings and in almost every one of them there have been folk saved and baptized, and those that were already saved have been strengthened. There have been some two or three new preaching points opened up and we have request for others; some as far away as Tari, 50 miles from the original Mission Station.

There have been several mission patrols made, and there is always a lot of preaching done on these patrols. With the exception of a couple of pastors who are physically incapable of administering baptism, each pastor does his own baptizing now. Also, he takes care of the serving of the Lord's Supper, as well as any and all other duties of the church, except the book work, which I still do. Preparations are being made for some of the churches to take over these responsibilities also, while

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ATTENTION!

IS CHRIST YOUR LORD?

by A.W. Pink

We do not ask, Is Christ your "Savior," but is He, really and truly, your LORD? If He be not your Lord, then most certainly He is not your "Savior." Those who have not received Christ Jesus as their "Lord," and yet suppose Him to be their "Savior," are deluded, and their hope rests on a foundation of sand. Multitudes are deceived on this vital point, and therefore, if the reader values his or her soul, we implore you to give a most careful reading to this little tract.

When we ask, Is Christ your Lord? we do not inquire, Do you believe in the Godhood of Jesus of Nazareth? The demons do that (Matt. 8:28, 29) and yet perish notwithstanding! You may be firmly convinced of the Deity of Christ, and yet be in your sins. You may speak of Him with the utmost reverence, accord Him His divine titles in your prayers, and yet be unsaved. You may abominate those

who traduce His person and deny His divinity, and yet have no spiritual love for Him at all.

When we ask, Is Christ your LORD, we mean, does He in very deed occupy the throne of your heart, does He actually rule over your life? "We have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6) describes the course which all follow by nature. Before conversion every soul lives to please self. Of old it was written, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes", and why? In those days there was no king in Israel." (Judges 21:25) Ah! that is the

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A Sermon by Ray Waugh, Sr.

ALL SPACEMEN ARE EARTHMEN

Conclusion

I trust that as we live and learn in these days that we will live and learn more fully of Christ and for Christ. Such can be our desire and our hope whatever our circumstance or situation.

Expose

As you may realize, we have been discussing "All Spacemen are Earthmen." Needless to say this is a concept which teachers and preachers, scientists and theologians, and technologists and historians have not broached in the last 100 years. If we can receive it, the concept is such that even famed evangelists have shied from it in all of their pronouncements, lest they appear to be unscientific, perhaps, and practicing solipsists.

Nonetheless, in the belief that "God said, Let us make men

in our image, after our likeness . . . (and) God created man in his own image in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:26-27), we have concluded if there are men in space - and I doubt not that there are - they are earthmen! Thus, with some candor and perhaps candor, we have spoken of unidentified flying objects - UFO's, if you will - "Flying Saucers, and "Wheels within Wheels!"

You may remember that we began our discussion by some references to the Scriptures and then turned to the space vehicles which man called Sputnik I and Sputnik II. These latter devices were the first manmade objects which men put into the heavens to circle the earth in the recent era of history. That is not to say

that men did not accomplish similar feats in other eras. Although this was not accomplished until 1957, men supposed this was a unique technological breakthrough. From the current historical and human perspective, it may have been just that.

Later, we discussed Noah and how far advanced his genius and technology were. Still later, we mentioned that men have indulged in a lot of foolish and perhaps a lot of unwise speculation. However, in the midst of all of man's foolishness and his failures, his seeming accomplishments and his successes, the Word of God has ever been far ahead of man's every effort, providing evidences of truth which men oppose continually.

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idolatrous land of the Chaldees, and traditional history tells that Abram was one of their priests. Perhaps Abram was one of the helpers in the building of that Tower, known as the tower of Babel. When ungodly men started to build the tower they said its top would reach unto heaven. But God went down and confounded their languages to the extent that they could not understand each other. Remember these men started to build within themselves; God was not in their minds. God always comes in to show that He rules in both heaven and in earth - as Daniel tells us in his writings. (Dan. 4:35).

So here was Abram living in this ungodly country, but God called him. Many will say why? I say Abram was one of the sheep of God, and God knew him, because he like all the people of God was chosen of Him before the foundation of the world; listen to what the word of God says: "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." (Eph. 1:4).

God of heaven is a holy God separate from sinners, and all those of His that he saw and did choose way back before the foundation of the world, He also provided a way whereby they could be made holy and without blame before Him in love. One day we have no record of just how, but we know that Abram heard God speak to him. When God speaks unto us if we are one of his sheep, although we are a lost sheep, we will hear His voice. Just think how sinful this place was where Abram lived, but God called him to come out of that place. People might have asked, "Abram where are you going?" He would have said, "I

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SPACEMEN

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Thousands of years ago, for example, men were indulging in fanciful natural philosophies and supposed science which have been proved to be false in every generation and in each subsequent generation. God, in His sovereign omniscience, clearly showed that the earth was round, the fact that the earth turned to the sun, and the fact that the winds had their ways around the earth.

We discussed how foolish it is for men to suppose that angelic, demonic, or spirit beings would need to ride around in a UFO, a "Flying Saucer," a "Fiery Chariot," and "Wheel within a Wheel," or anything of that sort. Yet, today, supposedly intelligent religious folk and supposedly learned theologians who have the name of being intellectually sophisticated indulge in the attempt to prove that UFO's, "Flying Saucers," or "Fiery Chariots" are being piloted by demons. Some of these have reached such a depth of irrationality that they suppose the demons who are doing the piloting are out of the earth.

You may know that one group has given much time and effort to proving that "Flying Saucers" are coming out of a hole in the earth somewhere near the Arctic Circle or a little beyond. Understandably, science-fiction is in its heyday, as it were.

Thankfully, when we come to the Word of God, even the Bible, we are not dealing with fiction or fantasy. Rather, God declares, "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:4). This may very well explain why most of the so-called "best sellers" men buy are fiction. Some may attempt to inform us that the Bible is the "best seller," but this, in reality, is fiction devised by religious men who employ this thesis as a device by which they play upon the gullibility of religious people in order that they might increase or enlarge their earthly religious kingdoms; kingdoms which they promote and perpetuate without any conscience toward the Christ whom they sometimes claim to serve. Now that there are some laws regarding fraud, these religious leaders may actually purchase and distribute, but every contribution to this end is to someone's parachurch, suprachurch, demoninational, or non-denominational "Kingdom Cause" — not to Christ or to His churches!

Such lying human device is defiant of the Lord's Church-Purpose in the earth and His, "Upon this Rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). The whole of such efforts, in fact, may be Satanic in origin and in issue!

Extenuation

Perhaps we have shown something of the foolishness of those who would attempt to confuse, contort, or contrive the Word of God. In the process we have attempted to show that "All Spacemen are Earthmen"! We discussed Noah and his genius, and we made reference to what an Edison, an Einstein, or a DaVinci might have accomplished if he could have lived several hundred years. Too, we have showed that Peter manifested considerable wisdom with his "interest in building" three tabernacles, an insight which only the God of Moses could have provided.

Note has been made of the manner in which God faced me with my responsibilities to Him, the students and the church members with whom I was working at the time, and to myself. Considerable discussion was given to the word SHAMAYIM, and the manner in which it spoke to creation as given in the Word of God. Though incorrigibly depraved and utterly incapable of coming to ultimate truth, as God explains in "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14), men, nonetheless, can skirt the truth, as it were. Even today men are talking of "The Big Bang" theory, and, tragically, religious men who have no real interest in the Word of God or its truth concerning creation are looking to "The Big Bang" theorists as men who are providing them a natural solution for their problems of unbelief and grasping the thesis as their means of harmonizing religion and science.

These piteous creatures turn to "The Big Bang" theory as their "straw man" in their battle against the truth of the Word of God. It has not yet come to their attention, "There is none righteous, no, not one; there

is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (Rom. 3:10-11). In their depraved and darkened spiritual condition, these are incapable of understanding, "The Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness" (I Cor. 1:22-23), or that "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and that the weakness of God is stronger than men" (I Cor. 1:25).

From the human perspective, "The Big Bang" theory seems to confirm the theories of science as they relate to relativity and an expanding universe or expanding heavens. Yet, even while some men are gloating regarding their thesis and their conclusions, other men of seemingly equal competence in their fields, and their peers, in fact, are bringing the theory of relativity and the thesis of "The Big Bang" into question.

No theological babylon has ever exceeded the scientific babylon which is present on earth today. There are myriad theories to which scientists are turning with ever-renewed and ever-increasing haste, it seems. The din is absolutely deafening! Yet, these men are so intent on continuing and maintaining the confusion, they are developing technological sounds to further confuse the "heavenly sounds" which are being made available to them both from the Word and from the Universe.

In given moments of compromise, these may unify their efforts in the areas of technology in order to further impress the masses of men. Without exception, however, already they are indulging themselves in ever-renewed speculation so that they might have further evidences and documentation that God is a figment of human imagination and that the Scriptures are a tissue of lies or fictional fantasies of deluded minds.

Still, the Word Stands!

It is timeless & immutable!

It is verbal & inerrant!

With such confidence in the Word of God, perhaps it is understandable that I was shocked when I came upon SHAMAYIM in its relation to God returning His people to the earth at some distant point. Thankfully, the shock did not preclude my realizing that God had spoken, in fact, concerning space-traveling earthly folk some 3500 years and more before I had begun my study.

In the frailty of the human flesh, I realize that one who would speak with absoluteness must ever do so with humility and a degree of tremulousness. Nevertheless, I would hope and assume that such insight would help to alert evangelicals and others who have an interest in Christ and His Word that they are treading on dangerous spiritual ground when they assume that other "creatures" have developed or may have developed in other parts of the universe. If those who so engage themselves claim to be "creationists," they are using the word as a device or a ruse with which they delude the masses. For their very assumption that men or "creatures" may have developed on other bodies in the heavens makes them "evolutionists" of the first rank.

Needless to say, I do not presume that I have exhausted the teachings of the Word of God with reference to space travel. Yet because of the rationale of that which has been

presented, I would hope that none who name the name of Christ in faith and in truth would mockingly disparage the possibility of such simply because a multitude of us one day "shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:17). Likewise, I would hope that none who know Christ within the bounds of His Grace would disparage the possibility of such simply because a host of us will "follow him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean" (Rev. 19:14).

Existent

On that fateful night when Orson Wells gave his rather dramatic presentation of the "War of The Worlds," I was a frightened young man. Although I had read much concerning the speculations of men regarding space, the planets, the stars, and the galaxies, I did not have sufficient spiritual and intellectual maturity to question the irrational ragings of men. Thus, as a concerned son and brother, I departed from the home of a girl whom I was visiting and hastened home to be with my mother and sister should the end come.

In subsequent years, God's Holy Word has provided calming assurance in a multitude of situations, some of them death and loss, which have been faced without fear. Today, the possibility of "flying saucers," UFO's, "Fiery Chariots," or "Wheels within Wheels" does not trouble me. Rather, I know from God's word that if there are such, they are manmade, and, I might mention, piloted by men. Since God spoke so specifically in, "If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee" (Deut. 30:4), I may assume that at least some of these are ante-diluvians.

Regardless of who may be piloting such, there is no cause for fear. On the authority of God's Word, we can know that neither angels nor demons have any need for mechanical devices for traveling purposes, and that which took Elijah away "stirred" the dust, and that to which Ezekiel spoke was a technological marvel.

Also, on the authority of God's Word, we can know that if there are such and if they are piloted, the pilots are human beings! Sons of Adam, if you will! God makes it clear in His Word that there has been only one creation and only one creation of man. God dramatizes this truth in a minimum of words, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

By believing the Word of God, we can know that all of the wicked unbelievers living in the ante-diluvian or pre-flood era died in the flood. We should be able to understand, then, that those human beings who may be piloting or who may be responsible for the flight of the interstellar, or inter-galactic, or inter-planetary "Wheels within Wheels," "Flying Saucers," UFO's, or "Fiery Chariots" are saved men of great age or sons of saved men.

With respect to Enoch and Elijah, I would say two things; namely, first, in patriarchal terminology, God sometimes spoke of a man making a move, when, in fact, he and his family moved. Here, we may very well have

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an insight regarding Enoch. Who can deny that as "Jacob" went into Egypt, so "Enoch" was taken? Second, Elijah, some 1000 years subsequent to his departure from the earth, stood on the Mount of Transfiguration. Who is there to deny that he stood there in his flesh, the very flesh, in which he left the earth?

In view of God's teachings in "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power . . ." (Rev. 20:6), it is quite probable that a "second death" or the "second death" is a rather fatal conclusion. Thus, "the two olive trees" who have stood "Before the God of the earth" (Rev. 11:4), and whose "dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city" (Rev. 11:8) will be men of great age who will not die until that hour as God's "Two Witnesses" (Rev. 11:3)! Two men, and two men only, specifically meet these qualifications; namely, Enoch from the ante-diluvian era and Elijah from the post-diluvian era.

All other patriarchs have died!

All other prophets have died!

All other apostles have died! Since earlier explanations went into great detail regarding Elijah being on The Mount of Transfiguration in the flesh, we note simply here that he was there to discuss the death which our Saviour would die on Calvary. We can know that Elijah knew and understood the Gospel. Too, God tells us in His Word to the Hebrews that Enoch, as Abel of old, was a man of faith, and that he was God's by faith. Elijah, too, is presented in this galaxy of saints as a man of faith, and thereby eternally saved by "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

Here, then, was one who returned to the earth from some place other than heaven, as we have earlier explained, and from some place other than the grave or the unseen state. While living on the earth, he had walked in the faith with the Word and the Lord. Then, from some place other than earth, he was there on the Mount of Transfiguration to discuss the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Jesus.

From this, anyone who has even the most meager insight into the way and the wisdom of God and any knowledge whatever of the Word of God should be able to realize that the travelers to whom the universe or the heavens is now home will be found to be God's men — not monstrosities, not little green men with funny heads, not terrible creatures desirous of frightening earthlings, and not invaders from some distant planet, star, or galaxy planning to take-over the earth. The God of glory is yet the God of grace. The God who created in the days of Adam, saved in the days of Abel, prepared in the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, loved in the days of Jesus, and pro-

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vided grace in the days of the Apostles, is yet the God of grace who loves, prepares, saves, and creates new hearts in all who come to Him by Christ.

How is it in your heart today? Is your heart on Christ in faith?

Or are you indulging in unbelief?

Conclusion

Time may seem overly important, but it is only so with respect to your eternal destiny. Will you be one of those who sees the wisdom of God in, "If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee" (Deut. 30:4), and, thereby, concedes the determinate wisdom of, "And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Rom. 11:26)?

More importantly, perhaps, will be one of those experiences, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17)? If you are, then you doubtless will experience the concomitant wonder, glory, and adventure of, "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean" (Rev. 19:14).

Evidently, God has sovereignly determined that which He will omnipotently accomplish. Wondrously, as we have seen in part, and as we yet may see in even greater detail, He provides us insight in His omnisciently-established program. In grace and in love, He yet calls, "This is the way, walk ye in it . . ." (Isa. 30:21) Since Jesus said, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine, and all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them" (John 17:9-10), the future of the world is dark.

Yet for those of us who know the Lord in faith as Abel, Enoch, Noah, Moses, Elijah, Ezekiel, Peter, James, and John, and a host of others catalogued in the galaxy of saints in every age, the future is bright beyond compare. For all time, the truth is clear, "I am the way, the truth, and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Where is your hope?
Where is your faith?
Where is your future?

CHRIST

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point we desire to make clear to the reader. Until Christ becomes your KING, (1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 15:3), until you bow to His sceptre, until His will becomes the rule of your life, SELF dominates, and thus Christ is disowned.

When the Holy Spirit begins His work of grace in a soul, He first convicts of sin. He shows me the real and awful nature of sin. He makes me realize that it is a species of insurrection, a defying of God's authority, a setting of my will against His. He shows me that in going my "own way, (Isa. 53:6) is pleasing

myself, I have been fighting against God. As my eyes are opened to see what a lifelong rebel I have been, how indifferent to God's honor, how unconcerned about His will, I am filled with anguish and horror, and made to marvel that the thrice Holy One has not long since cast me into Hell. Reader, have you ever gone through this experience? If not, there is very grave reason to fear you are yet spiritually dead!

Conversion, true conversion, saving conversion, is a turning from sin to God in Christ. It is a throwing down the weapons of my warfare against Him, a ceasing to despise and ignore His authority. New Testament conversion is described thus: "Ye turned to God from idols to serve (be in subjection to, obey) the living and true God" (I Thess. 1:9). An "idol" is any object to which we give what is due alone to God—the supreme place in our affections, the moulding influence of our hearts, the dominating power of our lives. Conversion is a right-about-face, the heart and will repudiating sin, self, and the world. Genuine conversion is always evidenced by "Lord" what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6); it is an unreserved surrendering of ourselves to His holy will. Have you yielded yourself to Him? (Rom. 6:13).

There are many people who would like to be saved from Hell, but who do not want to be saved from self-will, from having their own way, from a life of (some form of) worldliness. But God will not save them on their terms. To be saved, we must submit to HIS terms. Listen to His terms: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord (having revolted from Him in Adam), and He will have mercy upon him" (Isa. 55:7). Said Christ, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath (all that is opposed to me), he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33). Men must be turned "from darkness to light, and the power of Satan unto God" before they can "receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified" (Acts 26:18).

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk ye in Him" (Col. 2:6). That is an exhortation to Christians, and its force is, Continue as you begin. But how had they "begun"? By receiving "Christ Jesus the Lord" by surrendering to Him, by subjecting themselves to His will, by ceasing to please themselves. His authority was now owned. His commands now became their rule of life, his love constrained them to a glad and unreserved obedience. They "gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5). Have you, my reader, done this? Have you? Do the details of your life evidence it? Can those with whom you come into contact see that you are no more living to please self? (2 Cor. 5:15).

Oh, my reader, make no mistake upon this point: a conversion which the Holy Spirit produces is a very radical thing. It is a miracle of grace. It is the enthroning of Christ in the life. And such conversions are rare indeed. Multitudes of people have just sufficient "religion" to make them miserable. They refuse to forsake every known sin—and there is no true peace for any soul until he does. They have never "received Christ Jesus



Colossians 1:1-3

Background: As we consider the religionism of our day, which consists of the vain philosophies of men resulting in all manner of cults and isms, and then see that even among professing churches there has been an infiltration of some of these principles which has led to compromising the Word of God, I see a need to reiterate the Person and Work of Christ.

Therefore we begin a study of the Book of Colossians. This Book, along with Hebrews and naturally, the whole Bible, sets forth His superiority to all others, as He is seen to have the "preeminence" in all things. So as an individual is brought to behold "as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image" (II Cor. 3:18). they are taught to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Pro. 3:5,6). Surely in this world of self will and self sufficiency, which leads to self worship, we need to behold Him (John 1:29), follow Him (John 1:37), hear Him (John 2:5). Therefore preachers need to "preach Him". It is our prayer God will use us and other preachers to "stand in the gap" and "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), even though we are weak and unworthy in ourselves (II Cor. 3:5).

Intro.: Paul not only was dedicated to preaching the gospel; (Rom. 1:14-16; Acts 20:24) therefore he was an ambassador in Christ's stead (II Cor. 5:20), but he also was concerned about the being and well being of the churches (Acts 14:21-23; 15:41; 20:28). The Devil is surely making havoc

the Lord" (Col. 2:6). Had they done so, "the joy of the Lord" would be their strength (Neh. 8:10). But the language of their hearts and lives (not their "lips") is, "We will not have this Man to reign over us" (Luke 19:14). Is that your case?

The great miracle of grace consists in changing a lawless rebel into a loving and loyal subject. It is a "renewing" of the heart, so that the favored subject of it has come to loathe what he loved, and the things he once found irksome are now winsome. (2 Cor. 5:17) He delights "in the law of God after the inward man" (Rom. 7:22). He discovers that Christ's "commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3), and that "in keeping of them there is great reward" (Psa. 19:11). Is this your experience? It would be if you received Christ Jesus THE LORD!

But to receive Christ Jesus the Lord is altogether beyond unaided human power. This is the last thing which the unrenowned heart wants to do. There must be a supernatural change of heart before there is even the desire for Christ to occupy its throne. And that change, none but God can work. (1 Cor. 12:3) Therefore, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found" (Isa. 55:6). "Search for Him with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). Reader,

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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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among the churches today, which has always been his prime target (Acts 8:1,3). However the gates of Hell will not prevail against them (Matt. 16:18) because we believe, in God's providence, some will be teaching the churches "all the council of God," which includes, we believe, the Book of Colossians. In this lesson, Paul prayerfully and carefully lays the foundation for strengthening the saints (Acts 15:41; 16:5).

VERSE 1

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ." Paul ever magnified his office, but not in a self exalting way. He cherished the privilege to be a servant of Jesus Christ and consistently looked for avenues of service (Acts 16:6-10); doors opened by the divine providence of God (I Cor. 16:9; II Cor. 2:12). Although Paul worked with his hands as a tent maker, it was a means to an end and never was the main goal of Paul's life (Philip. 3:14).

"By the will of God." What Paul was, he was "by the grace of God" both in salvation and in service (Gal. 1:15; Acts 9:15). A person who loses sight of this will wander far afield both in doctrine and in practice.

"And Timotheus our brother." How blessed when an older preacher can commend and recommend a younger preacher in the faith. This would be a source of inspiration to others, especially if they had been acquainted with him. I'm afraid older preachers have little time to patiently work with a younger preacher.

VERSE 2

"To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ." Paul comforts the believers at Colosse by reminding them of their position

you may have been a professing Christian for years past and you may have been quite sincere in your profession. But if God had condescended to use this tract to show you that you have never really and truly "received Christ Jesus the Lord," if now in your own soul and conscience you realize that SELF has ruled you hitherto, will you not now get down on your knees and confess to God your self-will, your rebellion against Him, and beg Him to so work in you that, without further delay, you may be enabled to yield yourself completely to His will and become His subject. His servant, His loving slave, in deed and in truth?

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in Christ. They were viewed as sanctified ones, and as faithful. I recognize that many times, we do not live up to our position "in Christ" but this is always to be our goal. If we only dwell on the state of church members, it could be, and would be, discouraging. Here, Paul is dealing more with their standing than their state, although of course, there is a relationship between the two. Where you find a proper standing you will find a change of state (I Cor. 6:11; Eph. 2:8-10).

"Which are at Colosse." I never tire of viewing the movement of the gospel. Notice, in every place the gospel came in power (I Thess. 1-5) there were churches. These churches were properly organized and ordered. The indifference to church organization and church activity in our day is appalling. People seem to think it is a sign of spirituality to be careless and compromising in regards to the Father's business (Luke 2:49), when we need to heed the admonition in I Corinthians 14:40; "let all things be done decently and in order."

"Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." What a sweet spirit of fellowship and unity when these elements are manifested in the church. "The grace of God which bringeth salvation," teaching us to live Godly, surely creates peace among the saints. A church could not long survive without the sunshine and shower of mercy from God. Praise God, the source of our supplies never changes nor is never depleted (James 1:17). The Lord, the triune God, is my Shepherd, I shall not want (Psa. 23:1).

VERSE 3

"We give thanks." A spontaneous exclamation springing forth from a heart of love. Oh, that the saints would "give thanks" freely and fully! What songs of praise would come forth in our assemblies, and what spiritual praying would be the result!

"To God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Notice the relationship in "from God" in verse 2, and "to God" in verse 3. The Source of our blessings is to be the object of our praise. It cannot be spiritual and scriptural any other way. This is the reason, we believe, correct doctrine produces correct worship, walk, and work.

"Praying always for you." Paul is writing not merely as a secretary who doesn't know, or who isn't concerned, but as one vitally interested in them. This is what made him such an outstanding minister. Brethren, where is the spirit today? It would seem most preachers are more concerned about their own popularity and in proving themselves right, than in the heartfelt interest of the churches.

Conclusion: We have in this lesson sound doctrine and sound practice which will create a sound church.

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SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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In the light of I Cor. 7:11 am I to understand that if Caesar's law allows a divorce between two professing Christians and there are no Scriptural grounds for the divorce, must both partners remain unmarried for the rest of their lives?

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If there are no Scriptural grounds for the divorce, then there should be no divorce. A divorce under Caesar's law does not of necessity set them free in the sight of God. The only Scriptural grounds for divorce and remarriage are marital unfaithfulness (fornication) (Matt. 19:9) and desertion (I Cor. 7:15). The law of the land allows many grounds for ending the marriage between a man and a woman, but God does not recognize any other except the two mentioned. Therefore, if He does not recognize the grounds upon which the two were divorced, in His sight they are still man and wife. For them to do God's will they should become reconciled. (I Cor. 7:11) "But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife".

If one of the parties did marry again, the Bible tells us that that one commits adultery (Matt. 19:9) "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery."

This marriage would give the other party Scriptural grounds to marry again.

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We are to abide by the laws of the land unless those laws conflict with the laws of God. Thus, it is with the laws of divorce. Even though Caesar's law allows divorce for just about anything, God's law does not. Marriage is to be considered permanent. There are, however, God-granted reasons for divorce.

Christ speaks of this in Matthew 5:31, 32: "It hath been said, whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement, but I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." (Some have difficulty with the word "fornication". The Greek word is "Porneia"

which means harlotry — including adultery and incest according to Strong's Concordance. Thayers Greek English Lexicon says it is speaking of "illicit sexual intercourse in general"). Divorce is acceptable if either mate is guilty of any illicit sex.

Some think that this is the only grounds for divorce, however, God gave us another ground that is acceptable in I Corinthians 7:12-15. We are told that if a believer is married to an unbeliever he is to remain with the unbeliever. If, however, the unbeliever departs, the believer is no longer bound. The Greek word for depart is "Chorize" which means to put asunder. The word bound means the marriage bond as seen in verses 27, 28 and 39. (The entire chapter is speaking mostly of marriage bonds.)

We see then that if the unbeliever departs the believer is no longer bound, thus we have two grounds for divorce, illicit sex and desertion by an unbeliever. Those who have grounds for divorce may remarry (see Deut. 24:1-4), and those whose mate has died may remarry. (I Cor. 7:39).

If two believers marry and one depart, the other does not have grounds for remarriage. According to this verse he is not to even divorce the departing mate.

What about people who marry, divorce, and remarry before salvation? All sins are forgiven in Christ.

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"But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife" (I Cor. 7:11).

No, you are not to understand thus. The Bible grants two grounds for a Scriptural divorce and remarriage. Sexual unfaithfulness and desertion. Matthew 19:9 and I Corinthians 7:15 set forth these two grounds. These are very clear, and there is absolutely no excuse for anyone who is willing to bow to the authority of the Bible to be mistaken on this. The man who does not see this must have had his mind made up to the contrary before he studied the Bible on the subject. And, of course, if a person has Scriptural grounds for divorce, he has Scriptural grounds to remarry. And, of course, if this be true he does not have two wives, for God has granted the breaking of the bond of the former marriage. I marvel at the exegetical blindness of men who cannot — or will not see this.

I Corinthians 7:15 plainly says that if the unbeliever depart, a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such

cases. And the bondage is the marriage bond and not some other silly bond invented by man.

But your question relates to, if the professed believer depart. Well, we will not say that it is impossible for a true believer to go so far in sin as to desert their companion who is a professed believer, though we do say that this will usually be the case. I take the position that I Corinthians 7:15 sets forth the fact that willful desertion breaks the marriage bond. That usually this will involve the deserter as being unsaved. But that if the deserting party is a professed believer, and will not be reconciled to her or his partner, I will say that the principle that desertion breaks the marriage bond holds true in this case, also.

So if you are a professed believer and you are or were married to a professed believer, and if that one leaves you and will not be reconciled to you and live with you in marriage; then, let the deserter get a divorce; or better yet, you get a divorce on the grounds of desertion, and then, brother or sister, feel perfectly free to look for another companion and feel free to marry again, only in the Lord.

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Though Paul, "through the will of God," was inspired to write as "an apostle of Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 1:1); yet, in this case, he writes regarding the marriage relationship between the believing husband and wife, as being under the jurisdiction of the Lord, instead of Caesar's law.

So he said "unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband; But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife" (I Cor. 7:10-11).

"But if she depart" from her husband, we find that she has only two alternatives: the first is that she is to "remain unmarried;" that is, untainted by adultery. In other words, she must keep herself morally pure. Being in this state, her next alternative is to "be reconciled to her husband." Thus the marriage-relationship is again harmonized with the consideration of being not subjected to be put away by her husband.

In this, our Lord Jesus commands that man shall not put asunder whom God hath joined (Mt. 5:32; 19:6). Then, also, God said the same (Gen. 2:24).

Nevertheless, though Caesar's law allowed divorce between two professing Christians, even when there was no scriptural grounds for divorce, yet that did not nullify God's

law that required both to remain unmarried, "except it be for fornication" (Mt. 19:9).

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It is difficult for me to conceive of such a divorce as is supposed by the question, but in this age of promiscuity and permissiveness the marriage institution has suffered to the extent that many Christians have little to no esteem for the conjugal state. The divorce scourge now so prevalent in our society should be loudly condemned and opposed with unabating zeal. In Mal. 2:16, God says that He "... hateth putting away." That is, He hates unscriptural divorces.

There are scriptural grounds for divorce, but even when these grounds exist, the innocent party is not commanded of God to execute them and get a divorce. A husband or wife may be guilty of adultery, whereby the innocent party may legally sue for and receive a divorce, but he or she is not biblically obligated to do so. Many a marriage has been saved and its health renewed by the offended party finding the grace to forgive their spouse the awful and humiliating sin of adultery.

In the eyes of God, divorce takes on its most heinous character when unscripturally effected by a redeemed husband and wife. Yet, as debauching and degrading as an unscriptural divorce is, it does not lie outside of God's abounding forgiveness. Christ said, "... All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men ..." (Mt. 12:31). When true repentance is wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, and confession is made at the throne of grace with the seeking of forgiveness, the entreaty is rewarded with the promise, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jere. 31:34). It was to Christians that John wrote when he said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

When God forgives sins, He never charges them against the penitent again, and with the forgiveness of an unscriptural divorce, a biblical marriage may be entered into by the divinely forgiven party. When the party or parties in an unscriptural divorce are forgiven this terrible sin, and a new marriage contracted with a different party, the second husband or wife becomes the valid marriage partner. Let no one misconstrue the facts, unscriptural divorce is a desperate evil, and should be avoided at all cost.

While it is true, the sin of an unscriptural divorce may be forgiven and forgotten by God, let us remember it is "the goodness of God" (Romans 2:4), which leads His children to repentance, and God is under no obligation to bestow that goodness. God may be pleased to withhold his blessings of goodness from the unscripturally divorced like He has from Israel whom He divorced because of spiritual harlotry (Jere. 3:8 & 9). Israel has suffered much over 2500 years because of her anti-scriptural

conduct, and God may be pleased to indefinitely chastise those who run to Caesar's court for a fast and easy anti-scriptural divorce. So, let us not presume upon God's goodness, for we may be found wanting.

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ble and pray for one who, so far as is known publicly, never did one thing for the cause of Christ and His church. And all this in the face of the fact that nowhere in the Scriptures are we enjoined to pray for the dead. Rather are we told that it is appointed unto man once to die and after that, the judgment. The selfsame word warns us that; "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God".

This world-wide phenomenon which we have been witnessing is adequate proof that man, apart from the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, will certainly worship the creature more than the Creator. How clearly have we seen that demonstrated! Furthermore, in the face of all disclaimers, I hold that when any man departs this life without knowing that quickening power, then all the prayers under heaven will avail him nothing. As a tree falls, so shall it lie.

The undeniable evidence that "God is not mocked" is also revealed here in that the person, in question once stated publicly that he and the group with which he was associated would be better known than Jesus Christ. Surely he wrote his own obituary.

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really don't know, but it is a place that God will show me. "I say today, God is still calling His sheep, perhaps it might be different in a way; however, faith still comes by hearing. When God has called a man to preach, God also qualifies every man He calls, and when that man preaches the word of God the sinner hears because it is God speaking through that man. "For whom He did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified" (Romans 8:29,30).

There are many people who say God has called them to preach, and they will say God wants to save the sinner, but he won't let Him. If that is not a perversion of the gospel, I don't know what is. I believe that every last person that God gave, Jesus will hear His call and obtain everlasting life. To preach otherwise is not only a perversion but it is hindering those who will preach the gospel. Satan will do all he possibly can to hinder the work of God; but we can be assured of one thing, that all who are of the elect ones, the sheep of God, will not follow that which is wrong. Jesus said also, speaking about His sheep, "And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee

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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 pages. Each article should be accompanied by your name and address as well as the name of the Baptist church where you are a member.

"HATE"

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"O you who love the Lord, hate evil . . ." (Psa. 97:10). ". . . I hate every false way" (Psa. 119:104). I hate and abhor falsehood, . . ." (Psa. 119:163). There are a few things in this life which a believer is to hate, but none of those include other people.

We are to hate evil, but I would be evil if I hated my neighbor, or even worse, if I hated my sister or brother in the Lord. I would be evil, because hating others is opposing God's commands, and in doing so I would be creating a "false way" for myself. By a "false way" I mean that if I profess to love the Lord, I would have to pretend that I love everyone. Therefore, if I am regarding hate in my heart toward anyone, I am living falsely. Hate makes me evil for another reason; it creates "falsehoods" in my conversations. If I hate someone, then anytime they come up in a conversation, I have to tell lies to hide my hate and evil feelings.

Here is a horrible and ugly sin. It separates us from God. See Psalm 66:18. This verse says if I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. What a terribly frightening situation for a child of God to find herself in!

See I John 2:9-11. These verses assure us that as we love we walk in the Light, but he who hates a brother or sister is in darkness, and what is even more "alarming" (verse 11), is that if we do not repent, but harbor hate within, WE WILL stray away. Away from truth, away from any love we may have had, and away from the Lord we profess to believe in. We don't even realize we are straying, because hate has led us into darkness and blinded our eyes.

We don't like to think of ugly things, or evil emotions, especially, in ourselves or those around us; so we deceive ourselves or make excuses for others. We say we "can't understand Mary," instead of confessing the sin of hate and repenting. We make all kinds of false excuses rather than admit there could be hate in ourselves or someone near to us, but there is hate in this world and far too much of it lies within the hearts of those professing Christ. We need to control this evil emotion in our youth, because it is a sinful disease to be dreaded even more than cancer, for it is a cancer which consumes the hearts and souls of men and women leaving them cold and unfeeling. By cold and unfeeling I mean hate removes common courtesies (Christian graces) from one's daily life — such as kind actions or thoughtful deeds. Study some examples in Scripture of what hate produced in those who hated, and the effects it had upon their victims.

Let's look at Joseph and his brothers. From this example you will see where hate often comes from — JEALOUSY. This evil emotion, if not nipped in the bud, but left to grow ALWAYS becomes HATE. Genesis 37:4: "But when his brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than all of his brothers, they hated him, and could not say, Peace (in friendly greeting) to him or speak peaceably to him."

Maybe Jacob could have exercised wisdom and been more careful about his dealings with his sons and prevented this terrible thing from happening within his family. Nonetheless, God brought good out of it and we are to learn from it.

No matter what, these young men should have loved their younger brother. Also, they should have repented of their jealousy and hate; depending on God's strength and believing He would bless them for their obedience. Instead they fed and nursed the evil within them until they couldn't even look Joseph in the eye and say, "Hi, how ya doin' today?" Have you ever experienced this feeling, either toward someone or from someone?

This is worse than sad, I John 3:15 tells us that anyone who hates his brother is a MURDERER and no murderer has eternal life. "HATRED stirs up contentions," (Pro. 10:12a). Such as these troubles which were continually nursed & fed until these men connived with one another to sell their own brother as a slave, hatefully desiring never to see him again and then forming a lie and the means to prove that lie to their father; knowing full well that he would grieve and mourn deeply for a long, long time.

Have you ever taken an action you knew would hurt someone and they weren't deserving of that hurt? Romans 12:17 says we are to repay no one evil for evil, much less hurt someone who has done us no wrong. The verse goes on to say we are to be HONEST, PROPER and NOBLE, above reproach! Can the King ask anything less of His children?

How these men could turn their younger brother over to slave dealers and strangers, I hope I'll never understand! He must have wept and called-out to them. How could they so coldly have turned from him, especially, when they believed they would never see him again. The depth of cruelty in a human heart of hate is despicably shameful!

We need to take a warning from this example, along with the others in Scripture, as to how in our own lives, hate, if left unrepented of, can twist and pervert our hearts and our reasoning so that we love that which is ungodly and hate that or those whom we should love, and can even turn coldly from those we have vocally professed to love. Take another warning: if you find the seed of hate rooting in you and do not dig it out, but stubbornly cultivate it within, it will not stop when it has consumed your heart and soul, but it will spread like a wild and twisted vine into the lives of those around you. What an ugly and evil legacy to impart to others!

I mentioned that hate caused a person to live falsely in order to hide her sin, but Scripture says: ". . . be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23b). Whatever is within, begins to show without. We love those people who just bubble all over. They're warmly affectionate and make us feel so good — like we're really special. Everyone would agree that these are loving people who enjoy practicing love for their Saviour's sake. This is wonderful, but you don't have to be a "super gusher" to be loving, kind or thoughtful. Going a little farther, neither can you be cold and uncaring with the spirit of God and His great love within you. Judge yourself. How have your actions been toward that friend in Christ? How is your behavior toward your Christian parent? The Bible speaks very strongly against those who hate His people. Psalm 34:21: "Evil shall cause the death of the wicked, and they who hate the just and righteous shall be held guilty and shall be condemned."

It's real easy to hate. It's real easy to be jealous. You don't have to be "of age." You don't have to have a license or go to a special school. You don't even have to be mature and wise. All you have to do is follow the bend of your depraved nature.

Proverbs 1:22: "How long, O simple ones and open to evil, will you love being simple? . . . and self-confident fools hate knowledge."

I've written out this verse because I believe you can not remain simple in the faith, nor can you be self-confident in the faith and possess enough of God's love within you to lead a spiritually victorious life.

True agape, a biblical, selfless love is not quickly learned. Wisdom and knowledge of this love do not come without pain. Ecclesiastes 1:18: "For in much human wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow."

For example, the Lord may save a young lady and she may pray to be cleansed of all bitterness and hate in her life. She's awakened to the love in Jesus Christ and prays for that love to fill her life and overflow to all those around. This is wonderful and most everyone who is touched by a loving life recognizes it as a blessing, but occasionally, you "run into" someone who either because of lack of knowledge or a heart full of hate, or some combination of the two, will oppose you. They will be suspicious of your love and question it to themselves and possibly others. Instead of finding their answers in Christ and His Word, they search within their own hearts and no answers for Christian love are found within the depraved human heart. This is one of the occasions where hurt is experienced by those who try to live as Christ lived, but as Christ was hated by many, so must we expect to be.

Where there is little or no love, there is far too much room for evil. The Devil works quickly to fill any empty space and he works very efficiently; hardening hearts which may at one time have had an appearance of warmth and love.

John tells us that to avoid being in opposition to God and His people we must understand and possess biblical love — the love Christ showed when He laid down His life for His people (for me) (I John 3:16). This love, if lodged within us, will speak to us, that, if necessary, we ought to lay down our life for one another.

I have never seen or heard of one Christian laying down his life for another. I'm sure it has happened and possibly there are many who would do so, but it is not common. Do you know what is common?

It's common to hear of harsh words spoken and one sister left hurt and broken, not even sure what happened or why. It's common to hear of broken relationships, which in Christ should have been forever. Going on to verse 17, John says if we close our hearts and compassion to our brothers and sisters, the love of God can not live and remain in us.

Remember the verse, "How long will ye remain simple . . . and hate knowledge?" I think this verse goes well with John's 18th verse in chapter 3. "Little children, let us not love merely in theory or in speech, but in deed and truth"—in practice and in sincerity.

There are a lot of people talking about love, but few experiencing the love which Jesus brought to this earth. Love isn't love unless it is given away. Love can not be bound within your soul, nor is it bound by the walls of your home — love reaches out to all.

Love warms cold senses, lifts dying spirits and brings light where darkness once hung.

Love never bites. It never devours another and love never ever turns from one asking for love.

I pray Christ's love has graced your life and that your life has blessed others as my life has been blessed, by those dear ones I call family and friends.

I John 4:19: "We LOVE, because He (Jesus Christ) first loved us."

How very wonderful if we could live every moment of our lives in love, but even then, our debt of love would not be paid. Because of Him we have hope and an idea of love.

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from Him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10:4, 5).

That is the reason we hear many complain. "We have preached unto them and they won't let God save them." Their god I am afraid is spelled with a little "g", because the God of the Bible has all power, and if He has all power, then there is no man, woman, boy nor girl, that can hinder Him. When God calls a sinner. He does not stop until that particular sinner has come to Him; not only does God do the calling, but He draws the

sinner. Listen to the words of Jesus, "No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." As we said before, many today will complain that sinners whom they have preached unto won't let God save them. They are preaching falsely, or Jesus our Saviour told us falsely, one or the other; I will take the word of the One who died on the cross for me. Should you the reader be lost, and know you are a sinner, and know that you are lost, Jesus did die for lost sinners; the prophet Isaiah said, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to

his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6). Sinner do you have a desire to be saved? Well, Jesus was that One that God laid our iniquities upon. If you have accepted Him, go to not just any church, but a sound Missionary Baptist Church and ask to be baptized a member. God bless you.

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others will have to have assistance in the book work for a long time to come.

There has been one new church organized across the mountain from the Mission Station, in the Levani Valley. If you have been reading The Baptist Examiner for very long and keeping up with the work here, perhaps you will remember that this makes the 43rd church here on the island of Papua New Guinea, and two on the island of Bougainville. We make no mention of the amount of folk saved or baptized, nor the number of churches that have been established, other than in praise of our sovereign God. Also, we feel that those of you who support the work or who have supported it at some time or other, are entitled to know of any progress the work makes. There is a vast difference in progress and success. One could be a successful missionary or pastor, as the case may be, in the eyes of the Lord if not in the eyes of the world, and never have a soul saved under his ministry.

We are held responsible for our stewardship of the Word, and to be a successful preacher one must be true to God's Word. On the other hand, one might make a lot of progress in the eyes of the world, and yet be unsuccessful in God's eyes. Our aim and endeavor in our ministry here is to be successful in the eyes of God, and trust Him to give us much progress as we go along. We believe that our ministry here will stand the test of eternity insofar as what we have preached, as related to the true Word of God. We are thankful that God has been pleased to add His blessings to our ministry as we have gone along, and helped us to make some progress.

It is not always easy for one to stand for and preach the truth one believes, whether it be in America or Papua New Guinea. I have been cussed and discussed by every major denomination here in Papua New Guinea, and by more of the lesser ones. Included are the Catholics, Lutherans, United Church (Methodist, etc.), Brethren, Seventh Day Adventists, Apostolics, Holy Rollers and more than one group from Arminian Baptists. What makes me such an odd-ball missionary? There are two main issues that have isolated me from almost all missions operating here in Papua New Guinea, and those are Scriptural baptism and the sovereignty of God. There is no need to mention the different aspects of church truth, the Lord's Supper, etc., for until there is Scriptural baptism, nothing else pertaining to the Lord's Church could even begin to be considered Scriptural. I have in writing and under signature of the Lutheran Bishop of the Lake

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IS "THAT" IN THE BIBLE?



Question:—Where are immortal worms mentioned?

Answer:—Isaiah 66:24 - "And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

See also Mark 9:44, 46, 48.

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Kopiago area, where he states that he has burnt down at least one Baptist Church building because we were preaching in that area, and as he puts it, "re-baptized" some folk who left the Lutherans and came to the Baptists for Scriptural baptism.

I could produce over 50 witnesses to attest to the fact that the Brethren tried to break up a service that we were holding one day, and threatened to set fire to the building (grass top, etc.) that we were preaching in, if we did not vacate the building and clear out of the area. Why? For the simple reason that we refused to take their baptism. I could go on and show you cases where with each mission group here where we have had various types of persecutions, except for the Protestant-type Baptist groups—they have simply avoided us. Scriptural baptism and God's sovereignty, when stood for without compromise, will separate and isolate Baptists from Catholics and Protestants, regardless of the geographical location.

This leads us up to where we can comment more on our Bible School. We do not feel that the preachers here, or elsewhere, cannot preach if they have not gone to Bible School. We simply maintain that, generally speaking, those that have had some special study and training in handling the Word of God, can do a better job than they could without this training.

Often we are accused both here in P.N.G. and back there of telling these native preachers what to preach. This is completely unfounded and untrue. We do make every effort to teach them the truth and then leave the rest to them. The Bible School has been in operation for a year and five months, and there is a very marked difference in their preaching now and before they started in these classes. They have not only learned how to prepare better messages, but their delivery is better and they know how to back up their statements by the Word of God. The way I feel about the work right now is, that if I were told that I would have to give up every phase of the work except one thing and had a choice, I would hold on to the Bible School.

Apart from what has been mentioned, we have held a Bible

Let us fear the patronage of the world more than its persecution.

Conference during this lapse in writing and in just two weeks time we have another one scheduled. It seems that every one of these conferences gets better, and I suppose that is true because these preachers are growing in experience, as well as growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In these two articles we have mentioned nothing about the work at the new Mission Station over in the Huli area, but we will soon be sending in information regarding this work. Beloved, we need and desire your prayers.

Missionary Paul speaks about being "... troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears" (II Cor. 7:5). Beloved, we have spoken briefly about some of our troubles and fightings from without. We firmly believe though, that the greatest enemy to sound Baptists in these last days, comes from "within". It would seem that sound Baptists in these last days would have their hands full fighting those that are without, in order that God's truth might not suffer, instead of trying to fight those that actually believe and preach what they themselves claim to believe. May the Lord bless you all!

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and wine, symbolic of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, are seen at the Memorial Supper separated; and thus, in turn, speak to us of the painfulness of the death of Jesus. Furthermore, both bread and wine must pass through various experiences of pain before they get to their final state. First of all, the grain from whence the bread is made, must be sown on the ground, covered over with the earth, and left to sprout. After a while, when it is grown, it must be cut down. Later, it is subjected to the fiery process of the oven. The grapes themselves from whence the wine comes, must be plucked from the vine. They are then ground through rollers, and pass through great presses in order that the juice might be extracted therefrom. Thus, in the case of both the grain and the grapes, each must pass through various experiences of pain before it can become the bread and wine we use at the Lord's table. All this is to indicate the painfulness of the death of Jesus Christ.

That His death was painful, is plainly to be seen in that Christ in anticipation of the agony of the cross, prayed:

"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

That His death was one of pain, can be detected in the heartbreaking cry of Jesus when He said:

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46).

Even the Psalmist, in looking forward to His death, prophesied that it would be a death of pain and even foretold some of the pain that Jesus would experience, for the Psalmist would have Him say:

"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me; the

assembly of the wicked have inclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me" (Psa. 22:14-17).

Furthermore, the Lord's Supper not only tells us of the painfulness of His death, but it tells us that His death was for others. The two thieves who died with Him, were dying for their sins: yet Jesus Himself had no sins.

"For he hath made him, who knew no sin; to be sin for us" (II Cor. 5:21).

He, therefore, wasn't dying for His sins like the two malefactors who were crucified with Him. No, beloved, His death was in behalf of others. When He instituted this Memorial Supper, He said:

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28).

You will notice that He declared that His blood was "shed for many."

All through the Scriptures, beloved, we are reminded of the fact that Christ's death was not for Himself, but was for others. Listen to these Scriptures:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3).

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust" (I Peter 3:18).

Likewise, the Lord's Supper shows that Christ's sacrifice made the plan of salvation complete. When we come to the Lord's table, we see the wine and bread separated, indicating that the body and the blood of Jesus were completely separated, and therefore, that Christ has not partially paid the price, but that He paid it all. I rejoice to know that Christ fully paid the price of our redemption. When He died, one of the statements that He made from the cross, was, "It is finished."

Years later, the Apostle Paul declared that Christ had finished the plan of salvation and fully paid for our redemption, thus making our salvation complete. Listen to Paul's statement:

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his foot-stool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:12-14).

It is because of this, that we sing—

"Jesus paid it all.

All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

Thus, beloved, when we come to the Lord's Supper to see the bread and the wine, it reminds us of Jesus' death telling us of the painfulness of his death, that His death was for others, and that by his death He made the plan of salvation complete for all God's elect.

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This Memorial Supper which shows forth Christ's death, has MANY RESTRICTIONS placed against it. These restrictions were not placed there by Baptists, but were placed there by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

First of all, it is restricted to a local church. Of this we are

assured by Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. Listen:

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread" (I Cor. 10:16-17).

You will notice that he speaks of three entities — one cup, one bread, and one body. The one body represents the one local church in the city of Corinth. Paul declared this in I Corinthians 12:27: "Now ye are the body of Christ."

Therefore, beloved, in the light of these Scriptures, the Lord's Supper is to be restricted to a local church. A Baptist who is a member in good standing in any Missionary Baptist Church, should not even partake of it anywhere except in the church where he has his membership. A further proof of this is to be seen in that the church at Corinth was to exercise discipline concerning those who partook of the Lord's Supper who were members of the church at Corinth. One church cannot exercise discipline over the members of another church, and therefore, since they were to discipline those who partook of the Lord's Supper, it is plainly evident that each local church is to observe the Lord's Supper for itself, and that we are not to partake of it in any church other than wherein we hold membership.

The second restriction given us in the Scriptures, is that it must be held by a church.

"For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you: and I partly believe it" (I Cor. 11:18).

This verse, as the context shows, speaks clearly of the Lord's Supper. Paul declares that they must come together in the church in order to observe the Memorial Supper. It should never be observed in a sick room, nor in a hospital, nor any place else other than at some designated church meeting. If the membership of a church votes to meet in a sick room and observe the Lord's Supper, or in a hospital, this then is Scriptural, for it is thus the church holding the Lord's Supper. To take the elements into a sick room or into a hospital, and observe the Lord's Supper without the church having voted to do so, is a violation of God's Word. I remember a few years ago that a well-known evangelist in Chicago, announced in his radio program one Sunday, that if everyone would have his bread and wine next Sunday, that he would observe the Lord's Supper by way of radio. On the next Lord's Day he did so, and announced that he was the first preacher to ever observe the Lord's Supper over the air. This was purely a farce. It was an anti-Scriptural move on the part of an heretical preacher who compromised his convictions in order to gain fleeting popularity. The Lord's Supper is never held anywhere but by a church. No pastor, priest, and no one else has the right to change God's Plan.

The third restriction God's Word gives us, is that the Lord's Supper is only for saved people. When I say saved people I do not mean that all church members are to partake of the Lord's Supper. A man can be a church member without ever knowing the first thing about the plan of salvation. I personally believe that Hell will be "chuck" full of church members who thought that all they needed was just to be a

member of a church in order to get to Heaven. To be saved, you have to be born again. Jesus said:

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, no one was there but His disciples.

"Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:20, 26-28).

Therefore, beloved, no one but saved people should partake of the Lord's Supper today. Those who are seeking after salvation are barred. Those who have never accepted Christ as a Saviour are barred. The only man who can come to the Lord's table is that individual who has repented of his sins, and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, and now has a definite knowledge that he is a child of God.

In the fourth place the "Bible restricts the Lord's Supper to baptized people. The Great Commission offers to us a splendid illustration of this truth. Let me read it to you:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

He tells this church at Jerusalem that they are to do three things: First, they are to lead men to Christ; in the second place, after having led them to Christ, they are to baptize them; and after having baptized them, they are to teach them "All things whatsoever I have commanded you." The Lord's Supper is thus to come after baptism, and no one is to partake of the Lord's Supper except those who have been Scripturally baptized. When we come to the book of the Acts, we find that this early church carried out this commission precisely as the Lord Jesus gave it, for on the day of Pentecost when Peter preached and three thousand souls were saved, the next step was that of baptism. Then after they were baptized, we read:

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

You will notice that this verse declared they continued in "breaking of bread." That is to say that after they were baptized, they partook of the Lord's Supper. In my home I have three children. One of them is a boy about eleven years of age. Like all boys, he doesn't like soap and water any too well. Apparently, he is afraid that it will ruin his "school boy complexion." However, I have a rule that before coming to the table, he has to wash. Beloved, God has the same rule relative to the Lord's table.

A man that has just been saved, but has not yet been baptized, regardless of what church he may be in, is not to partake of the Lord's Supper until after he has been baptized. This is one reason why Baptists practice

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If men speak ill of you, live so nobody'll believe them.

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

COLLINGSWOOD, N.J. (EP) — Oral Roberts is playing a hoax on his hundreds of thousands of supporters by claiming to have spoken with a 900-foot-tall image of Jesus, another TV evangelist has charged. "Oral Roberts, I'm afraid, has gone berserk on these visions of his," said Carl McIntire, a fundamentalist radio and television preacher.

Mr. McIntire contends that Roberts concocted the vision to aid a fund-raising drive for his partly completed \$200 million "City of Faith" medical complex in Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Roberts described his May 25 vision in a September letter to followers that asked for \$5 million a month in donations.

"I felt an overwhelming holy presence all around me. When I opened my eyes, there he stood...some 900 feet tall, looking at me," Mr. Roberts wrote. Mr. Roberts said Jesus told him to seek help in building the medical complex.

The letter had resulted in \$5 million in contributions as of last month, according to George Stovall, executive vice president for Oral Roberts University and the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association. Some 400,000 to 500,000 people contributed. Stovall said.

WASHINGTON (EP)—Sex discrimination cases figured prominently in recent Supreme Court actions, including a challenge to the all-male military draft registration law.

In what may prove to be the most emotionally volatile case it handles this term, the high court agreed to decide if last year's draft registration law illegally discriminates against men by requiring males only to register for a possible draft. A lower federal court in Pennsylvania already has ruled that the 1979 statute violates the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment. But the federal government, whose appeal was filed with the court by Solicitor General Wade H. McCree Jr., argues that registration of men only does not constitute invidious and unconstitutional sex discrimination.

One of the ironies surrounding the challenge to the law is that the Carter administration originally proposed draft registration legislation to include women, a provision rejected by Congress. The Department of Justice must now defend the law before the high court. Although no date has been announced for oral arguments in the case, the justices are not likely to make a final ruling until late in the term, perhaps by June 1981. Meanwhile, young men born in 1962 will register as scheduled in January.

Another possible outcome in the heated controversy would be action by President-elect Ronald Reagan asking Congress to cancel the program when he assumes office. Such a move would be consistent with his campaign position against peacetime registration.

NASHVILLE (EP)—Several public high school football teams opened their semifinal playoff games with group prayer in defiance of Tennessee's attorney general, and one coach vowed to keep doing it "unless there's a bunch of federal mar-

shals with guns around."

Attorney General William Leech said in an opinion earlier that group prayer by public school teams was unconstitutional because it violated separation of church and state under the First Amendment. But his opinion doesn't carry the force of law and at least five coaches and their teams ignored it.

"Yes, we didn't change anything," said Bobby Newby, whose Warren County team continued its tradition of pre-game prayer before it met Oak Ridge in a Class AAA game. "Prayer makes our players stronger as individuals and stronger as a team. They can thank the Lord for that strength — the strength it takes to play football."

Oak Ridge High School, where the dispute began, had a private pre-game prayer. But officials said it was the first home game in the school's history to begin without a public invocation. At the end of the playoff contest between Germantown and Gallatin high schools, both teams gathered in the middle of the field and recited the Lord's Prayer before leaving. "We'll break the law," said Gallatin Coach Calvin Short. "Our kids just wouldn't go out onto the field without a prayer."

Arvin Quist, the Oak Ridge engineer who complained to Attorney General Leech about the prayers, said that people have threatened to shoot out his windows and burn a cross in his yard. Police said they checked into the threatening phone calls but have made no arrests. Mr. Quist, a Union Carbide employee and father of two children at Oak Ridge High School, asked school officials in June to put an end to the prayers.

CHICAGO (EP)—Members of a religious sect known as the Black Hebrews allegedly have stolen an estimated \$4.4 million from airlines and banks over the past 15 months, The Chicago Tribune reported recently. Much of the money may have been sent to a colony in Israel, where about 2,000 members of the sect live, many of them illegally, the newspaper said.

"Recently, we have become aware of a number of crimes that are attributed to members of this organization," James O. Ingram, head of the FBI office in Chicago said. The Black Hebrews' headquarters is in Chicago. The FBI said it was not investigating the sect itself, only individual members.

A leader of the Black Hebrews denied any criminal involvement. "We've never had any criminal element," said Asiel Ben-Israel, who said he was the sect's national ambassador. "These are the same men (FBI agents) who smeared Dr. Martin Luther King, who once tried to discredit every black organization in America. Now they're saying our hands are dirty again." The Tribune said Black Hebrew members allegedly have taken \$4.4 million from businesses by various schemes.

Ingram said 13 members of

the Black Hebrews are being sought around the country on federal fugitive charges and that police in several cities are looking for about 40 others on theft-related charges. Six who were arrested on federal charges have jumped bail and the FBI says it believes they may have fled to Israel.

NAPLES, Italy (EP)—Italian and Austrian Baptists are joining Southern Baptist missionaries in these two countries and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in rushing aid to earthquake victims in Italy. Missionaries in Austria and Austrian Baptists have collected clothing and other supplies and expect to spend two to three days assisting in the earthquake area east of Naples. The Baptist Union of Italy joined other member bodies of the Evangelical Federation to distribute foodstuff and clothing. Congregations in Naples and Pozzuoli collected food and materials, and churches at Altamura and Gravina equipped their buildings as collection centers for those areas.

Five students from the Naples area, from among 11 from Italy enrolled at the Baptist Seminary of Ruschlikon, Switzerland, left Monday to join with other Christian believers in relief efforts, according to John Wilkes, director of European Baptist Press. They reported a panorama of suffering with people — afraid to re-enter their homes — living in city squares. Even those in homes were experiencing aftershocks as they kept a constant eye on hanging lamps and, at the slightest movement, rushed into the streets where they could only stand and weep helplessly.

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—A two-phase program for the Horn of Africa, starting with emergency shipments of medical supplies, and other items such as soap, clothing and cooking utensils to Somalia, was announced today by the American Friends Service Committee. One in every four persons in that land is a refugee.

The second phase will include looking toward long-term rehabilitation projects with the people of the region. "Out of explorations by an AFSC worker in the area, we hope to begin a program to help meet urgent community needs," said the Quaker organization's Executive Secretary, Asia A. Bennett.

An AFSC staff person who visited Somalia recently said "The hungry and homeless number over a million persons — 25 percent of the Somali population." Stephen Morrissey added that "For the refugees in the Horn, it is a time of despair. An immediate shipment of medicines and other supplies could help make life more tolerable in the camps."

AKRON, PA. (EP)—As the eastern edge of Pakistan braces itself for another harsh winter, thousands of Afghan refugees will keep warm with tents and quilts purchased with the help of Mennonite Central Committee and other agencies. In November, MCC contributed \$25,000 to Inter-Aid Committee (IAC), a consortium of international and local relief agencies working with refugees in Pakistan. Earlier this year MCC had sent an initial \$25,000 to the consortium.

John Braganza of IAC said of the current situation in Pakistan: "With the winter already set in the camps located

in the mountainous regions and the influx of still greater numbers of refugees pouring in through these areas, the demand for tents, quilts, woolen shawls and children's sweaters has increased considerably." IAC is hoping to buy 15,000 tents, 150,000 quilts and 400,000 sweaters, shawls and overcoats during the final quarter of 1980. Over 1^{1/2} million Afghans have fled across the border into the Northwest Frontier and Baluchistan provinces of Pakistan since 1978.

RICHMOND, VA. (EP)—Southern Baptist mission personnel in Upper Volta are safe following a military coup which overthrew the country's president, Aboubaker Sangoule Lamizana, on November 25. Missionary Ray Eitelman reported that all mission personnel were in Ouagadougou and that activity in the streets appeared normal. There is a dusk-to-dawn curfew and the airport is closed.

JOS, Nigeria (EP)—Nigeria's newest seminary has been opened here by the Sudan Interior Mission-related Evangelical Churches of West Africa with an initial enrollment of 25 students. Dr. Will Morton, Dean Emeritus of Wheaton College Graduate School, is principal of the new school, which is known as ECWA Theological Seminary. The Jos Seminary is a companion to SIM's first seminary-level theological school in Nigeria, opened at Ig-baja in 1958, and turned over to ECWA in 1976.

LINCOLN PARK, N.J. (EP)—As part of its worldwide outreach, the Pocket Testament League reports from its International Headquarters here that so far this year the evangelical mission agency has been able to get 5,500 Chinese language New Testaments and 31,000 bilingual (Chinese/English) Gospels of John onto the China mainland. There is no law forbidding the use of Scriptures, and those who have taken them in report they have found the bilingual Gospels especially useful in Christian witness.

WASHINGTON (EP)—One and a half million people have visited the gospel ship Doulos during its South American tours in the past two years, stated George Verwer at a news conference here November 12. Mr. Verwer is International Coordinator of Operation Mobilization. In addition to selling tons of books to visitors, the staff of the Doulos has held training seminars for thousands of young people in the various South American countries which have been visited.

Mr. Verwer told of a growing missionary interest on the part of Christian young people around Latin America, which is similar to their findings in Asia, also. As an example he told of 70 Argentinians who joined the ship and went to Spain for short-term missionary activity coordinated with Spanish youth.

OSLO (EP)—A mixed reaction from Norwegian church leaders has greeted a long-awaited government report that would keep the state church system here intact for at least another 20 years. Some were critical, while others welcomed the government's policy.

The report suggests no changes in the constitutional church-state relationship, but does propose that the (Lutheran) Church of Norway be able to meet in an annual

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assembly with the main task of working on national church matters. The assembly, composed of the already existing diocesan councils, plus approximately ten representatives appointed by the government, would be given authority to decide on certain matters, such as liturgy.

RENO, Nev. (EP)—For a fourth time in Southern Baptist history, a woman is president of a state Baptist convention. BEVERLY McLEROY, 37, of Las Vegas, was named president of the Nevada Baptist Convention in a special called meeting of the convention's executive board after the president, Adrian Hall, also of Las Vegas, resigned to join the professional staff of the state convention. Mrs. McLeroy is the wife of Jim McLeroy, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Las Vegas, and has been a member of the 12-person executive board since January, 1979.

WASHINGTON (EP)—The December issue of Insight, newsletter of the National Association of Evangelicals, reports on the latest "end times" rumor:

"We think this wild rumor was generated on a late-night radio talk show, but cannot be sure. Reports are coming to us that Social Security checks were mailed to many recipients with strange instructions. Brace yourself. To cash them, an identification mark was needed on the right hand or forehead. The implications of such a procedure, for those who have read the book of Revelation, are obvious. Supposedly, the Federal Agency replaced the checks with the embarrassed explanation that 'these were not to be mailed out until 1984.'"

The facts? Social Security denies that any such checks were ever issued and we find no factual basis whatsoever for these reports. We won't hold our breath, but if anyone has photocopy documentation, by all means mail it to us at P.O. Box 71, Ashland, Ky. 41101."

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close communion. We do not consider that anyone who has been sprinkled or poured has been baptized, for we do not consider sprinkling nor pouring as valid baptism; hence, we do not allow those who have received sprinkling or pouring for baptism to come to the Lord's table with us. Likewise, we do not consider that even those denominations who practice immersion for baptism as having valid baptism. We believe that Jesus gave the ordinance of baptism to His church, and since we are certain that we are the church which Jesus Christ established 1900 years ago, and since we are positive that all other denominations can be traced to some human origin, we, therefore, do not believe that they have any right to baptize even by immersion—we do not consider them as having ever been baptized. It is because of this that when one of another denomination comes to us who has received immersion at the hands of his own denomination, we do not receive him without re-baptizing him, which has been Baptist practice through the ages. In a sense, beloved,

our close communion actually becomes close baptism, and we restrict those who come to the Lord's table just like the Word of God declares because they have not been baptized.

In the fifth place, The Lord's Supper is restricted to an orderly walk. Listen:

"For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you, when ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper" (I Cor. 11:18-20).

Paul literally declared in these words that this church at Corinth could not Scripturally partake of the Lord's Supper because of the doctrinal divisions and the heresies that existed in that place. In this modern day, the same is true whenever you have various denominations coming together to observe the Lord's Supper. Suppose for the sake of argument, that we imagine that we are now ready to observe the Lord's Supper, and that a Campbellite, a Methodist, and a

Presbyterian are ready to partake of the Lord's Supper with me. Yet, if we sit down to the table together, I hear Paul say that if there be doctrinal division and heresies among you, that you cannot eat the Lord's Supper. Therefore, I ask first of all as to what each of these brethren believe; and by way of illustration, we will ask them what they believe concerning the plan of salvation. The Campbellite brother declares that he believes in Jesus and the water of the baptism; and that no man could be saved without baptism. The Methodist brother declares that he believes that a man can be saved without baptism, but that after he has been eternally saved, he can fall away and be eternally lost. The Presbyterian brother says that he believes that Christ saves, and that He saves forever; and thus far I agree with him; but then he ruins it all by saying that after he is saved, that his children won't need to be saved, for they will inherit grace from him in view of the fact that he himself has been saved. I differ with this Presbyterian brother on the question of inherited grace. I differ with this Methodist brother on the question of losing one's salvation after having been saved. I differ with the Campbellite brother relative to the question of being saved by being baptized. I listen and hear the echo of Paul's words when he declares that if there be doctrinal differences and heresies, that it is impossible to eat the Lord's Supper. How then can Baptists, Campbellites, Presbyterians, and Methodists, partake of the Lord's Supper together?

I declare, beloved, that in the light of the Scriptures that wherever doctrinal differences and heresies exist, that it is impossible to partake of the Lord's Supper together.

In the sixth place, the Lord's Supper is restricted to those who walk according to Paul's doctrine:

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us" (II Thess. 3:6).

Just as an example, let us notice some of the doctrines which Paul preached. He believed that God was sovereign, and that God elected men to salvation before the foundation of the world. Listen:

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love; Having predestinated us into the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of his will" (Eph. 1:4, 5).

I believe this. The majority of denominations do not believe it, and if you do not believe in the doctrines of God's sovereignty, and election, then you cannot eat the Lord's Supper with me, in the light of this Scripture. Furthermore, Paul's doctrine included the doctrine of immersion only for baptism.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

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This refers to baptism as a burial. Nothing but immersion can picture a burial. If you don't believe in immersion for baptism, then I cannot eat the Lord's Supper with you, for you are not walking according to Paul's doctrine, and God had demanded that we are to withdraw ourselves from everyone who does not walk according to his doctrine. Or notice again the doctrine of depravity. I believe that men are totally depraved just like Paul taught us, for he said in Galatians 3:22, "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." Now if you do not believe in total depravity, I cannot eat the Lord's Supper with you, for you are denying this part of Paul's doctrine which Paul preached, and if you do not believe it and agree with it, then you and I cannot eat the Lord's Supper together.

These then, beloved, are the restrictions which God gives relative to the Lord's Supper. It is restricted to a local church; it must be held by the church, and not by a preacher in a sick room; only saved people are to partake of it; it is restricted to baptized folk; it is restricted to an orderly walk; it is restricted to those who are walking according to Paul's doctrines. Now, beloved, I did not write these restrictions relative to the Lord's Supper. God did 1900 years ago, and all I have to do is to preach and enforce them. My commission is to preach the whole Word, and, therefore, I preach the restrictions which Jesus gave concerning the Lord's table.

III

There is a FUTURE VIEW RELATIVE TO THE MEMORIAL SUPPER. Listen to our text again:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26).

As we face the future in the light of this text, we have the assurance that there will always be a church similar to the one which Jesus established to celebrate this ordinance. Jesus gave us this same promise when He established His church:

"And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:8).

I am confident, beloved, that Baptist Churches will exist throughout all ages. They have existed for 1900 years, and they shall continue to exist until Jesus Christ comes back again. Neither the church of Rome, nor the government, nor Hell itself, can put an end to Baptist Churches. Jesus established them and set them going, and promised that they should continue until He returns, and every time we partake of the Lord's Supper, we have a promise that the church which Jesus built shall continue: and as often as we partake of the Lord's Supper, we have a prophecy by so doing that His church shall continue.

Furthermore, the Lord's Sup-

per not only looks back to Christ's death, but looks forward to Christ's return. Some day Jesus is coming to earth again. Of this we were assured when He left this world.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

He himself had already told us the same truth, for He said:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

Then, beloved, in view of the fact that He is coming back, you ought to get ready to meet Him. Many will be caught unaware—not ready to meet Him, which is to be fully trusting in Jesus Christ as a Saviour. I do not say that you are to trust in Him and baptism, and Church membership, and a good life; but that you are to fully trust Jesus Christ as a Saviour, whether inside any church, or outside all churches, and irrespective of how you have been baptized—I rejoice to say that that one is ready to meet Jesus. However, beloved, though you are saved, I would urge you to seek out someone who has the authority to baptize—namely, a New Testament Church, or a Missionary Baptist Church, then follow Him in baptism, and live in the light of His Word, and let your life count for God, that when He comes, you won't be ashamed to meet Him. Above everything though, may you receive Him as your Saviour.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

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