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THE MEMBERSHIP AND MISSION OF EVERY TRUE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH

by Roy Mason
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Denominations and individuals are by no means agreed concerning either the membership or mission of a church, although the Bible is very plain indeed. That a thing is clearly taught in the Bible makes little difference with many people, since they go chiefly according to tradition, sentiment or prejudice.

Who should compose the membership of a church?

Only saved, or born-again persons. (cf. Acts 2:41; Matt. 28:19, 20).

(Note that the order given here is "receiving the Word," "were baptized," then, "added to the church.")

Only persons who have reached the age where they can personally believe are eligible for membership. Since "making disciples" comes before "baptizing them," no infants can be included.

Perversions of this teaching:

The plan of Catholics, Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, etc., of admitting babies. In Catholic lands practically the whole population are church members. People inherit their religion just like some do their politics or their nationality. This has made for millions of unsaved church members.

The Methodist plan of accepting "probationers" as is sometimes done. People are sometimes taken in on probation, and in case they prove to be worthy of full church membership, they are finally accepted. The Methodist "Discipline" voices no requirement of regeneration as necessary to church membership.

The Campbellites plan of receiving persons on profession that they believe that "Jesus is the Son of God" and then baptizing them in order to make Christians out of them.

The plan of having "Decision

Day" in Sunday School and taking in children in whole groups. Baptists do this and they also get a lot of unsaved children when they do it.

Then, of course, Baptist churches



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often have people come for membership who make a false profession, but then of course

we are not responsible for this since we can only take people's word. When they voluntarily make a profession their blood is on their own heads.

T.T. Martin says: A Baptist church is the only one of the great denominations, which requires a person to profess to be saved, before they are baptized or become a member of the church." I think that you will find his statement 100 percent correct.

Another perversion, is the plan of accepting as "Associate members," people of other denominations. This is done throughout the North and even in Florida among some Baptists.

Specifically: A church should consist exclusively of saved people who have been scripturally baptized upon a public profession of their faith. It should also

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ALONE WILL NOT SAVE YOU

by Gary M. Harris
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Please read the whole third chapter of Matthew.

In the first verse you will find these words "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea," I am a firm believer that John was called the Baptist because he went forth baptizing. John had no last name as we do today so his name was just John.

The second verse says "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John was saying here that the church was on its way,

and they must repent of their sins.

In the fifth and sixth verses you will find these words "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptised of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

Brothers, listen, we have too many people joining our churches today who are lost and on their way to a devil's hell to burn for ever and ever. Yes, I believe in baptism, but true baptism comes only after salvation. Far too many go before the church,

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GOD'S WORD ON SALVATION AND HOW TO OBTAIN IT

MAN'S RUN IN SIN

"Dead in trespasses and in sins" (Eph. ii, 1).

"Alienated from the life of God" (Eph. iv. 18).

"Having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. ii 12).

"The Scripture hath concluded all under sin" (Gal. iii. 22).

"All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. liii. 6).

"The way of the transgressors is hard" (Prov. xiii. 15).

"Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numb. xxxii. 23).

MAN'S DOOM AND DESTINY

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. vi. 23).

"The wicked shall not be unpunished" (Prov. xi. 21).

"For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the

children of disobedience" (Col. iii. 6).

"After this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

CONFESSION OF SIN

"I am a sinful man" (Luke v. 8).

"I have gone astray like a lost sheep" (Psa. cxix. 176).

"Behold I am vile" (Job xl. 4).

"I abhor myself and repent" (Job xlii. 6).

"Sinners of whom I am chief" (I Tim. i. 15).

A SAVIOUR PROVIDED

"Deliver him from going down to pit; I have found a ransom" (Job xxxiii. 24).

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son" (Gal. iv. 4).

"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (I

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THIRTY-THREE PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN ONE DAY

by Charles G. Bauer

1. Prophecy: The Prophecy of the Betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ by Judas, 1000 B.C. "Yea, mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me" (Psalm 41:9).

Fulfillment: "And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them" (Mark 14:10).

2. Prophecy: It was predicted that the Lord Jesus Christ would be Forsaken by His Disciples, 500 years Before. "Awake, Oh, sword against my shepherd (Jesus), and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of Hosts; smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered" (Zech. 13:7).

Fulfillment: "And they all forsook him, and fled" (Mark 14:50).

3. Prophecy: The Price Paid for His Betrayal was Foretold. "And I said unto them, if ye think good, give me my price; if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver" (Zech. 11:12).

Fulfillment: "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matthew 26:15).

4. Prophecy: What would be done with the Money? How would Judas use the betrayal money? "And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter; a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the House of the Lord" (Zech. 11:13).

Fulfillment: "The Judas, which had betrayed him when

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THE TEN TOES OF DANIEL TWO

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Something has recently occurred which attracted small attention and hardly any mention in the national news media, at least in this country. I can imagine that many of the students of biblical prophecy did take note because it concerned a move in Europe which may or may not have portentous significance in eschatology. I make reference to the entry of Greece into the European Economic Community (EEC) commonly referred to as The Common Market. And I say may or may not have such a relation to biblical end times, because, as yet, the picture fails to match the usual popular conception of a United States of Europe, consisting of nations within the boundaries of the Old Roman Empire. One religious publication out of Canada which did carry the account of this happening also made a timely suggestion and warning to all prophecy students, "It is never wise to interpret the Bible in light of the current events, but rather, it is best to interpret current events in the light of Bible teaching." This method will eliminate much of the far-fetched and way-out presumptions which some of us delight in dealing in.

A look at this occurrence first in its international political context

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A Sermon by Ray Waugh, Sr.

THE FICTION OF FREUDIAN FANTASY

Sometimes that which appears is not all that it seems. We can see this with some clarity in the case of "That woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess" (Rev. 2:20), when she was not. There was a similar situation with those who said they were "Jews," but who were instead "The synagogue of Satan" (Rev. 2:9).

Deception

In our day, there are a great host of men — religious and irreligious — who are involved in supposedly sacred pursuits and in secular pursuits who are called "Counselors." In actuality, all such have committed themselves either wittingly or unwittingly to intellectual devices of men which are not really what they seem to be.

These may present themselves as "Counselors" or even as "Analysts," when, in fact and in truth, they really are "Confessors"; that is, they receive the "Confessions" of those who sit, stand, or lie before them! These may give the impression with design that they are professionals pursuing legitimate careers in "Counseling" or "Analysis," when they, in actuality, are simply the successors of a man by the name of Sigmund Freud, perhaps by way of Jung, Adler, Skinner, Rogers, or anyone of a multitude of others similarly oriented. Ultimately, as such, they are simply the slaves of the ideas of man who was a master at deception.

In a very real sense, we might

properly identify him as the Houdini of Academia, perhaps the Penetti of the Professions, or even the P.T. Selbit of the Sciences. Leastwise, he accomplished via pseudo-medical and pseudo-scientific device what the Romans were unable to accomplish by means of their religious authoritarianism and their religious political device.

It may be that because Freud's "Analysis" was such a simple concealer device that the truth of it and its origin has escaped the supposedly learned men of our world. Too, perhaps because he "couched" his thesis on "Hysteria" in scientific and medical jargon, and the fact that his professional life seemed so distant from the "Confessional"

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of the Romans, even the most bold and the most brash of the intellectuals in subsequent decades have hesitated to take the rational approach to Freud's ideologies.

Yet, when he resorted to "the patient's spontaneous flow of thoughts" as the basis for "Psychoanalysis," it should have been evident to all that he was moving into a "Priestly" stance. Thereby, he presumably could probe the conscious and subconscious elements of the human mind in the interest of elucidating "the mechanisms of repression and resistance." In actuality, this was the procedure in which the priests of Rome had indulged officially for some six centuries — or since the Fourth Lateran Council in the 13th century — as they probed the "guilt complexes" of their parishioners in order to identify their sins.

All else in which Freud indulges only complicates the fiction by giving the fantasy added mystery. The crude resort to "fleshly details" may appear to be explanatory when, in fact, it only adds myth to the mystery. More and more, almost as a man in desperation, it seems he is fleeing from the "Confessional" which is the basis for his "Analysis" and subsequently his "Psychoanalysis." Yet, e're a line is concluded, e're a page is turned, and e're a book or era is closed, there is the "Confessional" in all of its mystery and glory in the guise of his "Couch"!

It really is of no consequence, then, that our approach to Freud and all of his "successors" may be thought to be by some most simplistic and unneeded. We would be foolish to expect any more from those whose lives are given to a supposed secular professionalism when their "Profession" is really just an extension of the Roman

religious ritual of "Confession."

Perhaps it is not too much to suppose that Freud was a Jew with Roman proclivities and interests. However, he could not be or become a Roman and continue as a respected Jew. Even more, he could not resort to religious device such as the "Confessional" and be respected in his desired peer areas of the sciences and medicine. Hence, there was the need to give the "Confessional" of Rome which apparently appealed to him a professional credibility without the stigma of religious involvement.

Subtlety

Almost as by "magic" or "sight of words," if you will, Freud was able to resort to "Confession" under the guise of "Analysis" with such deftness that no one really suspected that the origin of his practice of "Psychoanalysis" was actually the "Confessional" of Rome.



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The subtle difference was so obvious that those of the time could not or would not concede the evident subtlety and deception.

With the people of the time so involved either in their own little worlds or so intent on seeking for something new and different — as some in another day who "spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21) — the wit and wisdom of Freud were such that even the most worldly wise of men were ready to believe him. Thus, he was able to gain the advantage over both his peers and the people, those in secular professions and those in religious pursuits, some of whom even claimed to be followers of Christ Jesus.

Freud, then, could define "Confession" from a little different perspective, call it "Analysis," and no one was the wiser. On the one hand, in the religious milieu of "Confession," the fact of "guilt" was and is deemed to be the basis of a high opportunity for service on the part of the priests who hear "confessions"! Needless to say, in such a milieu there is an endless pursuit of "guilt" in seeking the sins of the parishioners which might be "absolved" to the praise of those who hear the "Confessions," but with the assurance nonetheless that there would be other "guilt" which would necessitate that those making the "Confessions" repetitiously return to the "Confessional" that they again might make other good "Confessions"!

On the other hand, in the pseudo-medical and pseudo-scientific complex of "Analysis," the fact of "guilt" again is used as a basis for service on the part of the "Analysts"! In this instance, the "Analyst" appears as the "secular professional" who probes the conscious and the subconscious elements of "guilt" in order to locate supposedly the "root of neurotic disturbance" or the "evidences of the mental

mechanisms of repressions and resistance." These would have us to suppose that the objectives would be efforts to effect a healthy balance in the thought processes of the "Patient"!

That the "religious priests" are incapable of absolving the "Confessing" parishioners of sin is evident in the further burdens of "penance" and "ritual" to which they consign those who are doing the "Confession." That the "secular analysts," if you will, are incapable of providing their "confessing patients" freedom from "neurotic disturbances" and freedom from "repression and resistance" is evident in their provision of an endless series of "therapies" — as indecisive and as wildly varied as the "Analysts," themselves — with no assurance of a "cure"!

Both the "religious priests" hearing their parishioners' "Confessions" and the "secular analysts" hearing their patients' "Confessions," if you please, turn to the "guilt" which is common to men as the basis for their "priestly competence" and their "professional competence," respectively. Sadly, however, these "religious priests" and these "secular analysts" have never comprehended, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19). In their ignorance, nonetheless, they tread where angels would fear to tread, and thereby deny or despise the truth, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2:5-6).

Very simply, the priests resorted and resort to the "Confessional" as their means of ultimate control and power over the people and their parishioners. Freud doubtless realized this and therefore simply redesigned the "Confessional" and gave it the form of a "Couch," which would in turn provide him with a professional stance and power and perhaps some glory.

Then, with a subtlety which can be attributed only to him who confused the issue of human effort and man's relationship with God with his "Yea, hath God said?", Freud gave "Confession" a perspective which would enable him to call it "Analysis." With a deftness that could have been accomplished only by him who is "transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14), Freud was able to move the "Confessional" in among his Jewish brethren, and among his Protestant and Baptist neighbors under the guise of a "Couch"! Surreptitiously, he disguised the one who heard "Confessions" as an "Analyst," and "presto," the one making the "Confession" became the "Patient."

Science and religion found union!

Medicine and religion became one!

Under the pretense of "medical practice," Jews, Protestants, and Baptists, perhaps along with some of the irreligious, succumbed to the Medieval Roman ritualistic practice of "Confession." Subsequently, today there doubtless is not a minister of any note or of any religious import in America or the rest of the world who does not suppose that one of his greatest responsibilities is that of "Counselor"!

In actuality, however, every such "Counselor" is simply

perpetuating the practice of Roman ritualistic "Confession" in a guise which will not make the practice offensive to the Jews, the Protestants, the Baptists, and the irreligious. Whether "Confession" is made in a "Confessional," on an "Analyst's Couch," or in a "Counselor's Study," every such "Confession" can only confuse the one making the "Confession" and afford the one hearing the "Confession" a sense of authority and power which God never accorded to any man.

Conclusion

Call it medical practice, if you will!

Call it science, if you feel you must!

Yet, when the issues are clearly and finally drawn, such "Confessors," such "Analysts," and such "Counselors" are a babylon of confusion. Even more, they provide a babylon of confusing these unequalled in the annals of human thought. And Brethren, "God," as we learn in the Scriptures, "is not the author of confusion" (I Cor. 14:33)!

It perhaps is understandable, then, that men of earth who "seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's" (Phil. 2:21), would delight in such confusion and such crass professional device. It is understandable, too, that men who commit themselves to "the God of this world" who "hath blinded their minds" might well find considerable pleasure and worldly profit in pursuing such unscriptural efforts and devices.

God, however, expects better of us!

He does not commit us to confusion!

We learn that we are "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ..." (I Peter 1:2). We learn, too, that "Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven" (I Peter 1:3-4) for us. Thankfully, our God assures us that we "Are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:5).

Surely, then, no servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, in truth, and no child of God who has any conscious relationship with the Lord in faith through His Holy Word, the Scriptures, will resort to "The fiction of Freudian fantasy" as a means of accomplishing God's purposes in the midst of men. Surely, then, no born again son of the Living God will presume to become a hearer of "Confessions" for the "guilty," when God makes it eternally clear that "There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).

Rather, "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and

things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in his presence" (I Cor. 1:26-29)! Let us pray that we may be responsive to that call. Let us pray that we may see and fulfill that responsibility which is ours.

Our orientation cannot be as that of men!

Our orientation must forever be heavenly!

"As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (I Cor. 2:9-11). How holy in Christ, then, must we walk before God. And how circumspectly as the servants of Christ must we walk before men!

Brethren, may God provide us grace so to do!

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be required that such persons continue in a worthy Christian life, and in fellowship with the other members, or else their exclusion should take place. (I Cor. 5:11-13).

The mission of a church is set forth in the Great Commission.

Make Christians, by preaching the gospel to them. (Matt. 28).

Make Baptists, by giving them Baptist baptism. (Matt. 28:19, 20).

This is the program, all the program, the whole program, and nothing less than this is the whole program of a Scriptural church. Anything more is an adding to the commands of Jesus. Many so-called churches do none of these things. Some Baptist churches make a bad job of their task.

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take the preacher's hand, say they are saved and want to unite with the church. You might say "Preacher, what are you getting at?" I'll tell you what I'm getting at, we take the word of people instead of really seeing if these people are truly confessing their sins as the sixth verse says they were doing in that day. I know we get happy when we have movement in our churches, as we should.

Look what the eighth verse says "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." I think we should wait a while instead of jumping up and baptizing these people and having to remove them from the roll a few weeks or months later.

If you will look in Second Corinthians 5:17 you will find these words "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Brethren, this verse means just what it says. When a man, woman, boy or girl tells me they are saved I believe them and rejoice with them that the Lord has shown His grace toward them. But, so many times when we start feeding them the solid strong Word of God, they soon leave.

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There may be someone reading this and saying, "God needs me." I'm here to tell you this one thing—God doesn't need anyone or anything. He is the great God that is all powerful and all that are saved are saved because He wanted to save us. He wrote our names in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Look what our text says inverse nine: "And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able to these stone to raise up children unto Abraham."

In closing this article I want you to look at the tenth and twelfth verses of our text. "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

I know I'm on my way to be with the Lord when I leave this world, how about you? Don't depend on church membership to give you everlasting life.

Jesus left us two ordinances, the Lord's Supper and Baptism. Both of these are for saved people only.

Has the Lord touched you? If you are angry over this article remember what Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Like our text says, if you are God's child you will live for him and show proofs of your salvation.

May God bless you.

GOD'S WORD

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John iv. 14).

"God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John iii. 17).

WHAT JESUS CAME TO DO
"He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. i. 21).

"Who gave Himself a ransom for all" (I Tim. ii. 6).

"Who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. ii. 20).

"He was wounded for our transgressions" (Isa. liii. 5).

"That He might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus ii. 14).

"Having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. ix. 12).

WHOM JESUS CAME TO SAVE

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. i. 15).

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke xix. 10).

"I am not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matt. ix. 13).

"Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. v. 6).

"This man receiveth sinners" (Luke xv. 2).

JESUS THE ONLY SAVIOUR

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. xiv. 22).

"I, even I, am the Lord; and

You can never build a church on stumbling blocks.

beside Me there is no Saviour" (Isa. xliii. 11).

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv. 12).

SALVATION PROCURED AT THE CROSS

"Having made peace by the blood of His Cross" (Col. i. 20).

"Having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. ix. 12).

"With His stripes we are healed" (Isa. liii. 5).

"He became the Author of eternal salvation" (Heb. v. 9).

SALVATION PROCLAIMED IN THE GOSPEL

"The gospel of your salvation" (Eph. i. 13).

"To you is the Word of this salvation sent" (Acts xiii. 26).

"Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts xiii. 38).

"Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts x. 43).

SALVATION RECEIVED BY FAITH

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John iii. 36).

"Being justified by faith we have peace with God" (Rom. v. 1).

"As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John i. 12).

"By grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. ii. 8).

SALVATION ASSURED BY THE WORD

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light" (Ps. cxix. 130).

"These things have I written you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (I John v. 13).

"I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish" (John x. 28).

"We know that we have passed from death unto life" (I John iii. 14).

SALVATION NEGLECTED

"They all with one consent began to make excuse" (Luke xiv. 18).

"Ye will not come to Me that ye might have life" (John v. 40).

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. ii. 3).

SALVATION REJECTED

"Who believeth not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thess. ii. 12).

"Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish" (Acts xiii. 41).

"He that believeth not is condemned already" (John iii. 18).

THE BELIEVER'S PROSPECTS

"With Christ, which is far better" (Phil. i. 23).

"Salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Tim. ii. 10).

"We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I John iii. 2).

"So shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. iv. 17).

THE UNBELIEVER'S DOOM

"They shall not escape" (I Thess. v. 3).

"Whose end is destruction" (Phil. ii. 19).

"He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark xvi. 16).

"Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life, was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. xx. 15).

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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Colossians 3:5-11

Intro.: The question raised by Paul in Romans 6:1: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" And the answer in verse 2, "God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" is thoughts which very much need to be pondered and expounded in our age; also, as there is much confusion, both by those who fail to understand fully salvation by grace alone without works, and those "professed" Baptists in our ranks who treat sin lightly and fail to admonish to a holy life. Yes, true Baptists who believe in God's sovereignty and

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he saw that he was condemned, repented himself and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in" (Matt. 27:3-7).

5. Prophecy: The Prophecy of His Scourging. "I gave my back to the smiters and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6).

Fulfillment: "Then released he Barrabas unto them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified." "And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head" (Matthew 27:26, 30).

6. Prophecy: Prophecy of Shame Reproach, and Dishonor. "Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor" (Psalm 69:19).

Fulfillment: "And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe" (Matthew 27:28).

7. Prophecy: Prophecy of False Witnesses against Christ at His Trial. "False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not" (Psalm 35:11).

Fulfillment: "Many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together" (Mark 14:56).

8. Prophecy: A Prophecy of the Smitten Shepherd. "Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered" (Zech. 13:7).

Fulfillment: "Then did they spit in his face and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands" (Matt. 26:67).

9. Prophecy: A Prophecy of the Parting of His Garments. "They part my garments among them and cast lots" (Isaiah 53:12).

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all of the doctrines of grace, have been strong advocates of Godly living. Paul deals with this truth in the verses before us. May we read, heed and do (Rev. 1:3)!

VERSE 5

"Mortify." In Romans 7:4, the believer is said to have died to the law by the death of Christ; this is an accomplished fact. Then in Romans 8:13, we find the believer, by the power of the Spirit, is to actively mortify, or put to death the deeds of the body. Therefore, Paul in verse 5 of Colossians 3 is exhorting the saints to be daily accomplishing this warfare. Notice particularly, it is a warfare which shall continue until we have our new bodies (Gal. 5:16). In Hebrews 12:1 we read, "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." Paul further states in I Corinthians 9:27: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection," meaning it was an intense battle and one not accomplished by human effort or power.

"Therefore." Read again verse 1-4. As this is carried out you will discover victory over the flesh.

"Your members which are upon earth." In contrast to the heavenly members. The members of the body are used to express either the leadings of the depraved heart (Jer. 17:9), or to express the renewed heart, which is the new man.

"Fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." When God gave the ten commandments, it dealt with our relationship to God and our relationship with man. This law is holy and just (Rom. 7:12) for it reveals the perfect standard of holiness. However, it was given, not to produce holiness, but to reveal that the whole human race, both Jews and Gentiles, had sinned and come short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23) and to reveal our utter helplessness to attain its demands and to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:23, 24). Paul's list of the bodily members being used to commit sin against our fellow man and against God shows us the natural tendencies of the flesh, and therefore the need to "shoot them on sight," lest they get the upper hand. The child of God is never to excuse or to defend these sins. It is no joking matter, as we see in the next verse.

VERSE 6

"For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." The wrath of God is, has been, and will be revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness (Rom. 1:18). How the child of God should praise God that He "has not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:9) and remember the wrath we deserved fell on Christ, our Substitute. May we ever heed Paul's admonition in Ephesians 5:7: "Be not ye therefore partakers with them," and also in verse 11 of the same chapter. We are not

saved from Hell by doing this, but we are saved a lot of heartache.

VERSE 7

"In the which ye also walked, some time, when ye lived in them." Every child of God needs to remember where he was and what he was before God saved him (Eph. 2:2, 3; I Cor. 6:11). Following the depravity of the flesh is ever downward. Living in sin means to be in the kingdom of darkness.

VERSE 8

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth." One of the greatest channels of sin is the mouth, throat, or tongue (James 3:5; Rom. 3:13, 14). How many wounds are inflicted by the tongue? How much damage has, and is being done because men in anger, wrath, and malice, strike out with bitter words. This is doubly evil when preachers fall prey to this. Moreover, in every media of communication is blasphemy and filth being spread abroad in our nation. Children hear more filth in an hour than one used to hear in a week. Yes, we surely need to bridle our tongues.

VERSE 9

"Lie not one to another." Sometimes we have a tendency to avoid being honest with people to keep from hurting them, but a lie will eventually and always cause trouble. It is the truth which sets men free; of course, we need to speak the truth in love.

"Seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds." In reality by regeneration and symbolically in baptism; therefore we are to do it practically in our daily activities.

VERSE 10

"And have put on the new man." We have been clothed with the garments of salvation and have a new Indweller Who resides in us; a perfect man, unsoiled by the flesh.

"Which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him." The perfection, spiritually, of the work of the Triune God. (Compare Luke 1:35).

VERSE 11

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: But Christ is all, and in all." What a glorious description we have of the standing all of God's elect have, and the basis for this standing (Chapter 1:27). There may be, and is, a distinction between Christians in their state, (Gal. 6:1), but never in their standing, for as we have seen, we are complete in Him (2:10).

Conclusion: A Church or an individual Christian who is sound in doctrine and in deportment is of great price indeed.

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You can tell how near one lives to God, if you know how far he lives from sin.

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Please explain Rev. 13:10 and Rev. 14:12 in light of their text, with special reference to, "the patience and faith of the saints."

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Revelation chapters 13 and 14 tells of some of the events which are to take place after the rapture. The Lord's churches will be gone from the earth. The forces of evil will not come to the front and take over. In verse one of chapter 13 we see the Anti-Christ (the beast out of the sea) appear upon the scene. By the power given him by the devil (the dragon) he sets up a one world government which will make war upon and overcome the saints which are upon the earth. (Rev. 13:7). These saints are those who have been saved after the rapture as all the saints at that time were caught up to meet the Lord. II Thessalonians 4:17, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord."

We see in verse 8 of chapter 13 there will also be a one world religion and all except the elect of God, all except those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life, will worship this Anti-Christ.

In verse eleven, we see another beast appearing upon the scene and he will give support to the first beast. In Revelation 16:13, he is called the false prophet. We see that he is the third person in the league against God and His people, therefore he can be referred to as the Anti-Holy Spirit. These three, the dragon (devil), the beast from the sea (Anti-Christ) and this last beast (Anti-Holy Spirit) make war upon the saints who are upon the earth. No one can buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast upon their person. (Revelation 13:16, 17). "—And no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" This meant that the saints must either recant or face death. During the last three and one half years of this time known as the Great Tribulation, the saints face trials, a time of persecution, which the saints of no other period of history have ever faced. Matthew 24:21, "For there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." But in spite of all this, the saints have something to cling to, something they can rest assured of, that everything will come out right in the end. "Here is the patience of the saints" or it is the basis of their patience. Their faith is in God, who will not be defeated.

They believe that His kingdom will come, and His will be done. The verses in chapters 13 and 14 declare that their faith will not be in vain. Revelation 13:10 "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword." Their faith is in this promise as well as what is recorded in Revelation 14:1-14, as to the fate of their enemies. This is the basis for their patience in enduring all of their trials and persecutions.

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Revelation 13:10, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Verses 9 & 10 of Revelation 13, is a parenthetic expression, set exactly in the middle of the chapter, eight verses preceding it, and eight verses following it. While Vss. 9 & 10 are parenthetic they do not depart from the theme of the chapter, but provide the serious student of eschatology with an interlude, wherein he can regain his composure which was somewhat brought into disrepair by study of the first eight verses of the chapter. The following eight verses are no less disconcerting, and our Lord in condescending grace gave us verses 9 & 10 to strengthen us as we study the report of the second beast of Revelation 13.

Verses 1-8 gives a picture of the first beast, or political beast, which rises up out of the sea. The "sea" represents the tumultuous and chaotic political condition at the time, and it is from this political state of affairs that the "man of sin," or lawless one rises to a zenith of power heretofore never realized by fallen man. The last eight verses gives a word picture of the ecclesiastical beast, who will be nothing more than a willing and vicious puppet of the personal Anti-christ.

Verse 9, "If any man have an ear, let him hear." That is, give the strictest heed and attention to what is said in the preceding words, and words to follow. In chapter two and three of the book of Revelation the same admonition is given to the seven churches of Asia Minor (Rev. 2:11; 3:6). However, in Revelation 13:9, the phrase "unto the churches" is omitted. The omission of this phrase is worthy of note, the churches of the Lord being precluded indicates that they are not in the world at the time, and that the admonition is broadened to include "any man" and every man on the earth at the time.

Verse 10, "He that leadeth

into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword..." This is a restatement of the eternal law of reaping and sowing (Gal. 6: 7&8). The two devil-possessed beasts and their followers having led multiplied millions into captivity to their vain philosophy, and having killed an innumerable host of dissenters, shall themselves be visited with Divine retribution. "Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (Vs. 10). The Lord causes His tribulation saints to know that "the triumphing of the wicked is short," and that the diabolical persecution of the Anti-christ cannot separate them from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:39).

In Revelation 14 the Lord reminds the beloved tribulation saints of His decree of vengeance against their enemies, and of their certain and everlasting destruction under that decree (Vss. 9-11). Then, we read in verse 12, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus."

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In the light of the context of Revelation 13:10 and Revelation 14:12, as to the time element, we find that it comes about in what is known in prophecy as the 70th week of Daniel, as covering a period of seven years, which follows immediately after the rapture of the Church.

The later half of this week (3½ yrs.) is known as the time of Jacob's trouble, which tries "the patience and the faith of the saints" (Rev. 13:10).

So, pertaining to the apostates of this period of time, we are told that "they worshipped the dragon who gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (3½ yrs.). And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:4-8).

During that time, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed

with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (Rev. 13:10). Here, too, is justice.

Please note that (earlier in this discussion) the names of those saints were not "written in the book of life of the Lamb" when they were converted, since this book was written from the foundation of the world concerning them and the slain Lamb, even before they had any being (Rev. 13:8).

So, then, neither can they be blotted out of that book, even though they may backslide; for God not only heals their backslidings, but lovingly and freely gives them persevering ability to overcome, as the elect of God. Hence, they are said to be vessels of mercy, afore prepared to glory.

Then, as projected concerning that great tribulation period, it is said: "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (Rev. 13:10).

Thus the design, even then, is to show that there will be a just retaliation made against the anti-Christian beast for his cruelty to the saints; yes, here, indeed, is displayed the patience and the faith of the saints in their God-given perseverance.

Hence the question was asked in Revelation 6:10: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" So, in response to this question, the coming doom was pronounced against the beast and his worshipers, as related in Revelation 14:9-11.

Here, again, relative to the perseverance of the saints, it is said: "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

As to their identity, we find that many of them are of the 144,000 out of the twelve tribes of Israel; also, there is a great multitude out of the Gentile nations, who come out of "the great tribulation" (Read Rev. 7:1-14), their robes having been made white (pure) in the blood of the Lamb.

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These two Scriptures deal with the time of The Great Tribulation upon the earth. The rapture of the saints will take place before the Tribulation beings. All who have been saved prior to that time will be caught up to be with the Lord and will not be on earth during the Tribulation. Praise the Lord! There will be many who will be saved during the Tribulation. These two Scriptures are relative to those saints who are saved during the Tribulation.

The Tribulation will be a time of terrible events upon the earth. God will deal with this wicked world. The Anti-christ will rule over the earth during this time, or a part thereof. God, in His sovereignty, will give the saints into the hands of the persecuting Anti-christ during this time. Most of those saved during the tribulation will be killed. Some will live through the Tribulation

and enter into the Millennial reign of Christ in their fleshly bodies. Oh, what difficulty the post-tribs have in providing saved people in fleshly bodies to begin the Millennial reign of Christ. I have not yet had a good answer from one of them on this point.

The above Scriptures Revelation 13:10 & 14:2, describe the patience of the saints of the tribulation time and their faith in God and how they will not take up the sword to defend themselves against the Anti-christ, but will willingly become martyrs for Jesus Christ. And how they will not turn from faith in Christ and disobey Him and worship the Anti-christ. The work of the Holy Spirit using the gospel and giving them saving faith will enable them to be true to God even in the worst times any of the saints have ever had to endure. Their patience and faith in such times will be a glorious illustration of the keeping power of our God. Even in such troublous times, God's grace will prove sufficient for His saints. They will thus adorn the doctrine of God by their patience and faithfulness.

The salvation and preserving of a multitude which no man can number — even in the Tribulation when Anti-christ is ruling — will be one of the outstanding examples and monuments of all history to the saving grace and keeping power of our God. Those who die for Christ during the Tribulation will be raised at the coming of Christ which closes the Tribulation — thus completing the first resurrection — and will with the other glorified saints rule and reign with Christ a thousand years.

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Revelation 13:10 is dealing with events during the reign of the beast. Those who will be saved at that time will be severely persecuted. They are not to take up the sword against their persecutors as Jesus told Peter in Matthew 26:52: "...Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take up the sword shall perish with the sword." The patience and faith of the saints is that God's wrath will be brought upon their persecutors.

Revelation 14 is speaking of those who will be saved during the tribulation and the fact that God will be with them. The ungodly will commit many and terrible sins but God's people will not join with them. The patience of the saints in verse 12 is a Greek word that means endurance or continuance. Those who endure or keep the commandments and faith are His children, or the saints.

Actually, the book of Revelation is one of the more difficult books to understand and it is much better to study it from the beginning than to try to study isolated verses.

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upon my vesture" (Psa. 22:18).

Fulfillment: "They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture did they cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did" (John 19:24).

10. Prophecy: It was foretold that the Lord Jesus Christ would not open His mouth at the Trial. "He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

Fulfillment: "Then said Pilate unto him, Heardest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly" (Matt. 27:13, 14).

11. Prophecy: The Prophecy of our Saviour's Crucifixion. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 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. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand" (Isaiah 53:5, 6, 10).

Fulfillment: "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors one on the right hand and the other on the left" (Luke 23:33). "Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away," (John 19:16).

12. Prophecy: It was seen in Prophecy that He would Fall beneath the Cross. "My knees are weak through fasting" (Psalm 109:24).

Fulfillment: "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of the skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha." (John 19:17). This tells us that Jesus came forth, carrying His cross. "And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross" (Matthew 27:32).

13. Prophecy: The Prophecy of His Thirst. "I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried" (Psalm 69:3).

Fulfillment: "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst" (John 19:28).

14. Prophecy: What would they give Him to drink? "In my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink" (Psalm 69:21).

Fulfillment: "They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink" (Matthew 27:34). "Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth" (John 19:29).

15. Prophecy: They stare at Jesus on the Cross. The minutest details are prophesied. "They look and stare upon

me" (Psalm 22:17).

Fulfillment: "And sitting down they watched him there" (Matthew 27:36).

16. Prophecy: The Pierced Hands and Feet. "They pierced my hands and my feet" (Psalm 22:16).

Fulfillment: "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left" (Luke 23:33).

17. Prophecy: The Pierced Side. "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced" (Zech. 12:10).

Fulfillment: "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 19:34).

18. Prophecy: His Heart was Broken. "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" (Psalm 22:14).

Fulfillment: "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 19:34). The blood and water issuing from His side, indicated extravasation of the heart, a broken heart.

19. Prophecy: Our Lord's Mother and friends in Prophecy. "My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore (wounds); and my kinsmen stand afar off" (Psalm 38:11).

Fulfillment: "And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things" (Luke 23:49).

20. Prophecy: The Mockery of the People in Prophecy. "I became also a reproach unto them. When they looked upon me they shook their heads" (Psalm 109:25).

Fulfillment: "And they that passed by reviled him wagging their heads. And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matthew 27:39, 40).

21. Prophecy: The Railing, Hatred, and Taunting of the Mob. "He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted to him" (Psalm 22:8).

Fulfillment. "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God" (Matthew 27:43).

22. Prophecy: The Prophecy of the Lamb of God. "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7).

Fulfillment: "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

23. Prophecy: The Prophecy of His Intercession for the Transgressors. "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many; and make intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12).

Fulfillment: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

24. Prophecy: The intense Lonely Cry in the Midnight Hour of His Suffering. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1).

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

25. Prophecy: The Prophecy of His Marred Visage, due to the Brutality of the Soldiers. "As many were astonished at thee, his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men" (Isaiah 52:14).

Fulfillment: Pilate called to the mob: "Behold the Man!", "Behold your king!", to call their attention to His marred visage, and to excite their sympathy, for Pilate wanted to release Him (John 19:5, 14).

26. Prophecy: The Cry of Victory and Triumph. In the Authorized Version the latter part of the verse reads, "He hath done this." In the original Hebrew it reads, "It is Finished!" (Psalm 22:31).

Fulfillment: John 19:30: "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, IT IS FINISHED! And he bowed his head, and gave up the Ghost." Compare Luke 23:46.

27. Prophecy: The Lord Jesus Christ Commends His Spirit to His Father. "Into thine hand I commit my spirit" (Psalm 31:5).

Fulfillment: "Into thy

hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

28. Prophecy: A Wonderful Prophecy Uttered 1490 Years before its fulfillment. "In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof" (Exodus 12:46). Not a bone of the typical Passover Lamb was to be broken, and so it was with Christ.

Fulfillment: "But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs" (John 19:33). "For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken" (John 19:36).

29. Prophecy: It was foretold 700 years before that He was to be numbered with the transgressors. "He was numbered with the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12).

Fulfillment: "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left" (Luke 23:33).

30. Prophecy: The Messiah was to be Cut Off, but not for Himself. "And after three-score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself" (Daniel 9:26).

Fulfillment: "Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad" (John 11:50-52).

31. Prophecy: The Oldest Prophecy of all Uttered by the Lord Himself, at least 4000 years before. Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the women, and between they seed and her seed; he shall bruise they head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Fulfillment: The heel of the Lord Jesus Christ was bruised when He was crucified, for the nails were driven through His feet, thus bruising His heels. Fulfilled (John 19:18). The serpent's head was there also bruised (John 12:31-33). The execution of this sentence will take place when Christ returns (Romans 16:20).

32. Prophecy: The Place of the burial of the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ is Predicted. "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth" (Isaiah 53:9).

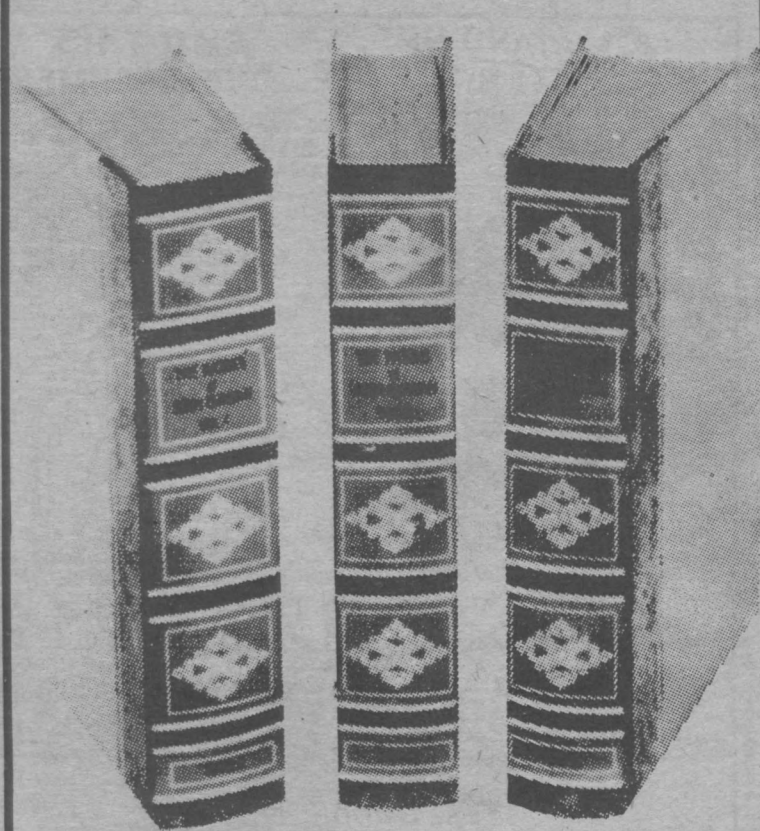
Fulfillment: "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph has taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed" (Matthew 27:57-60).

33. Prophecy: A Great

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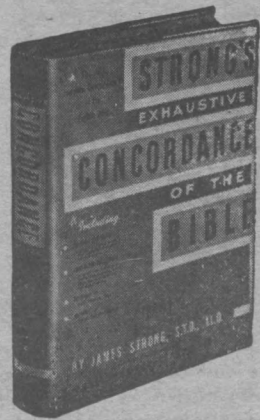
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My dear friend and reader, let us ask you three questions as given in the Bible: 1. "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" (Matt. 22:42). 2. "Whom say ye that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). 3. The third is Pilate's question: "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" (Matt. 27:22). The only way to rightly answer these questions is: To believe this Son of the Living God, the Lord Jesus Christ, to accept and receive Him as your Crucified, Risen, Glorified and Returning Saviour, and obey him and confess Him as such before the world. This is the only honest way. Your answer and mine will determine our Eternal Destiny.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

TEN TOES

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notation, apart from any biblical relation, will show that the grand idea began to develop over two hundred years ago, probably the brainchild of a philosopher in France by the name of Montesque. Since that time this concept has been fuelled and kept alive until this very day by politicians, philosophers, prime ministers, statesmen and various visionaries—all men of quite some note and reputation. Finally, another Frenchman, Jean Monnet, building upon a theory popular with many since the 18th century, had much to do with getting this momentous project actually underway. A list of all the notables who have advocated and supported such a move would read like a "Who's Who in Europe," with the French playing a prominent role. It may be well to note just here that the late Pope Pius XII strongly supported and promoted such a Union of European States and said that such a "unity" must be based upon religion. All of you Baptists and those familiar with the "Trail of Blood" know full well just which "religion" these fellows had in mind.

While Monnet is popularly recognized as the "father" of the Common Market it remained for another Frenchman, Robert Schuman to actually lay the cornerstone in May of 1950, with his intent to establish a pool of economic resources, accomplished by the unification of certain European nations. In just about a year this plan of many years began to coalesce and see its ultimate fruition. In

April of 1951 six countries met in Paris and formally and officially signed the treaty which gave the first concrete substance to the Common Market. The countries were Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy and Luxembourg. The intent at this time was ostensibly to unite the Coal and Steel Communities of these various nations for their mutual good and for their welfare and protection. However, in four years they had become entrenched and it became apparent that their goals were to extend into each and every sector of all the economies of the member nations. By 1957 they were ready to openly sign treaties which locked them all into a mutual self-serving power to be reckoned with on the international scene. Now a combined force of hundreds of millions of people and countless dollars, they had melded themselves into a political powerhouse which could literally make and break kings.

It was about here that the Bible students began to take a second look at what was transpiring on the Continent and to wonder if this could be the last confederacy of the Gentile nations, represented in much of the teaching concerning the ten toes in Daniel 2. Interest really picked up in this matter in 1973 when the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark became official members, bringing the total to nine. Evidently the leaders, the powers behind the throne, are being very careful and extremely selective in their choice of prospective members because it wasn't until around 1979 that the word got out that Greece would be the tenth member but that would not be official until this year, 1981. So, on January 1, 1981, Greece was officially welcomed into the fold of the European Economic Community, referred to usually as the Common Market. This is the event which many Bible scholars predicted would set the stage for the Anti-Christ and herald the imminent return of our Lord Jesus.

All who are familiar with the Old Testament, and who have read the book of Daniel with an



QUESTION:—Who tells of God's lips?

ANSWER: Psalm 17:4. — "...by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer." Isaiah 30:27. - "Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation..."

eye for the prophetic input, knows the story of the dreams and visions of Nebuchadnezzar and the interpretations which God gave Daniel of these occurrences. The old king had seen an image and it is this image which portrays prophecy in itself. From its head to its feet the various parts of the anatomy of this image was seen to represent succeeding world empires which would begin around 600 B.C. with the Babylonian rule typified by the head. The breast and arms were representative of the Media-Persia conquest and rule, the belly and thighs symbolized the world-empire of Greece, the legs were that of Rome, from around 168 B.C. until 476 A.D. The decline of the Roman Empire as a world power ushers history into the era which extends unto this present day, and is represented by the feet and toes of the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. It is the ten toes of this image which give birth to realms of prophetic reasoning and conjectures. They would appear to represent the final world power to ever hold sway over the civilized world as we know it, culminating in absolute destruction when "that a stone, cut out without hands" shall smite the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay and break

them to pieces (Daniel 2:34). This "stone" represents the kingdom of our Lord." "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 2:44).

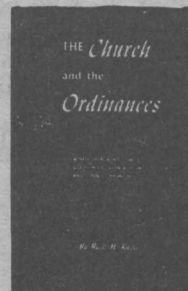
Thus, it is the existence of the ten toes, with their promised destruction, that lends at least some credence to the prophetic teachings which would equate the ten nations of the Common Market with the ten toes of the image. However, we can anticipate some difficulty, especially if we insist that those nations which go to make up the Common Market will have all been at one time, within the scope and boundaries of the old Roman Empire. It is being reported that Spain and Portugal are being considered for future membership. They were both in that old Roman Empire but that makes for twelve and

not ten. Furthermore, there are yet a half dozen or more countries which were in the Roman Empire but are not in the Common Market.

Daniel said, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are His." We may just have to leave these matters in His hands.

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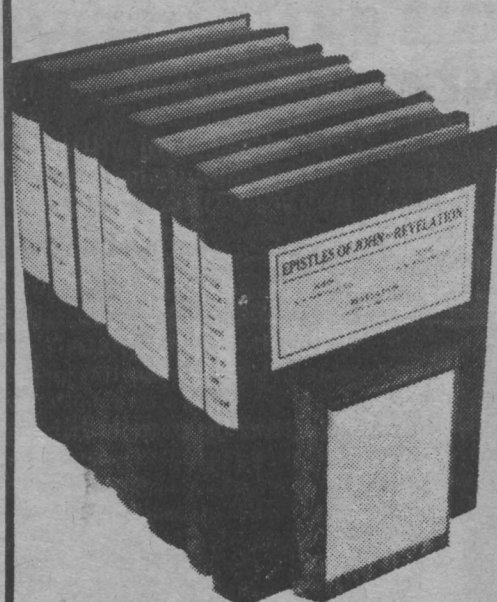
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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

Elkhart, IND. (EP) — Baptist pastor Dmitri MINYAKOV, age 59, is dying in a Soviet prison in Tallin, Estonia, according to recent reports from sources in the USSR.

Minyakov was arrested on January 21, 1981, in Rostov-na-Donu. Later he was secretly transported to the prison in Tallin where he is being held incommunicado. Minyakov, now in critical condition, managed to get a message to his family. In the message he bid them farewell.

For years Minyakov had been sought by the KGB (secret police) as a dangerous criminal: as the object of a nationwide search, his photograph had been posted in public places across the country.

Minyakov, a Baptist minister, is a member of the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches (CEBC), an organization embracing approximately 2,000 independent Baptist churches across the Soviet Union. Minyakov's role as a key leader among the independent Baptists led to repeated arrests and imprisonments, plus years of living as a fugitive in a country where religious convictions and active faith are considered criminal.

"We will stand in truth as long as God gives us life. Our only desire is to remain faithful to Him," said Minyakov shortly before his arrest.

Nearly 100 Independent Baptists are presently incarcerated in Soviet prisons and concentration camps for their uncompromising stance on separation of church and state, their active evangelization, and religious instruction of children.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (EP) — Efforts to settle a suit over the teaching of evolution in California schools failed March 4 and the plaintiffs focused on an eighth-grade science text that they said unfairly presents evolution as fact, not theory.

The Creation-Science Research Center, which espouses the biblical account of creation as scientific truth, says it doesn't object to the teaching of evolution as a theory, only to its presentation as fact.

The center contends that the way evolution is taught in California violates religious

rights, although it has withdrawn its request for equal treatment of the biblical account.

The state denies evolution is taught dogmatically, but Kelly Segraves, the Creation-Science group's director, said his son had to learn a chart that outlined the ages of geologic time as if they really happened. The state maintains it has the right to decide if students should be taught a theory to which it says virtually all scientists subscribe.

A settlement seemed near March 3 as the dispute narrowed to the wording of a few sentences on the development of life forms in state guidelines for science books that can be bought by schools with state funds. But an hour-long meeting March 4 in the chambers of Superior Court Judge Irving Perluss ended without an agreement.

Neither side would discuss details, but Richard Turner, lawyer for the San Diego-based creationists, told reporters, "We're not going to settle this case. We're going to go all the way to judgment." The textbook under study was *Principles of Science*, which Segraves' 13-year-old son Kasey cited as one used to teach evolution in his school. The youth said he still believes the biblical version.

Segraves said that language wouldn't soften the impact of the chart on a child. "It's presented to him as Earth history, not as possibilities," he said. He added, "What is presented is clearly in opposition to our Christian faith."

WASHINGTON (EP)—A comprehensive tuition tax credit proposal which has tacit Reagan Administration support has been introduced in the U.S. Senate. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del. Packwood is a Unitarian, Moynihan a Catholic and Roth an Episcopalian.

Packwood said the Administration is "endorsing this bill," but said the administration has reserved the right to negotiate on the specifics to fit its economic goals.

Packwood's proposal calls for a credit against federal taxes owed for 50 percent of tuition payments up to a maximum of \$500. It covers tuitions for private elementary and secondary schools, private and public colleges and vocational schools. Specifically, the proposal would allow a credit of up to \$250 for full-time undergraduate, vocational, elementary and secondary students by August, 1982; a credit of up to \$500 for the same students by August, 1983; and an extension of the full credit to graduate students and half-time students at colleges and vocational students by August, 1984.

Packwood said the \$500 cap was put in place to avoid having the measure labeled a "rich person's bill." The credit would be refundable, meaning that a taxpayer whose tax liability is less than the tax credit due, would have the difference refunded by the U.S. Treasury. Reagan gave verbal support throughout the campaign for tuition tax credits, but chose not to include the proposal in the major tax package he sent to Congress last week.

WASHINGTON (EP)—The U.S. Supreme Court has unanimously rejected an appeal to a lower court decision which struck down North Carolina's motorists' prayer. By refusing to hear the North Carolina case, the high court let stand a decision by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals which ruled that a printed prayer which had appeared on official state-produced maps for more than 10 years violated the First Amendment's prohibition against an establishment of religion. The prayer, challenged by a North Carolina citizens' group, invoked God's blessings and protection against the "perils of travel."

Two of three other rejected cases dealt directly with church disputes. In a case involving an internal disagreement over the sale of church property by an Episcopal congregation in New York, the high court declined to become involved, choosing instead to let stand a ruling by that state's supreme court that the congregational majority decision to sell the property must prevail over a dissident minority.

In an Oregon dispute over whether an interdenominational congregation could start a parochial school in a residence used for church services, the justices likewise let stand a lower ruling forbidding the school. A local zoning ordinance restricting the church to services of worship on the property did not deny church members their

free exercise of religion, the lower court had held.

PRESSBURG, Germany (EP)—"You only need to bring a few more programs like that and we'll all believe in Jesus, who founded the Church. He lived, that's a fact. He was willing to be crucified for what He taught. He rose from the dead, thus confirming the truth of what He taught. If you are willing to be crucified for your convictions, we'll believe you — but not before."

Hundreds of young people from the Zilina area in Czechoslovakia signed this letter sent to the Czech State TV company, according to the German Evangelical Alliance. The young people thanked the company for the TV program "from myths to science," in which the Christian faith was made fun of. This program, the young people write, opened their eyes for God.

They continue: "If there were no God, atheism would have nothing to deny. We want freedom, freedom of thought, freedom of word! We have come to the conclusion that the only true, external freedom is God, whom you deny and thus actually confess that He is. Why go to so much effort and trouble for something that does not exist?" At the end of their letter the young people express the wish that "you will follow us one day, we who believe that the day will come when you will all confess 'You have won the victory, Man of Galilee!'"

NORTH NEWTON, Kan. (EP)—Nonregistration as an active response to the government's call for draft registration was the focus of a conference on "Conscience and Registration" sponsored by the Bethel College Peace Fellowship here. The meeting brought nonregistrants from several states to gain encouragement and discuss future activities. Other participants, who have not been liable for draft registration, come to find ways to offer support to the young men who have refused to register.

Speakers brought participants up to date on the current situation and high-lighted areas of particular concern that have had an impact on the nonregistrants' decision. Robert Kreidler of Bethel College took a look at the history of conscription, noting that conscription is less than 200 years old. Delton Franz, on sabbatical from the Washington office of Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Peace Section, encouraged increased efforts in our communities to help people take a deeper look at how we perceive our adversaries. The enormous

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military buildup planned for the next few years is not the solution to our conflicts, he said.

NOME, Alaska (EP)—Southern Baptist missionary Bill Webb will add a new dimension to church construction when he hooks up his team of mongrels and huskies for a race across the Alaskan wilderness. March 7, Webb was scheduled to join 58 other mushers in the Iditarod, the annual 1,049-mile trek from Anchorage to Nome. The race takes 14 to 15 days for the winner; up to 30 days for others. The top 20 finishers will split a \$100,000 purse (\$24,000 for first place; \$1,000 for 20th).

While Webb would like to be among the top 20, his real objective as a first-time contender is to raise \$100 for each mile he crosses over the frozen landscape to pay for property and building materials for a church-parsonage. With volunteers from Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas and California, Webb has spent the past three short summers building the structure. "I would like to get all the 1,049 miles committed for the church," says the soft-spoken Webb, pastor of Nome Community Church, counselor of alcoholics and director of a receiving home for neglected and a battered children.

Webb has worked to build his dogs' strength to pull not only his weight, but supplies and dog food: five pounds of meat per dog per day. He has worked in the face of stinging cold which during the race will numb the dogs' feet and frostbite 90 percent of the Iditarod contenders.

Webb admits the path ahead is grueling. Yet, he reminds, building a two-level church in Nome was no easy task. Materials were barged or air-freighted out of Seattle and Anchorage. The bulk of construction was undertaken with limited equipment, often by inexperienced volunteers.

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AGAINST CHURCH UNIONISTS

Sometime ago we clipped the following from the Courier-Journal (Louisville):

Pastors and personal workers of all Louisville churches joining in the pre-Easter Personal Visitation Evangelism Campaign are to meet at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow for instruction and inspiration, under the leadership of Frank H. Gregg, executive secretary of the Louisville Council of Churches, and the Rev. Ralph Couey, pastor of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church.

As everyone knows, the editor is an open foe of all unionsim and all unionists. He has said some pretty rough things about them. He makes no apology for this. He expects to say even more in the future. What the editor has said about unionists is mild to what God calls them.

He calls them "Dumb Dogs, Greedy Dogs." Here are His words: "His watchmen (preachers) are blind, they are ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they can not bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea they are greedy dogs, and they are shepherds, that can not understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." (Isa. 56:10, 11). That is far worse than anything we have ever said about them. God said

that. That is God's indictment of all unionists. It includes many functionaries, as well as unionists. Note what is included in this indictment.

1. "They are blind." All unionists are blind. They do not see the dangers of their unionism and their compromise of the gospel and the truth. They sell out the gospel for pay and popularity. Paul calls them hucksters of the Word.

2. "They are all ignorant." God said so. They claim to be educated and many of them have college, university, and seminary degrees, but they are ignorant all the same. Take the Easter crowd. Their ignorance is the most stupendous ignorance in the world. "Being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own, they have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God; for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." (Rom. 10:3, 4). That is damning ignorance. It substitutes man's righteousness, filthy and ragged and rotten and hypocritical, for the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus which alone can save any man.

3. "They are dumb dogs." They are watchmen. The business of a watchman is to

warn of danger. Easter is a common danger. Men and women are led to depend upon the church and the ritualism of Easter and other hypocritical forms for salvation and all such go to hell. That is why God calls them dumb dogs. They are as silent as death when it comes to warning the people as to the perils of ritualisms and error. God calls them dumb dogs.

4. They love ease. "Sleeping lying down, loving to slumber."

5. "Greedy dogs." They never have enough. Their one aim is money. The Septuagint says "they are insatiable dogs."

6. "They are wicked, having no understanding." That is quoted from the Septuagint version. It needs no further explanation. Anybody can understand that. Their eyes are blinded to the dangers and perils of their unionism. They do not understand how they are hurting themselves, their families, their churches, the Lord's cause thru their greed for gain.

7. "All have followed their own ways, each according to his own will." This too, is from the Septuagint version. Self is supreme master of their lives.

Two outstanding sin are condemned in this passage — extravagance and unionism. They are the two most common sins of the Baptist ministry. They sell the truth for big salaries and popularity. They keep silent concerning heresy and extravagance in official places, so their own salaries will be continued.

Extravagance and unionism are our worst enemies. God is working on both. Remember God called them "greedy dogs." I didn't. All unionists are greedy dogs. Our schools are filled with unionists. All union evangelists are greedy dogs. A hundred years ago Missionary Baptist sloughed off the Campbellites and the Hardshells. We are due another big sloughing. The mourner's bench crowd are all unionists, and they ought to be sloughed off. They are the worst of Arminians. Baptists ought to get rid of the unionists and the modernists. They are twin sisters. They both sell out the truth for pay. Fundamentalists are all unionists. Fundamentalists and modernists are agreed in one thing. They are both unionists.

As a parting word, let all unionists ponder the words of God's Book: "Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord." (II Chron. 19:21).

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which we have learned; and avoid them." (Rom. 16:17).

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." (2 Thess. 3:14).

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (2 John 1:10, 11).

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