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ANOTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVIL'S WORK

by Wade H. Miles
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I John 3:8—"He that committeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."

A modern paraphrase of this verse of Scripture reads like this, "The Son of God came to earth with the express purpose of liquidating the Devil's activity." There are many reasons why the Son of God came to earth, among which are the following:

1) He came to reveal the Father. John 14:7-10: "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been such a long time with you, and yet hath thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how saith thou then, Show us the

Father? Believeth thou not that I am in the Father, And the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak



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not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

2) He came to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself... Hebrews 9:26: "For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the World. But now once, in the end of the ages, hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

3) He came to save sinners... Luke 19:20: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

4) He came to fulfill the Law. Matthew 5:17: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not

come to destroy, but to fulfill."

5) And from our text today He came to liquidate the works of the Devil. The Devil is a real person, having the attributes and characteristics of a personality. But what are the works of the Devil? What are the activities of Satan in the life of a Christian and of a Church?

I. SATAN OPPOSES THE DEATH OF CHRIST AND ALL REFERENCES TO THE CROSS (Matthew 16:21-24).

Read these verses very carefully, and remember that Jesus came into the world to die. This fact is revealed in verses 21 and 22 when Peter said, "This shall not be..." Our Lord at

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A Sermon By Raymond Waugh, Sr.

SOME DON'T'S AND DO'S OF THE MINISTRY

by Raymond A. Waugh, Sr.
 Part I

(This is a message delivered at one of America's Baptist colleges. Yet, it seems that some of the truths to which some thought is given might be of interest to an even wider audience.)

First, let me say that I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to speak in chapel today and to address the hearts and minds of some who doubtless will have considerable impact for Christ Jesus, in the years which are before us. I appreciate the school paper and the several times that messages from my heart, mind, and pen have appeared in its pages.

However, since my picture has never appeared in the school

paper, it may be that you already may have experienced something of a shock! You may have supposed that I was going to be one of those handsome fellows from Texas. What you have seen and what you see, then, may have been and may be a real awakening for you. In reality, however, I do not mind shocking you or your being shocked. My attitude is somewhat like that of the one who gave us the limerick:

For beauty, I am not a star,
 There are others more handsome by far;

But, my face. I don't mind it,
 Because I'm behind it;

It's the people out front that I jar!

Needless to say, my interest in being here today is not that we might discuss my handsomeness or the lack of it. Rather, we are concerned to speak to "Some of the don't's and do's of the ministry." In retrospect, the approach may seem unduly or overly simple. Nevertheless, it seems to me that the words should have some degree of importance for all of us. The message, as it has developed, certainly has had an impact on my heart and mind.

The Don't's

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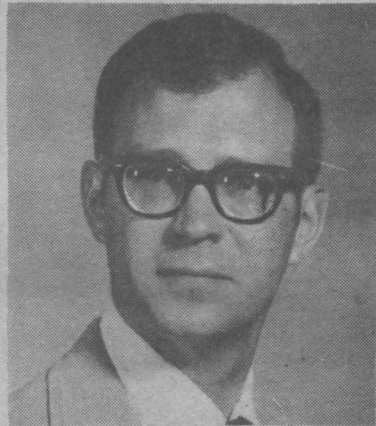
By JON RULE
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2 Peter 1:12-15, "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be establish-

brance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decrease to have these things always in remembrance."

By way of introduction, there are a couple of things about this passage of Scripture that are note-worthy. You'll notice in verse fourteen, that the Apostle Peter knew and believed that he would not live long upon this earth. Back in the latter chapters of John's gospel, Jesus indeed prophesied the type of death that the Apostle Peter was going to die. He said "men would pick him up and carry him whither he would not" or if this disciple, according to John, would live forever, what was that to him. Word had spread around that Jesus had said that John would never die. That's not what the Lord said at

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ed in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remem-

ON WHOSE FOUNDATION ARE YOU BUILDING?

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"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11).

"The house of God" in this dispensation is spoken of as "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15). God's house then is the Church in church capacity doing His work. It has a foundation! The Bible says, "The household of God;... built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone;" (Eph. 2:19 & 20). Jesus Christ laid the foundation to His house. He is the Chief Cornerstone, and He called the Apostles to be the remainder of His foundation. We

find in I Corinthians 12:28 that the "FIRST" that God set in His church or house were the Apostles. As we already quoted I Timothy 3:15 we see that the "house of God" is the "church of the living God".

Now our text in I Corinthians 3 says, "Now if any man build upon this foundation..." Right now we are not concerned about ANOTHER foundation, but THIS foundation. THIS house of God, THIS church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother, if you will or if you are building

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WHY A TRUE

MISSIONARY GOES

"Why did you go to those strange people," asked a friend of a returned missionary. "Did they ask you to come?" "No, they did not ask me." "Then why did you go?" The missionary said: "When I was a young man in college, in going to my room one night, I saw a bright light in a house as I passed. The wind had blown the curtain too close to the gas jet and it was in flames. But because this family had not invited me to warn them, and not wishing to disturb their peace, I passed on to my room." "You did no such thing," said the other. "You wasted no time in crying to them their house was on fire." "Certainly," said the missionary; "and the people of the strange land did not invite me, but I knew their danger without Christ, and I knew the great peace and joy that comes with knowing Him. I was bound, knowing these things, to tell them."

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SOME DON'TS

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First, don't worry about your faces or figures!

I realize that, in the world in which we live, physical appearance is uppermost in the minds of the majority of the people. Many churches will not call a man unless he is good looking and has a pretty wife. This is tragic in view of the word God gives us concerning the Savior, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him" (Isa. 53:2). Such folk, of course, are of the opinion that the face makes the man. Perhaps they have seen too many movies, watched too much television, read too many magazines and have been sold on the idea that physical beauty is synonymous with efficiency and effectiveness.

Practically every industry in America today concentrates on this idea. Clothes, toothpaste, and cosmetics are sold or advertised on the premise that they will enhance one's physical appearance and make him or her more appealingly attractive or sexy! Autos, cigarettes, booze, furniture, and even houses are promoted with beautiful faces or figures. Yet, just beneath the flesh is a skull or a skeleton. Most people, it seems, suppose that physical appearance makes the difference.

Usually, appearance is a big thing in politics. It is said that most all candidates for high office have a retinue of cosmetologists or sartorial experts who prepare them for their public appearances.

Yet, it would seem that our elections show us that leadership is dependent on the man, and who and what he is, or who and what are behind him — not on his face or figure. Even history provides us relatively incontrovertible evidence that the face or figure of a man is not the real key to success. The face or

Undertake to prove that there is no hell, and the devil will take off his coat to help you.

figure, in some instances, may provide one an opportunity, yet, in the final analysis, what a man is will come through.

All of the concentration on appearances, then, is really foolhardy. All of this concentration on beauty and handsomeness and the need for an impressive outward appearance causes some ministers to become vain and self-centered and some others to be depressed and fearful. Too, I am certain that such attitudes preclude the blessings of God upon many congregations. Therefore, rather than getting caught-up in the idea that our faces or figures will make the difference, we must remember the interests of God. We need to keep in mind the truth which God gives us in, "...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh



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on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7).

It is no marvel, then, that God did not leave us any pictures of Jesus or His Apostles. This, then, makes every pseudo-Jesus picture that men design and every pseudo-Apostle picture that men design Anti-Christ and satanic blasphemy of an intolerable sort from God's perspective. Such may satisfy the interests and desires of depraved men, but all such are evidences that most religious men of our day are enemies of the Lord of Glory — not the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ!

If God had left or provided us pictures of the Lord Jesus or His Apostles, the depraved peoples of earth — religious and irreligious — would concentrate on physical emulation and forget that "The Lord looketh on the heart." If we had pictures of Jesus and His Apostles, ministers doubtless would attempt to emulate their appearances and thereby attempt to prove by their physical characteristics that they were "godly men" or "men of God." Too, it is most probable that the people would expect their pastors to look like Jesus or some one of His Apostles.

If we have the Spirit of God, we can know that it is not the condition of our bodies that will make us or break us, so to speak. A dear friend who knew the famed B. H. Carroll told me that he was far from handsome and, in his later years, he always sat to preach. Still, few men in history have been more effective. It is what we are and who and what are behind us, in us, and coming forth from us that really counts. With Christ in our hearts, and His Word behind us, in us, and coming forth from us, we cannot help but succeed for the Lord, even in this modern and modernistic age.

Second, don't worry about criticism!

Although Solomon became somewhat involved at times, even as we may do almost

without trying, he, nevertheless, gained a great deal of wisdom from the Lord. This provides some hope for us. In one place we read, "...fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Prov. 1:7).

In this, we are alerted to the fact that we must be instructible — not bull-headed know-it-all's. Further, we learn that "...reproofs of instruction (in the things of God, of course) are the way of life" (Prov. 6:23). In this, Solomon is not talking about the "Tao" or the way of life promoted by Lao-Tze. Neither is he speaking of the "way of meditation" which was promoted then in Indian Religions and which, even now, is being promoted by some who call themselves "Guru's."

Tragically, the cultic religions are making great headway even in Baptist seminaries! Brainwashed young people who are being informed that if God had wanted us to have an infallible Bible he would have given it to us on "golden plates" are really ready for The Rig Vedas and The Upanishads. In fact, some are really into drugs and sex as valid ways to express oneself religiously. Though pastors and parents are not being informed what their monies are buying those whom they have sent to the seminaries — Baptist Seminaries — are being acclimated to the wisdom of going along with the "Gay Community" and "educated" to accept "women preachers as a matter of course"!

The way of life to which Solomon has reference, however, is that way of salvation which God later delineated in, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father except by me" (John 14:6). In this regard, Solomon declares unequivocally, "...he that regardeth reproof shall be honored" (Prov. 13:18).

Perhaps the most difficult thing that any of us ever do is learn to accept criticism. I have known of people who spent their lives looking for new jobs because they could not endure the instruction and the reproof needful to the expediting or the effective completing of any one job. Some ministers are so filled with personal pride that they never feel they can lower themselves to listen to the criticisms of their people. Consequently, they spend their lives moving from church to church looking for a people who will be satisfied with their perfect messages or they become ungodly dictators who do despite to the Spirit of Grace each time they enter the pulpit!

At one time or another, most of us, doubtless, would like to suppose that we can rightfully dictate to all others and properly force all others to conform to our opinions. In this, needless to say, we have forgotten that we are not God and that there is room for improvement beyond anything of which we have ever dreamed. Although such an attitude is destructive to our personal pride, we need to realize that there are times when we should bow humbly before the criticism of the people. Too, the people need to realize that there are times when they need to listen responsively to the reproofs and criticisms of their pastors. Similarly, there are times when professors need to hear the reproofs of the students, and there are times when the students need to hear the reproofs of their professors in the matter of criticism.

Most who read have some

knowledge of the story of David. Yet, there is a real truth in his life which many of us miss. We agree, of course, that he was a great man. We agree, too, that he was a man of God. God explains this quite clearly in, "I have found David the son of Jesus, a man after mine own heart, who shall fulfill all my will" (Acts 13:22).

We remember, nevertheless, that David got into great spiritual trouble. When he did, he just went on being king and ruling the people who, as loyal subjects, continued to bow before him faithfully. Apparently, in a moment of purposed forgetfulness, David added self-righteousness to his catalog of sins. In that hour, his best friends were not his loyal subjects bowing before him or his zealous and loyal "yes men" who were ready to do his bidding regardless of the cost.

Rather, David's best friend was Nathan who had the courage to criticize or reprove his king. Thanks to the faithfulness on the part of Nathan, his true friend, David came face to face with his sin! And thanks to the faithfulness of his true friend, Nathan, David realized that he had experienced the loss of the joy of his salvation. Thanks to the faithfulness of his true friend, Nathan, David was able to repent and abound in the truth, "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). Then, in a sense of renewed fellowship, we hear David cry, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee" (Ps. 63:1-3).

Today, as I stand before you in this lovely chapel in this school which faithful men of God have dedicated to the Lord and His Word, I do not know whether I am in the midst of dyed-in-the-wool Southern Democrats or Conservative Republicans. Really such matters are of little consequence in the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nonetheless, the attitude of our late President Truman seems most apropos at this point. Sometime after he

had left the Presidency and the White House, some one asked him how many letters he had received. President Truman went on to say that he had received some 70,000 letters, 100 of which had been somewhat critical. He hastened to add, however, that all of the critical ones had come from friends!

This is wisdom all of us need!

If we can always believe that our critics are our friends, we will never need to be on the defensive. In the debates of 1960, the late John F. Kennedy was able to get Richard Nixon to respond defensively. Needless to say, Nixon lost his "cool," as it were, and he lost the election. However, in 1968, when Richard Nixon again ran for the presidency, he could not be dissuaded, he could not be perturbed. Even President Johnson's last ditch dramatics, if you will, could not disturb Dick Nixon. He was ready! He kept his "cool"! He won the election with a larger plurality than John F. Kennedy had over him.

Perhaps there is a moral here.

If we can accept criticism, we should never need to become defensive. And if we never become defensive, we will be able to keep our "cool," as it were. And if we can keep our "cool" in the midst of stress, the victory will be ours. This is especially true, it seems to me for the children of God; and, as true servants in control of our own lives, we should be able to do great things for God.

Third, don't worry about following men!

Where does much of the confusion, unrest, and violence among religious people come from? Very simply, from following men (and tragically, many times, from following women). There are the so-called Mormons or Latter Day Saints who follow Joe Smith; the Seventh Day Adventists who follow E. G. White or William Miller; the supposed Church of Christ which follows Alexander Campbell; the Presbyterians (and sad to say, some who call themselves Baptists) who claim to be followers of Calvin; the Lutherans who continue to honor their indebtedness to Martin Luther and promote his ideologies, though he never really left Rome with respect to rites and practices; Roman Catholics who holdly declare that they are

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following Peter; Jehovah's Witnesses who look to Pastor Russell and, in some instances, one called Judge Rutherford; and the so-called "Moonies" who look to one who is called Sun Myung Moon. There are a thousand more that we might reference, but the point is clearly made.

What we are noting is not something new. There were those in ancient times who "wept for Tammuz" (Ez. 8:14). Too, we have the Word of the Lord concerning Nimrod whose kingdom was "Babel," a mere man whom the people joined in defying God with, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach into heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Gen. 11:4).

Obviously, this is not a new practice. The Apostle Paul explains that he found the problem or practice rampant in the city of Corinth. We hear him say, "Now thus I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you immersed in the name of Paul?" (I Cor. 1:12-13). Evidently, less than 30 years after the Lord had died on Calvary and had been raised from the dead, there was a desire on the part of men to follow men rather than the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle makes his point with great force that "Christ sent me not to immerse, but to preach the gospel; not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect" (I Cor. 1:17), specifying, in another instance, that it was Christ who "died for them and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:15).

Some may attempt to justify the practice of following men by an appeal to the Apostle Paul's words, "Brethren, be followers together of me..." (Phil. 3:17). However, if we carefully study the word in context, we learn that Paul has reference to his practice of following Christ, and that he is declaring that we should do likewise. This is made evident in the word, "Be ye followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour" (Eph. 5:1).

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once recognized the influence of Satan in this statement of trying to turn the Lord aside from the Cross. Thus the very sharp and stinging rebuke in verse 23.

If there is one theme the Devil hates more than any other it is the theme of the Cross of Calvary and the shedding of the Lord's blood there. Why does he hate this theme so much? Because it spells his doom. Why are the modern theologians taking all the songs that have to do with the blood out of their song books? Why is Satan trying to get today's preachers to leave the Cross out of their preaching? Oh, you can preach about His birth, His life, His works and all other doctrine, so long as you don't preach about

the Blood Atonement. But I would have you to notice something else that is taught in verse 24. Satan tries to get Christians to evade the true implications of the cross. God's plan for us is that we should die to self, but most Christians do not wish to do this, for death by crucifixion is very painful. "Take up your cross and follow me" is something that most people shy away from. Thus Satan does every thing in his power to keep us from the experience of dying to self. We all need the experience of Galatians 2:20... "I am crucified with Christ: never-the-less I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

II. SATAN SNATCHES AWAY THE GOOD SEED OF THE WORD OF GOD LEST IT SHOULD FIND A PLACE IN THE HEART AND BRING FORTH FRUIT TO GOD'S GLORY (Mark 4:15).

Whenever and wherever the Lord is sowing the Word in human hearts the Devil is there to try to snatch away the seed. It is true at this very moment as you hear the preaching of God's Word Satan is causing some distraction to hinder you in receiving it. It is one thing to hear the Word of God, but quite another thing to receive it and to put it into practice.

This is what the Apostle Paul was probably referring to in Hebrews 4:2: "For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Let us be careful how we hear the Word of God, lest in the hearing of it Satan should come and snatch away the seed and leave us without any of its value and of its fruit in our lives.

III. SATAN ATTACKS THE FAITH OF THE CHILD OF GOD (Luke 22:31-32).

The important word in these two verses of Scripture is the word "faith." In all the experiences of testing and trial that the Lord permits in the lives of His children, the Devil's great object is to get the Lord's children to lose their faith, and thus, to raise in their minds doubts about God's plan for their lives.

How are you tempted most when trials and troubles fall upon you? Do you find yourself questioning God's plan for your life? Do you find yourself asking questions like, "Does God Care?"... "Why has this happened to me, and I'm a Christian." Take courage in the fact that the Lord is praying for you if you are indeed His child. Look at Luke 22:32!

IV. SATAN TEMPTS GOD'S PEOPLE TO COMPROMISE IN THE MATTER OF THEIR DEDICATION (Acts 4:1-4).

The first thing that I would like for you to set in your mind is this: These two people were Christians! They were well-known of the first Baptist Church to ever exist. They had probably seen the Lord in person. They were probably among those that had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. They were probably of the type of people that you see in the positions of responsibilities in the local assembly.

At that time the people were giving of their substance to the Lord and to His Church. Ananias sold their possessions and brought the money to the



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Psalm 2:4-12

Intro.: One of the most inspiring thoughts in the Word of God is to know, "His Kingdom ruleth over all;" (Psalm 103:19); to be assured that "He doeth according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?" (Daniel 4:35). So, "the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will" (Proverbs 21:1). Since this is true, we know God "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11). In all of this, the saints of God can know "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

VERSE 4

"He that sitteth in the heavens." This is the view of God Isaiah had in the temple (Isaiah 6:1-4). This is the view Stephen had in Acts 7:55, 56. This is the view John had in Revelation 4: 2. Anything less than this and God wouldn't be God. In this verse before us, God is seen quietly sitting in spite of the attempt to dethrone Him. This should encourage us in this day of mass rebellion, as it must have Daniel as he faced

Church store-house, but Ananias and his wife Sapphira pretended that they were giving all, when in actual fact they were keeping back part of the price. Now why in the world would anyone want to lie about this? Who was behind this deceit? Satan, as verse three indicates. How very easy it is for any one of us to lie to the Holy Spirit! How many of us sing the song, "All to Jesus I surrender," while we are really keeping back part of the price? Are we guilty of this?

V. SATAN TRIES TO FORCE THE CHRISTIAN TO BE INCONSISTANT IN LIFE AND BEHAVIOR (Ephesians 4:25-29).

Can you imagine the Apostle Paul having to write to the Christians at Ephesus about lying, anger, wrath, stealing, and corrupt communications? Whenever a Christian is guilty of these sins it is the result of the work of the Devil. It is only as we give place to Satan that we can be untruthful or steal. We need to be on our guard that we may be able to overcome the devices of the Devil. II Corinthians 11:3: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the Serpent beguiled Eve through his craftiness so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

VI. SATAN HINDERS GOD'S SERVANTS BY PUTTING STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THEIR WAY (I Thessalonians 2:18).

Now if there is any question in your minds about the Devil's ability and power to hinder God's work, then read this verse very carefully. "Wherefore, we would have come unto you, even I, Paul, once and again;

the lion's den; as it did the three Hebrew children facing the fiery furnace; as it did Paul and Silas in prison, etc.

"Shall laugh." Instead of God becoming alarmed or frightened, He merely smiles at His enemies' futile and fatal opposition. No wonder Isaiah says, "It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers."

"The Lord shall have them in derision." After the rantings and ravings of the lost world has been spent and man has fired his last volley against God's servants, God will have the last laugh. Man's laughter and scoffing will turn to weeping (Matthew 22:13). Read the story of Belshazzar (Daniel 5).

VERSE 5

"Then shall He speak." God moves from sitting, to smiling, to speaking. The Psalmist reminds us again in Psalm 62:11: "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." When God speaks, power is manifested (Genesis 1:3). It is in amazing grace He speaks peace to His elect who were Hell deserving sinners (Ephesians 2:8) but in justice when He changes His voice in inflicting punishment on the disobedient (II Thessalonians 1:9).

"Unto them in His wrath." It is a specific message to a specific people. It will be limited in its scope, but eternal in its duration. The child of God should bow his head in adoration, for he has been saved from the wrath to come.

"And vex them in His sore displeasure." God cannot, and will not tolerate sin. The lost will be troubled and tormented in Hell (Luke 16:22-25).

VERSE 6

"Yet." In spite of all opposition, God's purpose is accomplished, is being accomplished, and will be accomplished (Isaiah 46:9-11).

"Have I set My king." Israel had chosen a king like unto the kingdoms around them, but God had prepared and placed His king upon the throne. David was God's king. Moreover, and in a far greater sense, God has raised up Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16). He shall reign on the throne of David (Acts 2:30; Revelation 20:4, 6).

"Upon My holy hill of Zion." Jesus shall reign on the earthly throne of David and on the heavenly throne with His Father (Revelation 21:22; 22:1, 3). He is King over His saints now, and is Head of the church (Ephesians 1:22). It would be profitable to ponder the expression, "My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Psalm 2:7), "My King" (here in Psalm 2), "My Church" (Matthew 16:18), and of course, "My Word" (Isaiah 55:11).

VERSE 7

"I will declare the decree." God the Father has spoken clearly and distinctly, and now God, the Son, speaks with the same authority. His Word is equally true and powerful. Read with gladness, the story of Jesus

raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:43) and the story of Christ stilling the wind and the waves (Mark 4:39). Here, He confirms the eternal covenant or decree established in the council halls of eternity (Acts 4:28; Ephesians 3:11; Hebrews 13:20).

"The Lord hath said unto Me." In the Godhead, Jesus as the Son took the place of subjection and the place of a servant without losing His deity. He was Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23), "which being interpreted is, God with us." As the writer of Hebrews says, "the express image of His Person" (Hebrew 1:3).

"This day have I begotten thee." A reference to the resurrection of Christ after He had finished the work given Him of the Father and being thereby exalted (John 17:1-5; Philippians 2:5-11). He was set as King (vs. 6), and will be publicly manifested as King in the future.

VERSE 8

"Ask of Me." He has every right to ask, having accomplished all that was pleasing to the Father. We should again rejoice, for He is our Intercessor.

"And I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The dominion of Jesus Christ will be from sea to shining sea in the greatest sense (Daniel 2:44).

VERSE 9

"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." All enemies and all kingdoms shall utterly be vanquished, and not one tongue be left to utter one word against the Father's King.

VERSE 10

"Be wise therefore, O ye kings." Cast your crown at His feet in subjection and in recognition.

"Be instructed, ye judges of the earth." Receive His sentence and sue for mercy in the Name of the Lord.

VERSE 11

"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling." Be a bondservant in humble adoration, knowing you are on holy ground.

VERSE 12

"Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled a little." Kiss the Son, not like Judas when he betrayed Him, but like the woman in Luke 7:38, when she "stood at His feet behind Him weeping, and began to wash His feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with the ointment."

Conclusion: "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

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The Baptist Examiner Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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Please explain and list chronologically events beginning with the rapture and each event on to the "burned up earth" (renovated earth) and at what event will the city "New Jerusalem" be suggested above the earth?

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This subject cannot be fully discussed in the space allotted, but to touch briefly the high points, we see from the Scripture the rapture is when Christ comes in the air for His saints, both those who have died and those who are alive. All will be caught up to meet Him (I Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Following the rapture is a period of time which seems to be seven years in length known as Daniel's seventieth week (Daniel 9:27), or the great tribulation (Matthew 24:21, 22), or the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). During this time, the saints in heaven will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards according to their works (I Corinthians 3:13, 14; II Corinthians 5:10). Also during this time the marriage of the Lamb will take place (Revelation 19:7).

On earth, during this time the man of sin, the Anti-Christ, makes his appearance (II Thessalonians 2:3-12). He makes a covenant for one week (Seven years) with the Jews, who, having returned to Palestine and having rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem, receive him as their long-promised Messiah, but in the midst of the week he breaks the covenant and causes the temple worship to cease (Daniel 9:27). He will then establish a new worship, the worship of the image of the beast, which is really the worship of himself (II Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:4-6, 12). Near the close of this seven years, we see in chapters 16, 17, and 18 of Revelation where the Anti-Christ will gather the armies of the whole world to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelations 16:14). In verse 16 we see the place of the battle is called Armageddon. In (II Thessalonians 2:8) we are told, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." In Revelation 19:20-21 we are told that the beast and the false prophet will both be cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

After this, we see in Revelation 20:1-3 that Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit, where he remains for a thousand years. During this thousand years, Christ who returned to earth with His saints

at the battle of Armageddon, sets up His kingdom and reigns over the whole earth. At the close of the thousand years Satan is loosed out of his prison (Revelation 20:7). He returns to his same old tricks. He goes out to deceive the nations of the earth. He gathers them together to battle, but God makes short work of them. He sends fire down out of heaven and devours them (Revelation 20:8, 9). In verse 10 we are told that the devil is "cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." In Revelation 20:11-15 we see the great white throne of judgment, where all the wicked are raised and brought before God to be judged according to their works. All whose names were not "found written in the book of life" were cast into the lake of fire.

It seems from Revelation 20:11 that it was when the great white throne and Him that sat on it appeared that the old earth and heaven as we know them passed away, "from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." In Revelation 21:1 we find a new heaven and a new earth and in verse 2 we see to this new earth comes "the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God, out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

In summary, we see the chain of events is first the rapture, which is Christ coming in the air for His saints, then the seven years of tribulation here on earth. At the end of this time, Christ returns to earth with His saints. The battle of Armageddon is fought, Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit for one thousand years. Christ will reign with His saints here on earth during that thousand years. At the close of the thousand years Satan will be loosed for a short time, but will be cast into the lake of fire when he tries to again make war with God. Then we see the great white throne of judgment and the wicked will be cast into the lake of fire. After this we see the new heaven and the new earth with the new city, the new Jerusalem. In this new earth God will dwell with His people. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Revelation 21:3).

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To fully answer this question would take hours upon hours, and a volume of many, many pages. The question brings one into the eschatological area, where dogmatism is rare, and

unwarranted apart from much tedious and prayerful study. However, it is better to be either hot or cold on Bible issues than to be lukewarm. Fence straddling soon becomes uncomfortable to the honest seeker of truth, and he will in due season adopt a position with some degree of tenacity. With respect to T.B.E. Forum space I submit what I believe to be the order of events including the rapture to the earth's purge of sin by a baptism of fire. There are four events which occur at the same time, or which are a part of that event which we call the "rapture" and all take place "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (I Corinthians 15:52).

1. THE RAPTURE.

A. Change from mortal to immortal of all living saints on earth at the time.

B. Resurrection and change to immortal of all the bodies of the saints which sleep in the grave.

C. The translation of all the redeemed and immortalized saints to meet Christ in the clouds of heaven. Explanation of A. B. and C: (I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I Corinthians 15:50-57, Philippians 3:20 & 21, John 14:1-3, John 5:28, Luke 14:14, Isaiah 26:19-21, Revelation 4:1).

D. The restraining influence of the Holy Spirit returns with the church to heaven (Ephesians 1:13&14, II Thessalonians 2:3-7).

2. IN HEAVEN, FOLLOWING THE TRANSLATION OF THE SAINTS WILL COME:

A. The Bema Seat or Judgment Seat of Christ, where the believers works are tired according to their stewardship faithfulness while on earth, and rewards given in accordance therewith (I Corinthians 3:9-23, II Corinthians 5: 9 & 10, II Timothy 4:5-8, Revelation 2:10).

B. Fine linen clean and white given to the Bride of Christ, the blood-bought church, whereby her exalted position will be eternally acknowledged by all the redeemed (Revelation 19:7&8).

3. CONCURRENT WITH THESE HEAVENLY EVENTS, ON EARTH WILL BE THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION PERIOD, THE SEVENTIETH WEEK OF DANIEL AND THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE, (Jeremiah 30:7, Daniel 9:24, Revelation Chapters 4-19).

A. The invasion of Israel by Russia, presently the church is the prime target of satanic hatred, but when the church is raptured, Israel will be the chief object of Satan's vehemence and he uses God defying communism in an attempt to destroy Israel (Ezekiel 38 & 39).

B. Midway in the seven year tribulation period will come the abomination of desolation, and the manifestation of the desolator, he that maketh desolate, the civil Beast and personal Anti-Christ (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15).

C. The sealing of 144,000 Jewish Evangelists (Revelation 7:1-8).

D. The pouring out of God's wrath upon those who have

taken the mark of the Beast (Revelation 16:2, Matthew 24:21).

E. The great tribulation closes at the battle of Armageddon with the appearing of Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, with vindictive glory and vengeance upon His adversaries (Zechariah 14: 1-3, Zechariah 12:9, Revelation 14:14-20, Revelation 16:14, Revelation 19:11-19).

F. At the battle of Armageddon Christ descends to earth, and stands on the Mount of Olives, and the Mount shall cleave in the midst, northward and southward, making a valley eastward and westward (Zechariah 14:4).

G. The Beast and the false prophet shall be cast into the lake of fire, and Satan shall be bound for one thousand years in the bottomless and sealed pit (II Thessalonians 2:8&9, Revelation 19:20, Revelation 20:1-3).

H. The Lord shall establish His throne in Zion (Psalm 2:6, Matthew 25:31).

I. Then will Christ summon all the living nations on the earth before Him to be judged. The sheep nations shall stand on His right hand, and the goat nations on His left hand. The sheep nations shall enter the millenium with Christ, and the goat nations are consigned to everlasting fire (Matthew 24:29-31, Matthew 25:31-46).

J. With the conclusion of the judgment of nations the millennial age is initiated. The Prince of Peace shall reign with all of His saints on earth for one thousand years (Isaiah chapters 11 & 20, Daniel 2:44 & 45, 7:9-14, Zechariah 14:9, 20, 21, Revelation 20:4-6).

4. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MILLENNIUM:

A. Satan shall be loosed from the bottomless pit for a little season, and shall amass a great army and go against the camp of the saints and the beloved city. At this time Satan shall be cast into the eternal lake of fire where the Beast and false prophet are, and he shall be tormented day and night forever (Isaiah 15:15, Revelation 20:3, Revelation 20:7-10).

B. Then comes the resurrection of the wicked dead, and judgment of the wicked before the great white throne. Those appearing there are already condemned, receive their sentencing degrees of eternal suffering, and are cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15). Then cometh the new heaven and new earth (Revelation chapters 21 and 22, II Peter 3:10-13, I Corinthians 15: 24 & 25). Hence, NO MORE SIN.

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We do not have space to go into this as we should, but there are volumes written already. You will please notice that the Biblical order of events teach a pre-tribulation, pre-millennial coming of Christ. Any position other than this is unscriptural.

The second coming of Christ has several events that take place over a long period of time. These events begin with the rapture of all believers. (Some believe that those who do not live as they should must pay for their disobedience by going through part of the tribulation.

In other words the blood of Christ doesn't cover all sins according to this position.) When the rapture takes place all believers and the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the world. (II Thessalonians 2:7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18). The rapture could take place at any time. (Mark 13:35, 36; James 5:8). The seven years following the rapture will be filled with events both on earth and in Heaven. On earth there will be the great tribulation period. The two witnesses, the Anti-Christ and the man of sin will make their appearance during this time (Revelation 11:3, 7). In Heaven the saints will be judged at the judgment Seat of Christ. This is a judgment of believers' works and not of sins. (I Corinthians 3:12-15). After the judgment will be the wedding of Christ and His bride, made up of Baptists who have been obedient (Revelation 19:7-9).

The end of the seven year tribulation period will be marked by the return of Christ on earth and the Battle of Armageddon which marks the beginning of Christ's reign on earth for 1,000 years. Jerusalem will come to earth and Christ will sit on David's throne (Matthew 25:31). At the end of the 1,000 year reign Satan will be released and there will be the battle of nations, then the White Throne of judgment and the renovation of the earth.

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"...Those things which are revealed belong to us..." (Deuteronomy 29:29).

Predestination is God's plan concerning all things that shall ever take place. History is the outworking of that plan. Providence is God's control of His creatures and all their actions working out God's plan. Prophecy is God's sovereign revelation of a part of that plan to men before it comes to pass. The things that are revealed in prophecy belong to us for our study, understanding, comfort, and blessing.

The rapture will be the resurrection, transformation, and catching up to Jesus Christ of all those saved until that moment of time. This will occur at the time predestinated by God. But God has not revealed that time. So far as God has revealed, and so far as we know, the rapture could occur at the next moment of time, and if not then, at any succeeding moment of time. Following the rapture will be seven years of Tribulation upon the earth which will be such as has never before been or will ever be again. The Antichrist will make a seven-year treaty with Israel which will be broken in the middle of that time. In the middle of the seven year period these things will take place: 1. Antichrist will break his treaty with Israel and begin severe persecution thereof. 2. The Roman Catholic Church will be destroyed. 3. Russia will be defeated on the mountains of Israel. 3. Antichrist will assume world wide power and persecute greatly the people of God.

Closing out the seven year tribulation will be the battle of Armageddon in which Jesus Christ will come to earth and

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destroy the assembled armies of the world. This is not the battle of Ezekiel 38 & 39. While all this is going on on the earth, in Heaven there will be the Judgment Seat of Christ relating to the rewards for the saved. This will be followed by the Marriage and Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Heaven.

Following Armageddon will be the judgment of the nations of all living at that time. The unsaved will go into eternal punishment. The saved will enter the Millennium in their natural bodies. There will be a thousand year reign of Christ on earth with all the glorified saints reigning with Him. This will be a time of peace, prosperity, and holiness over all the world.

Following this, Satan, who had been chained during the Millennium, will be loosed for a season. He will gather together those who, though they had been forced to live right, yet had not been saved — and with these he will assault the city of Jerusalem. God will delay no longer, but will destroy these assembled people by fire from Heaven. This is when the earth will be burned. I believe that instead of a renovated earth, there will be the creation of a new heaven and a new earth. Though I do recognize room for debate on this issue, I still have great difficulty with it myself. Following this will be the resurrection of all the unsaved, the White Throne of judgment of the unsaved dead, and then will follow the eternal state.

I have never been able to find any evidence whatsoever of the 'New Jerusalem' being suspended above the earth at any time. I believe that this city has no relation to the Millennium, but that it will come down onto the earth and be on the earth during the eternal state.

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In chronologically listing the events which transpire in sequence following the rapture of the Church, it must be understood first that the Church-period is a parenthetical age which, in the hidden economy of God, intervenes between the sixty ninth week and the seventieth week (as related to year-weeks) in regard to the prophecy of Daniel, which was set forth in Daniel 9:24-27.

So, with this in consideration, I wish to call your attention to John's divine instruction to the seven churches in Asia, which is applicable to all churches of the Church-age, as related in Revelation 3 and 4. It is in these seven ensuing messages of John that we find appropriate tests for all churches of the Church-age, which, in turn, can be appropriated to their spiritual advantage in being of valuable help in respect to evaluating their true spiritual status before God.

Then, in following this preview of the Church-age, John "looked and, behold, a door was opened in heaven" and he was invited to "Come up here, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter" (Revelation 4:1); that is, after the rapture of the Church.

This incidence, then, seems to place in time-perspective the description of the rapture of the Church, as related in I Thessalonians 4:13-18, since the church is not mentioned again in the Book of Revelation from the time of John's "catching-up" in Revelation 4:1 until we come to Revelation 22:16, after the announcement of the wedding of the Lamb and His wife (the Church) in Revelation 21:9. There, again, the invitation was "Come here," as reminiscent of John in Revelation 4:1. Hence, from Revelation 4:1 to Revelation 19:7, we have a time-period of seven years, which equals the time of Daniel's seventieth week, which immediately follows the rapture of the Church.

Hence, in the rapture of the Church, we have, in Heaven, a preliminary scene which was preparatory to the opening of the seven-sealed scroll by the Lamb (Revelation 4:1-11). Thus the Church was redeemed from the wrath of "the time of Jacob's trouble" of 3½ years (Jeremiah 20:7), which was soon to come in the opening of the seven-sealed scroll, which, in turn, will telescope out of the seventh seal into seven trumpet judgments; then, finally, the seventh trumpet judgment will telescope into seven vials of wrath, which will consummate in the battle of Armageddon at the return of Christ with His saints to reign 1,000 years.

But between the sixth and the seventh seals, there is a parenthetical period in respect to the sealing of 144,000 of the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8), and of the blood-washed multitude (Revelation 7:9-17). Then, again, between the sounding of the sixth and seventh trumpet judgments, there is another interval (Revelation 10:1-11; 1-14).

It is at Armageddon where the beast and the false prophet are doomed to the lake of fire; also, the kings with their armies are doomed. However, Satan is only bound for the duration of 1,000 years (Revelation 19:11-20:3).

However, during the reign of Christ, all of His people will realize their part in the first resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6).

Then, at the conclusion of the millennium, Satan, will be released to accomplish his short mission, judged, and consigned to the lake of fire; also, before the great white throne, all the wicked dead will be consigned to the lake of fire. This is known as the second death (Revelation 20:7-15). But, in the mean time, the earth will undergo a baptism by fire in anticipation of the time when Christ will deliver up "the kingdom of God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power" (I Corinthians 15:24), as relating to the dispensation of the fullness of times, when Christ "also Himself shall be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all" (I Corinthians 15:28) in the eternal ages to come in respect to new heavens and the new earth.

However, in retrospect, closely associated with Armageddon, we find that the topography of the land of Palestine will be considerably altered, as related in Ezekiel 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; Zechariah 14:4, 8, 10. It is then that Jerusalem will be the center of government and worship as a theocracy over the whole earth. Then, for the first time, Israel will possess all the land promis-

ed to Abraham in Genesis 15:18-21.

So, in close proximity with this city, Jerusalem, there is seen "that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God" (Revelation 21:10, 11), which, no doubt, will remain over the land of Palestine during the millennium as the home of the bride.

Then, as to the conclusion of the millennial age and during the renovation of the earth, "the new Jerusalem" will be removed in anticipation of the new heaven and the new earth, when, again, "the holy city, new Jerusalem" is seen coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). This city of the eternal abode of the saints is beautifully described in Revelation 21:9-27 as to its dimensions. "And the nations of them who are saved shall walk in the light of it, and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it" (Revelation 21:24). This involves only them "who are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27).

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but Satan hindered us." Where God is really working the Devil is doing his best to hinder that work. This is something to remember when we find our service for the Lord seemingly blocked, no matter which way we turn. Let us always remember that Satan is always trying to hinder our work for the Lord. We can always take comfort in the last part of II Chronicles 20:15... "...Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

VII. SATAN PERSECUTES THE SERVANT OF THE LORD (Revelation 2:10).

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the Devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

There are thousands of God's people all over the earth suffering untold miseries for the Name of Christ today. They are suffering these things simply because they are Christians, because of their allegiance to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is the Devil's work.

We need to pray for these Christians who are suffering for the Name of Christ; however, we need to recognize that behind all the fierce opposition to the work of Christ is the great enemy of the soul of man, Satan.

I hope that you do not let this sermon discourage you and make you feel completely helpless against such a powerful enemy. Turn to our key verse and meditate upon its full significance. Jesus came to DESTROY the works of the Devil. The question that you must answer in your own mind is: Did He achieve His purpose or did He fail? I thank my God that Jesus achieved His purpose gloriously at Calvary, and through our union with Him and/or by our surrender to Him, we, too, may be "more than conquerors" over the Devil and all his wicked ways.

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Oh, the water in the sea is sufficient,
For the many kinds of fish therein;
And the little birds that fly so serenely,
The sky is sufficient for them.

Even so, our heavenly Father,
Watches over His children each day;
Like the great sufficiency, of the water in the sea,
His grace is sufficient always.

For He clothes the lilies of the fields,
Notes the poor, little sparrow's fall;
The hairs of our heads, He has numbered,
And He hears our every call.

He bids us be anxious for nothing,
Though our way may be weary and dim;
But by prayer and much supplication,
Turn our cares all over to Him.

Oh, He gives us grace for living,
Every moment, every hour, each day;
And He'll give us grace for dying,
When we get to the end of our way!

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Please permit me to close with a poem written and set to music by E.M. Bartlett.

I heard an old old story, how a Saviour came from glory -

How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;

I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,

How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;

And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"

And some-how Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,

And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;

About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,

And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

O, victory in Jesus, my Saviour, for ever.

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming Blood.

He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.

He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

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on THIS foundation you will probably receive—"gold, silver, precious stone" V. 12. In other words, if you read the remaining verses, it will be able to withstand the fire and come through it at the Bema Judgment. If you do not build on THIS foundation, the teaching of this Scripture shows that it's going to be, wood, hay, stubble," v. 12; then verse 13 says, "the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." Did you get that last part? "of what sort it is". Whose foundation are you building upon? That one established and started by Jesus Christ—or are you building upon a church that was started by some man? Friend, this is serious business, and God says in verse 10, "But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon." Maybe you better stop building a minute to take a look at the foundation and see—whose name is on it.

When I go to do some building on a man's house and he's already laid the foundation;

I expect him to pay me for work I do. I'm hoping the pay will be in something that will last. But, if I take my tools, and my talents, and my time, and go over and work on another fellow's foundation or should I say, the wrong foundation; when Friday night comes around to pick up the pay check the boss says, "Sorry, Soony, I never told you to go work on some other fellow's building. I said I'd pay when you worked on THIS 'house' with me as the foundation.

Brother, there are some of the most industrious people in this world working today; but 99.5 percent are so busy driving nails, laying tile, painting walls, putting in windows, etc., etc. that they have never stopped in their marathon to walk outside, take a clear breath of air and read the name on the FOUNDATION! These people are so possessed in their "good works" that they are going to show the community that theirs is the "Biggest church" or "the fastest growing church" or "the wealthiest church" or "the flashiest church" or "the best dressed church" (Read Rev. 3:14-18). But oh, Friend, please stop, long enough to read the name on the FOUNDATION.

Names on the foundation. Whoever laid the foundation—has his name upon it. When the Masons start one they embed a square, compass and "G" in the cornerstone. The "Morning Star of Reformation" as the Protestants call their Luther Daddy that showed them how to start paving new foundations; so others could follow suit" (if you will allow me) in getting their names upon the foundation, was in 1530. The Roman Catholic church was first formed under Constantine in 313 A.D. and had a split in 1054 A.D. of the Greek Orthodox, but aside from this terrible persecutor and killer there were no protestant foundations until "Daddy" Martin Luther hung up his 86 thesis in Wittenberg, Germany. Then came John Calvin and John Knox in 1541 to start the Presbyterian. Then old Henry (the multiple wife killer) the VIII started his, called Episcopal in the 1530's. Robert Brownie stamped his name in the Congregationalists in 1581. The Devil had Paul

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Palmer in 1727 to call his "The Free-Will Baptist" (Baptist never did believe in free-will). Then John and Charles Wesley stopped sprinkling babies for salvation long enough to call their foundation "Methodist" in 1729 and the list goes on and on, like the marathon of those involved in them. Across the water it comes to America and Joe Smith gets his head buried in the

wide-brim hat looking at the "seer" stones while digging up Palmyra, N.Y. for gold—which later ends up in plates brought down by Maroni and says Christ is a liar and the foundation of Christ's house has crumbled (Matt. 16:18) so Joe has to start her all over again in 1830. Then Alexander Campbell isn't satisfied being a Presbyterian and needs his baptismal regeneration name on a foundation so in 1837 he called his "The Church of Christ". Then there are some of those women-

libbers who were "called of god" II Cor. 4:4) to get their name on the foundation—like Ellen White and Mary Baker Eddy. And the race goes on and on and on.

Now, Friend, I didn't just dream these names and dates up. If you are interested enough to "TAKE HEED" (v. 10), then get a list compiled from the Bureau of Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce "Religious Bodies" Vol. II Title: "Separate Denominations", 1926 and find out for yourself. Don't wait around until that day and see "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss;" (v. 15). Stop painting, stop driving nails, and go outside and look at the name on the foundation. It could just be that it will all end up wood, hay, and stubble" (v. 12). "Except the Lord build the house they that labor, labor in vain." People think we preachers are trying to get people to please us; far from it, Friend, we are always glad to see those who want to be obedient to Christ, but our job is to warn you—then your blood is upon your own head. (Read Ezek. 33).

Now Jesus Christ started a church, it is His house (here on earth) and hell, man, or the devil will never prevail against it. (Read Matt. 16:18). It has been here every day since He started it in the land of Palestine and He still has His churches here today. Her main distinguishing mark is that she issues that same IDENTIFYING baptism that Jesus Christ had, as the Chief Cornerstone, and was a prerequisite for an Apostle (Read Acts 1:21 and 22.) which was His first foundation along with the prophets spoken of in Acts 13 of that Baptist church at Antioch of Syria. True Baptists are the only people on this earth that are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "And the publicans, (humble souls) justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees (church builders) and lawyers (religious educators) rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him" (Luke 7:29 & 30). The Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). The Bible says, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John" (Jn. 1:6). . . His name was John. Brother, his identification was "THE BAPTIST". Jesus Christ and His apostles all had to have that identification. Both the Corner Stone and the Foundation. "Other foundation can no man lay"—and get anything but wood, hay, and stubble. It might pay you to check.

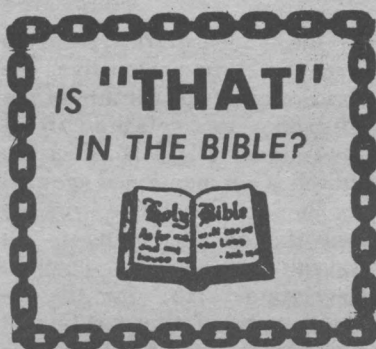
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all. He said, "it is none of your business when John's decease may be, Peter, I'm telling you that your decease will be of such a kind that men will pick you up and carry you where thou wouldest not." It's legend, whether it is true or not, I don't know, that the Apostle Peter was crucified and rather than be crucified in the same manner that the Saviour was, Peter was crucified upside down.

Peter's purpose in writing this

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QUESTION:—What captives desired to have their captor's little children dashed against the rocks?

ANSWER:—Elisha, Second Kings 2:23-24 - "And he (Elisha) went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them."

epistle was to remind some folks of some things. He says as long as I'm upon this earth, I'll put you in remembrance of these so that when I'm gone you'll still be in remembrance of these things. Now Paul admonished Timothy many times in his writing to be a good minister and keep the people in remembrance of some things. That's what I'd like to try to do tonight, to put you in remembrance of some things that the Apostle Peter is talking about here in this passage of Scripture.

There is nothing here that is new and there is nothing novel. I have read that Charles Spurgeon said that he forced himself, upon occasion, to preach from well-known texts in order that he would not attempt to say something new, some new doctrine that had never been preached before. He said he did that in order that he not become guilty of quitting preaching the gospel and beginning preaching about the gospel. There is a great difference in preaching the gospel and preaching about the gospel. Spurgeon recognized the danger of that, and if you'll read his messages, you'll find that often he took his texts from very familiar passages of Scripture. What he had to say was nothing new and nothing novel. It was not couched in elegant or long terms, but rather it was the plainest of preaching. We stand and we sing "Tell Me The Old Old Story", but though we sing it over and over again, it is always new.

There are four things in this Scripture of which Apostle Peter reminds these folks. And I might say that Peter was writing this epistle to the same ones that he addressed the first epistle. They were Hebrew elect scattered about Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, etc. . . The Apostle Peter addressed this epistle to Christian Jews who had been scattered abroad because of persecution.

The first thing he reminds them of is found in II Peter 1:3, "According, as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." The Apostle Peter reminds these of the power of Almighty God. Study with me just a moment if you will, some thoughts about the power of God. In John 17, the Saviour falls on His face

before God and begins to pray what is really the High Priest's prayer. He begins by saying in verse two, "Lord thou has given unto me authority over all people." Now committed unto Christ was the authority or the power over all people. All who have ever lived from Adam to the last man are under the authority or power of Almighty God as has been committed to His son, Jesus Christ.

Look at Proverbs 16:33, "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." In the days that the Proverbs were written, cities were governed by the elders of the city. They wore long gowns and as they sat in the gates to transact the business of that city, they sat Indian style and their legs formed an apron. Important decisions were reached by placing sticks or stones into some sort of vessel, emptying it into the lap of the high priest, and the way those rocks or sticks fell determined the decision that was reached. How many times was that done in Israel? Thousands, perhaps. But every time the lot was cast, the way it fell was determined by Almighty God.

One of the Books says that God has given unto the Lord Jesus Christ the power and the authority over all people who have ever lived. The Bible says in one place in the New Testament, "every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:11). Men need to do that in this life unto the saving of their souls or they will do that in another life unto the condemnation of their soul. But as sure as we are here tonight, the knee of every man that has ever lived and every demon that has ever reigned shall some day bow his knee in confessing the Lordship of Jesus Christ and express so with his tongue.

He is Lord of lords, and He is King of kings and that shall be demonstrated and expressed by all creation in the last days. Committed unto God the Son is the power of God over all flesh. The Bible says in Romans 1:20 that the power of God and of the Godhead is an eternal power, an everlasting power. The Psalmist says in the 90th chapter of Psalms, that before the trees were brought forth, and realizing that was not back far enough, he said before the world was created and realizing that was not far enough, he went as far as he could and said from everlasting to everlasting, "Thou art God." You see, the eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. The Godhead and the power of the Godhead is eternal and it is immutable. It is unchanging, my friends. We are liable to forget that, you know. It is an ungodly attitude and it is a worldly attitude to assume that everything is going to continue just as it always has. That is what the ungodly are guilty of doing in the third chapter of this book. They say, where is the promise of thy coming? This is the message that your fathers have given, but all things continue as they were even unto this day.

The eternal power of God is unchanging and it is immutable. Malachi 3:6 says, "For I'm the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." The power of the Godhead is eternal and my

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DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

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Heb. 6:1-3 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection (maturity); not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit."

The Christian in his earthly sojourn is aware of his lack of spiritual maturity, and is goaded by this knowledge to "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). In his effort to "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," he is met with strong opposition from the world, the flesh, and the devil. In contending against this vicious trinity of evil, the saint often becomes weary, and seeks refuge in the basics or fundamentals of the once delivered faith. Thus it is, I want us to consider in this brief treatise, the fundamental doctrine of New Testament baptisms.

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Suffering	Repentance	Holy Spirit	Fire
Mt. 20:20-23	Mt. 3:1, 6, 11	Mt. 3:11; Acts 2:2	Mt. 3:11, 12
Administrator	John The Baptist and N.T. Church, Mt. 28:19	Christ	Christ
Almighty God			
Element,	Water	Spirit	Eternal fire
pain and eternal anguish of soul			
Recipient	The Bride of Christ	N.T. Church	Reprobate angels & men
The sinless Saviour			
Identifies	N.T. Church	N.T. Church	The impenitent
Christ			
Immersion			
Mode	Immersion	Immersion	Immersion
Reason	Testimony	Empower	To invoke
To pay sin debt of saving grace of His people.	NT. Church	Divine Justice	

The ONE thing all of these baptisms have in common is, IMMERSION. Romanism and Protestantism allow that, Christ was immersed in retributive suffering, the church was immersed in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and that the eternally lost shall be immersed in everlasting burning. But it is passing strange, when it comes to water baptism, they do an about face, throw all reasoning to the wind, and say, "Baptism does not mean baptism." Absurd!

The doctrine of baptisms has to do with salvation, sanctification, service, and unatoned-for sin. The suffering of Christ as the sacrifice for the sins of the elect, was an immersion into His heavenly Father's sin avenging wrath, and when that wrath had exacted full payment for the sins of His people, the Saviour cried out from the cruel cross, "It is finished," (John 19:30).

The Holy One Who knew no sin was made to be sin, my sin! (II Cor. 5:21). O dear saint, can you not see that it was our sins against the thrice Holy Jehovah that sent the guileless, meek, and lowly Saviour to the depths of God's wrathful floodtides against sin.

The baptizing or immersion of the saint in water by the Lord's blood-bought church graphically pictures the infinite sufferings of Christ, and the emerging of the saint from the water declares Christ's justifying resurrection. This is the "one baptism" that symbolically proclaims the gospel of redemption, and anything short of immersion makes a farce of this divinely appointed symbol. Christ said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits," (Mt. 7:16). While baptism has no saving virtue, it is an act of obedience, and outwardly identifies the subject with Christ and His church. The person who refuses to be baptized, although he be faithful otherwise in many things, leaves a murky shadow of ambiguity over his profession of faith.

Baptism with the Spirit ceased with the completion of Scripture, and there remains only one baptism for the Christian, that is, the baptism of repentance, or immersion in water by and on the authority of a N.T. church (Eph. 4:5). There remains one baptism for those who die in their sins, and that is, eternal immersion in the lake of fire. This baptism speaks of God's wrath and hatred of sin, while water baptism properly administered, speaks of God's eternal mercy toward His ill-deserving children.

In closing, we exhort the unbaptized Christian to be obedient to His gracious God by finding a N.T. Baptist church, and humbly apply for baptism at her hand. To the unsaved, we say, "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9), and urge you to consider how short, or brief your time on this earth is and how long the duration of God's judgment upon those who die in their sins is. Except you repent, you shall eternally perish (Lk. 13:3). May God in mercy, grant you repentance.

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friends, it is unchanging. You have to realize that there was a time when there was nothing but the Godhead. You have to realize that the angelic beings are not eternal beings. You need to realize that this we call home, our entire existence, there was a time when it never existed. It was not here. There came a time when it was spoken into existence and according to the book of Hebrews 4:4, and according to Hebrews 1:3 all things are upheld by this same God.

Let me give you just an example of that. I was near the Gulf of Mexico, and I was in the presence of another person when we saw this earth moving equipment. These were trucks, end-loaders, and heavy duty equipment. I thought they were moving sand but the fellow who was with me said, "Oh, no, that's not sand. Those are shells out of the sea." Curiosity sparked, I walked up there and sure enough it wasn't sand, but you know you wouldn't have known it was shells unless somebody told you. There was just a mountain of them and they looked like the sands of the sea. But you realize that every one of those shells is a creature made by God.

We had a big snow this winter, about nine inches one day, and it was coming down real well and I took some pictures of my daughter to send to missionaries in the Caribbean. During the time I served on the forum, I made a friend with a man who is Australian and I sent him one of these pictures to show to anybody in his church who had never seen snow, and reminded him that as an added attraction to creation every one of these snow flakes has six points and there are never any two of them alike. Now you tell me that anybody but God could add a feature like that.

But, on the other hand consider, we are part of a solar system and a part of a galaxy and our galaxy is the Milky Way and this galaxy is composed of about three trillion stars. Living where we do in the third planet of our solar system the sun is ninety-three million miles away. If the sun should burn out at 9:00 in the morning, light traveling at 186,000 miles per second, it would be seven minutes before we would know that the sun had burned out. But consider the tremendous size of our universe, that if a star in the middle of our galaxy were to burn out that it would be 27,000 years before the light would cease coming to our planet. Light travels at 186,000 miles a second, I remind you. If that's not enough, scientists now claim they have found another galaxy, and they say, conservatively, it consists of sixty-four million stars. Now folks, those aren't planets. Those are suns which conceivably have planets rotating around them as ours do. Consider God said that He hung every star in place. He put it there and He knows it by name.

In the fifth chapter of John, the Pharisees got mad at the Lord because he healed a man on the Lord's day. Jesus said to them, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). Some folks believe that when God created the universe that He set everything into natural operation and natural law and He just withdrew from it and let it work. That is not so at all. For God the Creator also upholds all things.

The best thing to do when we make a mistake, is to make it teach us something.

Now if I may continue this thought for just a minute, God has set certain things into natural law. One of the natural laws is the law of gravity. It is on the principle of gravity that the space program works. But you see, the prophet Elisha was out in the woods working and the axe head fell and it fell right into the river and the servant said, "Alas, Master, for it was borrowed," (II Kings 5:5) and the same God that set in motion the natural law of gravity also reversed that law and made the axe float. It's a miracle when the sovereign God who owns all things and upholds all things, changes those things.

Do you know what one of the greatest miracles in the Bible was? By God's own estimation, it was when Joshua could not defeat the Amalekites in the time allotted him and he cried out, "Sun stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon (Jos. 10:12). The Bible says, "for the Lord harkened unto the voice of a man" (Jos. 10:14). And there has never been a day before like it or since that God so honored the voice of one of His servants.

In I Peter 1:5, we "are kept by the power of God." I think we need to be reminded of that. One time I ordered some tracts and you mailed them by Greyhound to Detroit. Well, that's a pretty seedy section there on East Congress Street in Detroit so I took a couple of my boys with me to get our packages and when we started walking back to the bus and there was a wino leaning up against a building trying to beg money, and here was a drug addict sitting in the gutter, a man lying in a pool of his own vomit. I said to the boys, "There but for the grace of God go I." And they said "Now, we just don't understand that." But we do, don't we? There but for the grace of God goes everyone of us. It is just the grace of God has lifted everyone of us up out of that gutter.

We are kept by the power of God by faith in Jesus Christ. The same faith that was granted us, also was kept by the Almighty God. We didn't have anything to boast about at the beginning of our salvation and, bless your heart, we still don't. We're the recipients of God's grace. Grace only began when it saved us. Faith is only in its kernel when we trust in Christ. It has grown and matured much since then.

Not only are we reminded of the power of God here in Peter, but also, "whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises." It might be well for us to know something about the promises made. They are called by a number of different adjectives and none with more expression than right here where they are called precious promises. I'll not relate to the different names that are given to the promises or even to the promises themselves. But let me remind you tonight that the promises of God cannot be violated. Go back and read the 105-106-107 Psalms sometime. In the 105th Psalm, David is recounting the way God has delivered Israel out of Egypt and he talks about how the children of Israel came out of Egypt with a high hand. It says in the book of Psalms that there was not a feeble one among them. In the book of Exodus it says, and I've always wondered about this, that there wasn't one left in a grave in Egypt. Maybe they embalmed them and

brought them with them, I don't know. Some of them came out with gold and silver and Egypt was glad to be delivered of them.

I read some place that a fellow calculated what it would take to feed Israel in the wilderness. Now this wasn't just a bunch of nomads wandering around out here. A conservative estimate is that there were 5,000,000 Israelites. There may have been twice that many. But considering that there were 5,000,000 of these Israelites in the desert long with livestock, children and all that were with them plus a mixed multitude that followed them. Somebody said that from the time the Shekinah glorycloud lifted and the first tribe prepared to follow it was ten days later the last group of the people began to move. Somebody has calculated that it would take ninety-five boxcar loads of food daily to feed those Israelites one meal a day. I think that's a conservative estimate.

When they got hungry God said alright, I'll tell you what I'm going to do. Every morning when you go out there is going to be a little thing here on the ground. When they went out the first morning they said "manna". Manna literally translated means "what is it?" This little thing that tasted like coriander and olive seed. The Bible says in the book of Psalms that it was the angels food that came from heaven and they lived on bread for forty years. They didn't lose one person because of hunger. They didn't have one person in all the camp with malnutrition. They got angry one time and they said, "We're so tired of this old bread. Send us some food." God said, "I'll send you quail until it will come out your nostrils." By the time He got done with them they said, "Now, Lord, no more quail. We don't want any more quail."

I've often thought about that. The disciples came to the Lord one time and said, "Lord, teach us how to pray." He said you pray this way, "Give us this day our daily bread." I've often wondered if God's people really do that. Have we forgotten how to pray that way? God said you go out every morning and get you enough of that manna to last you that day. Now on the sixth day, you can go out and get enough to last on the sixth and the sabbath, but if you take too much on Monday by Tuesday it will be spoiled. You see, you've got to trust me every day. When you get up in the morning and you open that tent that manna is going to be out there. You have to believe that.

Moreover, He said, "Moses start the water," and the Bible says in the Book of Psalms that the river followed them in the wilderness. Do you realize that if each Israelite had only one gallon of water a day, the Lord would have to produce 5,000,000 gallons of water a day—not considering the livestock and what they needed for cooking and what they needed for washing and all the rest. This was not just some little trickle that came out of that Rock. I Corinthians the tenth chapter said that that Rock that followed them in the wilderness was Christ Himself. That's why Moses could only strike it one time. To get the benefits out of the atonement He has to be stricken only one time, not twice. He said in Psalms the 105th chapter, "He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out" (Ps. 105:41). He said that

they had more than all they needed. Their clothes didn't wax old upon them, and after forty years, there were no holes in their shoes. Because God remembered his holy promise to Abraham. For God gave a holy promise to Abraham, and my friends, that promise could not be violated.

I remind you again that the precious promises of God cannot be voided. First of all in the book of I Kings the eighth chapter the temple has been erected. I believe if there was any scene in the Old Testament that I would like to see recreated I would like to see the dedication of Solomon's temple. Now the Shekinah glorycloud has fallen to the place where the children of Israel, the priests, can't even minister because of the glory of the Almighty God. They have been driven from it. But Solomon has already sacrificed animals, which could not be numbered, because of the multitude. Now after all the sacrificing is over and after the people have gone, Solomon lifts his hand before God and he says, "Oh God, I know that heaven and earth can't contain you much less this old house that I built for You." I tell you, I'd like to see that, wouldn't you? I'd like to see that picture recreated. Now he turns to the people and he begins to bless the people.

There's something in the Bible about this blessing that we ought to study a little bit. The tabernacle was built by Moses out of material prepared by someone else. It was sacrificed upon and then it was energized by the Holy Spirit. It is the same pattern that was followed in I Kings the eighth chapter, in the building of the temple. I remind you the same pattern was followed in the church. Jesus built the church out of material prepared by somebody else—John the Baptist—and then He loved it and gave His life for it and then he energized it and made it workable on the day of Pentecost. The same pattern all the way through. The last thing that the Lord did in the book of Luke was He lifted His hands and blessed the people. Solomon, as the clouds of the sacrifices beam toward heaven and darken the sun, lifted his hands over the assembled people of Israel in Zion and he began to bless them. Part of his blessing was that not one word God promised to His servant Moses has He failed to do.

We promise and because of one reason or another we are unable to fulfill our promises. We are limited by time, by circumstances and by matter. But not so with God. These promises cannot be changed. The Bible says in II Corinthians 1:20, "All the promises of God are yea, and in him Amen." That means simply, they are so. They are absolute and assured.

Notice also another thing that Peter reminds them of is how to practice. This is very important in II Peter 1:5, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue." Now notice again what he says in verse twelve, "wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though we know them and be established in the present truth." He said, "I'm not trying to teach you anything new here. You have the faith. You know the doctrine. But I put you in remembrance. Add to your faith some things."

We've heard, Christians, that all you have to do is be born

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again and that's all you have to do. The Bible doesn't say that any place. Somebody recommended a church to somebody else because they preached the gospel and that's all that's important. I don't know any place in the Bible where it says that, do you? I know what they mean when they say, the simple plan of salvation, but I'm tired of listening to that. There's nothing simple about the plan of salvation. If you took the best thinkers that ever lived in all the world and sat them down in a closed room and said, "I want you to tell me how that God the Father can save sinners and honor the theory of His attribute of love without violating the attribute of holiness, which calls for the destruction of Adam." My friends, that's a divine secret revealed only on Calvary.

"And to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity" (II Peter 4:5 & 6). That is the capstone. I'll mention only a couple of these but in verse six, he talks about temperance or self-control. Paul said in I Corinthians 9:27, "I keep under my body." You know Paul often used athletic terms and that's one of them. One of the main events of Paul's day was a boxing match. In other words, I keep my body black and blue. "When I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Because I myself should be put away as if I am not worthy. "I keep under my body,"—I am bringing it into subjection. One of the hardest things you'll ever find to do in this life is to bring under the control of our heart, our head.

Paul said there are two men inside every Christian's body and they struggle one with another. One of the wonderful

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Faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is still charity. One of the things about love is it covers a multitude of sins. Love overlooks some things, doesn't it? All of us are prone to say things we ought not to. All of us are prone to get up the miff tree and all of us are prone to not be the kind of Christians we ought to be and the rest of us ought to overlook it. It's an unloving attitude that wears a chip on its shoulder. It's an unchristian attitude that dares to

In verse eight, "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." What it is saying here is you may be saved and you may know some truth but unless these very practical things abide in your life, you'll be barren and unfruitful in your knowledge of Christ. My friends, that's cold orthodoxy. Look at verse nine, "But he that lacketh these things is blind," now that's a pretty strong accusation, "and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." That's blindness, isn't it? I'll say to you something tonight and you'll understand what I mean, the only person that we are supposed to worship is God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Somebody said to me, "I never put my Book on the floor because that would be blasphemous." Let me tell you something folks, I know this is the Word of God but that's just a piece of binding and paper and ink right there. It is the God of the Word that demands to be worshipped. Had God wanted us to, I suppose we would have had the papers on which Peter wrote this, and I suppose one of the reasons we don't is because "the just shall live by faith." We believe this is the Bible. Why? Not because we can prove it but because we, by faith, ab-

I heard a story told, about a slave owner in the South who was under conviction. The Lord was dealing with him and he said to his old slave that he wanted to be saved and the slave, being a wise man, said to this owner, in his high boots that were polished until you could see yourself in them, his gray riding pants with the stripe down the side, pressed and cleaned, he said, "Master, you'll never be saved until you go out and kneel down in the middle of the barnyard and ask the Lord to save you." Master said, "Simon, I can't do that. That's just beyond question." He came back again, under conviction of his sins so bad and said, "Simon, I must have peace for my soul." The old slave said, "Master, you'll never have peace for your soul until you prostrate yourself before God right in the middle of that barnyard." He said, "Simon, I don't believe I can do that." The next time he came back and said that if that is what God requires I believe I'll prostrate myself in the middle of that barnyard. Simon said, "I don't believe you have to do that. Now, we can go the the house." I'll tell you friends, God demands humbleness. One of the things He resents and hates more than anything else is an arrogance and self-sufficiency on the part of His people. Search and "make your calling and your election sure for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:10-11).

The Sovereign Grace Baptist Church and Elder William Doyal Thomas, Pastor of Texarkana, Texas has scheduled a series of messages from June 18 through June 21. Services will be at 7:30 each evening through Saturday and at the regular time on Sunday, June 21. Elder Wayne Cox of Memphis, Tennessee will be the evangelist. The pastor and church invite all who live within driving distance to attend the services.

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