

# A CRISIS WORLD CHALLENGES CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

by G. Russell Evans

Someone has been tampering with the defenses of America! Our new president thinks so and his top priority, mandated by the 1980 elections, seems to be a rapid buildup of adequate national defense.

However, the mainline religious establishment does not agree; moreover, it has long been leading the way in Pacifism and unilateral disarmament for the United States. The horror of another Hiroshima has obscured the reality of national defense in the

minds of many church leaders and some of them have been actively encouraging youngsters to assume conscientious objector status for all wars on biblical grounds.

The concept of nuclear war has changed their attitude from one of condoning a "just war" to one of opposing all wars where nuclear weapons would punish both the military and the civilian. However, we must remember that this was the very principle used by the Lord in His total destruction of Jericho. (Joshua 6:21).

This principle, of course, is unacceptable to the pacifists. For example, Alan Geyer of the Christian Century calls Presidential Directive Number 59 "a great leap forward in the arms race" despite its objective to target precisely enemy military forces in a "limited nuclear war" in lieu of massive retaliatory attacks on cities and industries. Disarmament diplomat Inga Thorsson of Sweden adds: "...the idea that nuclear war can be fought and won is gaining ground and this is extremely, extremely unfor-

fortunate." (Christian Century, September 11-17, 1980, pp. 835, 836). Unfortunately also, the Soviets, unhampered by religious scruples, are preparing to wage and win a nuclear war, according to many analysts; and they could be the first nation ever to try, win or lose!

The church role in pacifism dates back to the very beginning of the Christian era. At that time, a number of circumstances suggest the reasons for the Christians' reluctance to serve in the armies of Rome: For one

thing, they were being persecuted and could not fight for an emperor who fed their brothers and sisters to the lions in the Colosseum; and for another they could not accept the idolatry and emperor worship in the army camps. They had "conscientious objections" too, which have continued to the present day: for example, they believed in loving everyone, including their enemies, and felt that their primary citizenship was not on this earth but in Heaven. Much of this attitude

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### NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

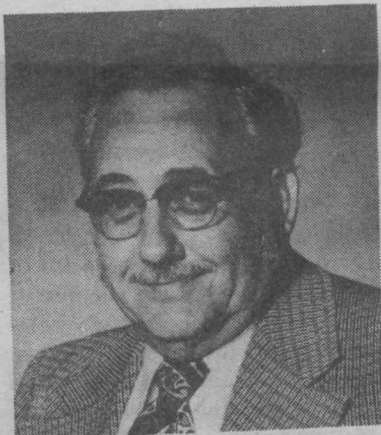
Martin E. Holmes  
Ocala, Florida

As I begin to set forth, in the following sentences, the things that I believe to be true, concerning, the teachings of the Scriptures on the doctrine of New Testament baptism, I do so with great fear and trembling. Most of what I will set forth, in thoughts, are not original with me, but will consist of thoughts that I have gleaned from other men's writings and messages. All, of what I will set forth, are the convictions that GOD has given me over the, some thirty-four years, I have been endeavoring, to preach and teach HIS Word.

So, children, I am not writing this article because I think I have something to say that has never been said before; but, I am writing this article because I feel our pure minds need to be stirred up in way of remembrance of how important New Testament baptism really is and how we need to keep this fact before the minds of GOD's people.

Turn with me, in your Bibles, to Matthew 3:1-7; Matthew

28:16-20; Mark 16:16 and Acts 8:26-39 and let us see what the Bible has to say about New Testament baptism. Men's opinions and ideas concerning baptism are worthless unless they are in line with the teachings of



the New Testament and what it has to say on this most important subject.

In these passages of Scripture we have read together, and I

trust you did take the time to read them, five things stand out as requirements for New Testament baptism. If your baptism fails to meet the requirements of the Scriptures, you may have been immersed, but, you have not been baptized. These five re-

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### THE NEED AND BLESSING OF ATTENDANCE

by Oscar Mink  
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Hebrews 10:24 "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

1. You cannot have the proper consideration for your brothers and sisters in Christ, and be unfaithful to the church where they meet.

2. You cannot provoke your brothers and sisters in Christ unto love, unless you are faithful

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon By Raymond A. Waugh

### SATAN'S SUBTLETIES

Part I

As that which the Israelites experienced in their wandering in the deserts, the tragedy which overrides and overrules in the lives of most who are called Christians is that of the wasted hours, wasted days, wasted weeks, wasted months, wasted years, and wasted lives. Nevertheless, despite the unbelief of the lost and the ignorance of some of the believing, our sins — past, present and future — if we are in Christ Jesus by faith, are under the blood. God is very exact, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanses us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Though Satan has subtly deceived the whole of the religious world and most of

those who are called Christians, this declaration of God is absolute! This speaks to past sins, present sins, and future sins of all who know the experience of "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Very simply, all of the sins of the saved are under "The blood of Jesus Christ..."

Devious Devices

Tragically, however, most who are called Christians and multitudes who are called Baptists, in deference to the unscriptural and false teachings of parachurch and suprachurch denominational leaders, literally live in fear that they are losing

their salvation, that they might lose their salvation, or that they have lost their salvation. Thus, they spend their lives attempting to "recover their salvation" or to "keep their salvation," when they might have spent their lives serving the Lord in faith!

As the Galatians of another day, these have been "bewitched" that they "should not obey the truth" (Gal. 3:1). Though "Jesus Christ hath evidently been set forth, crucified" (Gal. 3:1), these have somehow lost sight of the truth, and they have turned to follow "The doctrines and commandments of men" (Mk. 7:7). As the Apostle inquired of the Galatians, so we

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### SATAN'S ATTACKS

Through their long history the devil has made the Jews the object of his most fiendish attacks because the eternal purposes of the living God are interwoven with the fate of the Jewish people.

As we trace the character and collapse of nations, we find in place of the pomp, glory, and majesty of the Assyrian, Egyptian, Babylonia, Medo-Persian, Grecian and Roman Empires only ruins and desolation deposited in heaps upon the plains of their ancient world. Their bones lie bleaching in the sunlight of history. But not so with the Jew.

"Behold, thou art called a Jew" (Romans 2:17). And what a name! No other nation was ever adopted by the God of the universe as His peculiar people, but the Jew. The Bible calls God by this name—the God of

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. No people ever gave salvation to the world but the Jews, through Jesus, the Jewish Messiah. He said to the woman at the well that "salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). No race ever gave its flesh to the Son of God but the Jew.

The horrible, unchristian plague of anti-Semitism has been spreading to all quarters of the globe. It is sapping the strength of civilization and poisoning the minds of millions. Occasionally, even a so-called "Bible-believer" falls into its subtle clutches.

### HEAVEN'S BLESSING

But all of our spiritual blessings have come to us through the Jew. To them we owe a lasting debt of gratitude for the Bible, and for the Saviour Himself. True, they have not acknowledged Him as their Messiah (John 1:11), but "God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew" (Romans 11:2). He has promised to graft them in again (Romans 11:23). "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Romans 11:5).

We must, therefore, be extremely careful about how we treat these chosen people. They are the apple of God's eye (Zechariah 2:8) and His peculiar treasure "chosen... to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth" (Deut. 7:6).

No matter what men may say, we must hold to the Bible, to God's Word which tells us, "I will bless them (Gentiles) that bless thee (Jews) and curse him that curseth thee" (Genesis 12:3). Through the countless centuries of time, these scriptures have been

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### NO FREEWILL PRAYERS

by C. H. Spurgeon

You have heard a great many Arminian sermons, I dare say; but you never heard an Arminian prayer, for the saints in prayer appear as one in word, and deed and mind. An Arminian on his knees would pray desperately like a Calvinist. He cannot pray about free will; there is no room for it. Fancy him praying, "Lord, I thank thee I am not like those poor presumptuous Calvinists. Lord, I was born with a glorious free-will; I was born with power by which I can turn to thee of myself; I have improved my grace. If everybody had done the same with their grace that I have, they might all have been saved. Lord, I know thou dost not make us willing if we are not willing ourselves. Thou givest grace to everybody; some do not

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must inquire of these, "This only would I learn of you, received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" (Gal. 3:2-3).

Certainly, all such have missed the truth which the Apostle attempted to give the Galatians, "I do not frustrate the grace of God; for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Gal. 2:21). Such piteous souls may be wandering about upon the desert wastes of their religious activities, but their every religious effort will be buried beneath the ceaselessly moving sands of time. Yet, the real tragedy of their wandering is that they cannot comprehend or accept the truth that God is sovereign, and that, if they have ever been saved, they are saved forever!

Thankfully, however, if we truly walk in the truth of the Word of God both for salvation and for service, we can know that we "are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:5). God declares unequivocally, "They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28). In another word comparably vigorous, we hear, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39).

Once we are saved, we are saved forever! Once we are saved, we can know that Heaven will be our eternal home! Once we are saved, Hell is a reality of

which we may speak, but it is a place which we shall never experience. Once we have been saved, we need never have another thought concerning our salvation, except as we rejoice in it each day! Instead, as Jesus who had no need to be saved, as He was God manifested in the flesh "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Peter 2:22), we need to be "busy about" our Heavenly "Father's business" (Lk. 2:49).

Satan, however, will not be stymied!

He once said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High" (Isa. 14:13-14). In a



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later, nevertheless, a most distant hour, he began a procedure of questioning the veracity of God in the midst of men. He yet deceives the multitudes, as he once deceived Eve with his, "Yea, hath God said?" (Gen. 3:1).

In a more recent moment of time which had and which has eternal consequences, we find him face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ. In that moment, he devised words such as, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread... If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone... All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Mt. 4:3, 6, 9). Though Satan's subtlety is seldom understood or responded to in the councils of men, thankfully, in that Holy Moment of God's sovereign determination, his evil designs and devices were perceived and countered eternally by the Lord Jesus Christ, and that, we should mention, wholly by the Holy, God-breathed, infallible Word of God.

Needless to say, Satan experienced no success in his dealing with God in the eternal ages. Neither was he able to effect any success for himself or his kind in his dealing with the Lord Jesus Christ on the Mount of Temptation. Nevertheless, he did experience a measure of success with his "Yea, hath God said?" when "the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (I Tim. 2:14). Across the centuries, in the councils of men, Satan has continued his subtle deception with, "Yea, hath God said?" ever seeking other similar successes.

In that hour when Jesus walked the earth, those who were known as Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees had succumbed

completely to Satan's subtlety. They were religious men, but theirs were religions which had been designed by men for men to counter the purposes of God in the earth. There have been such enemies of God in every generation.

Today, there would seem to be an almost unlimited host of such parachurch and suprachurch organizations, and, without exception, everyone of them is anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Church. Whether they be Romanists, Conventionists, Fundamentalists, Pentecostals, Synodists, Associationists, Protestants, Congregationalists, or anyone of a multitude of other parachurch, or suprachurch denominational organizations, they exist to encourage all of their communicants to suppose that salvation is effected and maintained by men. Perhaps without exception, their communicants are encouraged to suppose that their salvation can be lost.

### Studied Subtlety

Among all of the religious, and even among most Baptists, Satan, in his subtlety, is able to make evil seem to be good. The religious hosts of the earth join him in his nefarious devices. These would have us to suppose that we are in the midst of an "evolution" in which men are on the upward road, as it were, and that the world is getting better and better. In contrast to such evil and false teachings, God enables us to know that "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13).

Satan's subtlety is evident in high places!

For example, one who has headed the Theological Department of Southern Baptists' oldest seminary — the one that has a most pervasive influence among this people, and among the pastors, professors, and professionals of this people — has boldly and unequivocally taken his stand against the eternal security of those who have believed the Gospel, those who have been saved. This is a tragic travesty which has persisted for more than 25 years, but since "Conventionists" can serve only Satan, this spiritual aberration, if you please, does not trouble the pastors, the professionals, the professors, or the people!

Such being true, it really is not surprising or strange that the man who has headed that seminary for all of those years apparently has seen nothing wrong with such an unscriptural stance on the part of a professor of theology in a Baptist seminary. Rather, from a perspective which is something other than Baptist, he, too, has declared his hatred for the Word of God, and his hatred for Scriptural truth as Baptists have known it across the centuries. He has done this with his words, "If God had thought I needed an inerrant, infallible, verbally-inspired copy of the Bible, He would have preserved the original text on a golden tablet."

How very subtle is Satan! With shackles toiled in the fires of evil men, Satan binds these piteous hosts to their parachurch and suprachurch denominational organizations which are interposed between them and God. Satan assures these tragically enslaved multitudes that their "safety," yea, their "salvation" for time and for eternity rests in the rituals and rites which are provided by men to secure or retain salvation. Nevertheless, such enslavement does not satisfy

Satan. He never relents in his desire or in his effort to control the religious of every generation.

Satan weighs most mortals down with the worldly burdens of this life. Satan offers and promises freedom within the context of parachurch and suprachurch denominational organizations, yet every mortal who is deceived experiences an impossible enslavement and an incomparable shackling. True faith, if we may, is something in which all believers should abound, but Satan subtly deceives the multitudes and few believers ever experience the joy of "ascending Mt. Ainal," as it were, and basking in the wonder of the Word and the Glory of the Lord. True service must be an experience of faith, but Satan burdens most with his devious and demonic religious rituals and routines which have no place in the council or the purposes of God.

Though believers should abound in "ascending Mt. Pisgah" and experiencing the presence of God, as it were, Satan weighs most down with an endless concern for carnal things and carnal experiences. It should not be surprising to any who have any knowledge of the Scriptures and any spiritual insight that show and sham, deception and device, and carnality and crassness are at the forefront of every famed and infamous religious promotion in our world today. Though every day should be a spiritual experience of heavenly accomplishment ordained and ordered by our God, Satan subtly precludes our "ascending our Mt. of Transfiguration," as it were, and our abounding in the glory of the Saviour, and speaking daily with the Father and the Son regarding things of timely and eternal import.

### Desperate Depravity

Because of a lack of Scriptural knowledge, a lack of spiritual insight, and because of worldly allegiances, there is no strength to turn to the Lord in truth or to walk with the Lord in faith in His Holy Word! Instead of experiencing the fulfillment of God's promises, most who are called Christian, tragically, wander endlessly in the desert wastes of human dereliction. There may be the appearance of religious, church, or even Christian busyness, but it is all for naught, in finality, as the "wood, hay, and stubble" (I Cor. 3:12) of worldly and carnal labors are "revealed by fire" (I Cor. 3:12).

Needless to say, the lives of all who give themselves to serving Romanism, Conventionism, Synodism, Associationism, Pentecostalism, Fundamentalism, and parachurch and suprachurch denominationalisms, ad infinitum, are utterly wasted! There may be a religious busyness in all of this, but all such is a busyness which God has not commanded and a busyness in which God has had no part.

Sadly, these do not and they cannot receive the message of the Word, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). Having conspired against the Lord Jesus Christ, His Cross, and the Churches He has built, is building, and will build, these walk in the tragic darkness of parachurch and suprachurch denominational depravity. The brainwashing of the people by their pastors, professors and professionals is so complete that they never comprehend their piteous plight.

These will give themselves mightily to defend their traditions and "the commandments of men," but they know absolutely nothing about steadfastness toward the Lord Jesus Christ. To them, the taking of a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ that might offend unbelievers or believers who are ignorant of the Word of God is unchristian and a negative approach to life. These never learn what it is to be unmoveable about the Word of God.

These find themselves being both absolute and most adamant regarding their confidence in "the doctrines and the commandments of men" (Mk. 7:7) and "the tradition of men," but when it comes to the eternal verities of the Word of God, they cry for the need to "compromise"! As it was with Eve, in another day, Satan's, "Yea, hath God said?" has become their only interest. Though they may seem to look like Christians and even sound like Christians, in finality, they are the avowed enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every effort in which they indulge is with the intention of destroying the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Such despise the offense of the Cross!

They hate the controversy it engenders!

These may hear the calls and

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continued through the Dark Ages and Middle Ages in Europe and into the ministries of Martin Luther and John Calvin; and the Christians were counseled to endure "nonresistant suffering." (Christianity Today, October 24, 1980, Robert D. Culver, pp. 31-33).

Let us note, however, that this pious martyr complex of the early Christians seemed to ignore totally the stringent biblical commands for self-defense and for the defense of family, home, honor, truth, freedom, righteousness, and justice — all more valuable than life itself. But the trend continued and by the late nineteenth century the mainline churches, though busy with the ecumenical movement, remained true to their forebears and had developed a rather dogmatic obsession for pacifism and unilateral disarmament for their native land.

While this large segment of the religious community remained committed to martyrdom, pacifism, and "nonresistant suffering," the communists had other ideas; and they never hesitated to speak out. Karl Marx: "My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism." Lenin: "We must combat religion — this is the ABC of all materialism and consequently Marxism." Lenin again: "We must practice co-existence with other nations, until we are strong enough to take over by world revolution... We are not pacifists." (Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, Volume 20, No. 4, February 15, 1980, pp. 1, 2).

Numerous other communist leaders have made equally threatening statements. Moreover, all has not been bragadocio. The former Chief, U.S. Air Force Intelligence, Major

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to the church that Christ loved and died for.

3. You cannot promote good works unless your church work is good. When the super structure of your Christian life is flimsy, people will be suspicious of the foundation upon which it is built. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth (I Tim. 3:15).

"Love and good works" are the fruit of faithfulness to the Lord's house, and apart from his path of obedience to Christ loves wanes and good works go wanting.

Every part of the body is given to compliment every other part of the body, and to become a hindrance rather than a help is to impair the efficiency of the whole body. The Lord's church is His executive body on earth, and careless disregard of duty thereto creates an additional burden upon the already struggling brothers and sisters of the church.

Every member is either a blessing of a burden to the church, and one sure way to be a blessing and have loving concern for our fellow pilgrims is to meet constantly with them at the Lord's house. Then, shall the world around us know that we have been with one another, and that we all have been with Jesus. To habitually miss the services of the church is to abuse one of the greatest privileges we have, and it is to shirk in a shameful way our responsibility to Christ and His church which He so lovingly considered, worked and died for. Can we or will we be so ungrateful as to reproach Him by failing to meet with Him and His faithful people at the appointed time? God forbid!

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).



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### BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Psalm 14:4-7

Intro.: Man's depravity leads to an over-estimate of man's abilities, and an under-estimate of man's potential for evil by not being able to see the blackness of man's heart. Further, man's depravity can be, and is most deceptive. The Pharisee therefore could stand in the temple and glory that he was not like other men, and could enumerate examples to prove it

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fulfilled. God, in spite of their sins and unbelief, loves them with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3) and will not "cast off all the seed of Israel for all they have done, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 31:37). And history holds many solemn warnings to any who would attempt to persecute the Jews. No weapon that is formed against them shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17). Yes, the Jew has stood by the grave of every oppressor. Who will be next?

"As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance... that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy" (Romans 11:28-31).

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psalm 116:12).

You can pray, and you can give. "How shall they (the Jews) call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15).

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improve it, but I do. There are many that will go to hell as much bought with the blood of Christ as I was; they had as much of the Holy Ghost given to them; they had as good a chance, and were as much blessed as I am. It was not thy grace that made us to differ; I know it did a great deal, still I turned the point, I made use of what was given me, and others did not — that is the difference between me and them."

That is a prayer for the devil, for nobody else would offer such a prayer as that. When they are preaching and talking very slowly, there may be wrong doctrine; but when they come to pray the true things slip out; they cannot help it.

(Luke 18:10-12). Saul of Tarsus could persecute the saints, thinking he was doing God's will (Acts 8:1-3); Herod could kill James with the sword and plan to do the same to Peter in order to feather his own nest (Acts 12:1-3). There are therefore many avenues to express depravity, but they all proceed from the same source. We must ever remember, the difference between the saint and the sinner is not accomplished by human will or human effort, but by the power of God (I Cor. 4:7; John 1:13; Titus 3:5). In this Psalm we see the distinction manifested by the attitude and actions of each.

### VERSE 4

"Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?" The mystery of iniquity is evidenced in the lives of unbelievers (II Thess. 2:7). Yes, there are many anti-christs in the world (I John 4:3). The sinner is very active in his opposition to God and in his love of darkness. He is truly a worker of iniquity. He fulfills the desires of the flesh and of the mind as he walks according to the course of this world (Eph. 2:2, 3).

His feet are swift to shed blood (Rom. 3:15), and destruction and misery are in their ways (vs. 16). He is a lover of pleasures, sensual pleasures, more than a lover of God (II Tim. 3:4), and yet he can have a form of godliness (Verse 5). In this verse, the worker of iniquity is seen venting his enmity against God (Gen. 3:15) by overrunning the saints to satisfy his lusts. So the Psalmist cries out, "Have they no knowledge? Don't they see the heinousness of this crime? Don't they realize whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap?"

"Who eat up My people as they eat bread." In Amos 8:4 we read, "O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail;" and in verse six: "That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes." Israel was used by the Egyptians like a loaf of bread to fatten themselves, and this has been true over the years. The workers of iniquity would as readily and as greedily consume a saint as they would bread. However, praise God, "the gates of Hell" shall not prevail to swallow up completely the people of God (Matt. 16:18). Thank God, the "My people" are "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

"And call not upon God." The worker of iniquity has neither compassion on the children of God, nor does he have any regard for God. He doesn't seek God's approval or His advice. The worker of iniquity looks down on the saint and refuses to look up to God.

### VERSE 5

"There were they in great fear." "There is no fear of God before their eyes" is true of the sinner while under the hypnotism of the Devil and while under the dope of sin, but this is not a permanent condition. Belshazzar is a classic example of this (Dan. 5:6). One

day the workers of iniquity shall cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of Him that sits on the throne (Rev. 6:16).

"For God is in the generation of the righteous." How glorious to know, "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4), and to see Jesus walking in the midst of the churches (Rev. 1:13). The Shekinah glory is in the midst of the Lord's people. It was clearly seen in the Old Testament and is just as real today, even though not widely seen. In Nehemiah 6:16, the enemy was made to realize the Lord had wrought His power through the feeble Jews. He was truly in their generation. The giant learned this lesson the hard way when he met David. Those opposing Stephen saw this. God assured Paul of His presence as he sailed in the storm (Acts 27:22-25; 18:10). May we experience this truth as we go about our daily tasks as the people of God.

### VERSE 6

"Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor." This world glories in its wisdom, and looks down with ridicule on the poor saint who acknowledges God as the Creator, and who seeks to regulate his life by the Word of God (I Thess. 2:13). The workers of iniquity are scoffers (II Pet. 3:3). They are blasphemers who are proud and boasters (II Tim. 3:2). Sannballat mocked the Jews counsel to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Neh. 4:1, 2). The Athenians mocked as Paul preached the Unknown God and the resurrection (Acts 17:32).

"Because the Lord is His refuge." The saints of God have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before them (Heb. 6:18). They are looking on the eternal things which are not seen with the natural eyes (II Cor. 4:17, 18). Because the saint doesn't rely on the temporal things of this life, the sinner thinks it strange (I Pet. 4:4).

### VERSE 7

"Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!" The Psalmist was looking for the deliverance which God would bring. We find the fulfillment of this expressed in Psalm 85:1. Spiritually, we read of this in Luke 2:38.

"When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of His people." David prayed in faith and lifted up his eyes. He, like John, could say "When." (I John 3:2).

"Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad." The time of Jacob's trouble is over.

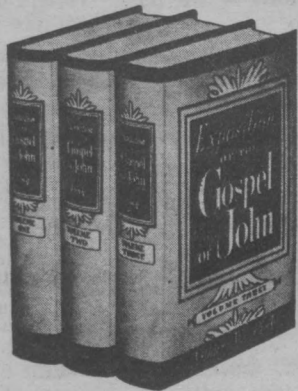
Conclusion: In this song we have the doleful notes of man's depravity, but we also have the joyous notes relating to the grace of God in salvation.

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

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the cries of their parachurch or suprachurch denominational organizations, but they have no place in their lives or in their religion for the cry of the Lord Jesus Christ, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). Needless to say, these who would have us suppose that salvation is in their parachurch or suprachurch denominational organization which they may have the gall to call "The Church" have no place in their religious schemes for, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Understandably, these have no time to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in "the fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12). In a very real sense, most of those who are called Christians today will never find the time really to "lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (I Tim. 6:12). Such may find the time to parrot and to participate in "the doctrines and commandments of men," but they do so to ensure the continuity of their parachurch or suprachurch denominational enslavement.

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*It is human to stand with the crowd — It is Divine to stand alone.*

# The Baptist Examiner Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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*This question has been raised because of a recent discussion between myself and a friend. The problem is whether or not the use of the oil spoken of in James 5:14 is to be used by true churches of today? Please explain with as much detail as possible.*

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Now, in turning from the warnings against swearing and from the negative adversative of the general afflictions of the twelve tribes, James seeks to humble and bring them to prayer before the throne of grace, which issues in spiritual merriment in consequence of being "filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18, 19).

Then, from those afflictions, the pendulum swings still more negatively, as it were. So James says: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (Jas. 5:14).

Yes, let the sick call for the elders — not some one of them, as Romanism interprets it, to justify their usage in "extreme unction" — and "let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

Indeed, among the twelve tribes, oil was used, medically, as a general curative agent, which was a sign of Divine grace, and, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Hence, we find that the elders used ordinary medicine in conjunction with prayer, which is still practical.

So we find that, in affliction, the individual was admonished to pray, himself; but, in sickness, natural means of healing was encouraged in conjunction with the prayers of the elders of the church, after they were called on by the sick person, because they were noted for their gravity and soundness of faith, in that they functioned only "in the name of the Lord."

This usage of oil, which Christ committed to His apostles, was afterwards continued with the laying on of hands, as a token of the highest faculty of medicine in the church, just as we find, in I Corinthians 6:2, the churches' highest function.

But now that the miraculous gift of healing has been withdrawn for the most part, to use the sign where the reality is wanting, would only be meaningless superstition (Cf. I Cor. 11:4-15; 16:20).

Thus, we find that the advice of James gives no countenance to the so-called unction of the Baptists, which is attended by many customs and ceremonies, which are not even mentioned by James.

Then, too, we find that such unction is pretended only for the

healing of the souls of men, and is performed only when life is despaired of in the process of dying; whereas, the advice of James had to do only with sickness in conjunction with corporal healing of the body.

So, in relation to this, James says: "And the prayers of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (Jas. 5:15).

Please note that James was very positive and explicit that only "the prayers of faith shall save the sick"; not the anointing with oil, though oil was condoned as a natural healing agent, but not apart from the prayer of faith for believers.

Yet the modern faith of the "fake-healers" usually attribute their failures to the failure of the sick person to co-operate properly with them; but, according to James, there can be no failure when God's order is followed in true faith.

However, sometimes, in sickness, God lays us on our backs, that we might feel the need of looking up in dependence, not only to God, but horizontally, also, on the sympathetic and fervent prayers of others for our comfort, in our being resigned to the will of God in all things.

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"And let them pray over him, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (Jms. 5:14, 15).

James is one of the earliest of New Testament Writing. It was written at a time when there were miraculous gifts, including the gift of healing, in the churches. The New Testament was not yet completed. These gifts were given especially to authenticate the New Testament message until the time it should be written in the finished N.T. and this would finish the inspired writings of God. I Corinthians 13:8-10 informs us that these miraculous gifts were done away when the Bible was completed. Prophecy, tongues, and supernatural knowledge are used as representative of the whole group of miraculous gifts referred to in I Corinthians 12:8-10.

Some think that the instructions in James 5:14, 15 refer to using oil as a medicine and as a representative of any proper medicine and prayer for the recovery of the sick. But I do not agree with this. Oil might be helpful in some few cases, but of no use at all in most sicknesses. I believe the oil in this Scripture was used as a picture of the Holy Spirit.

Please note the absolute assurance of healing in every case pictured in James 5:15. Now, this is simply not true for our day. Let any who are disposed to disagree with my statement, prove me wrong by obtaining absolute, and "every-case" healing by these means. Let those who can thus obtain miraculous healings continue using the oil. But let those who cannot obtain the healing cease from the empty ceremony.

We should pray for the sick. God can and does heal as it pleases Him. In fact, all healing is of God, He just performs it in different ways. But let us know that the time of miraculous healings as set forth in James 5:14, 15 has passed, and that we should not practice empty and meaningless ceremonies when we cannot obtain the sure and certain results.

Again I say, if anyone disagrees, and thinks this is for this day, let him speedily prove his point. Let him remember that this Scripture speaks of "shall's," not of "perhaps" and "maybe."

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The anointing of the sick with oil in Apostolic times was restricted to those whom Christ had given the power to work miracles. In Mark 6, we have the account of Christ sending out the twelve, and in verse 13 it is said, "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." Mark 6:13 and James 5:14 are the only references in the New Testament where anointing with oil is used in healing of the sick, and in view of the fact many healings of the sick are mentioned it is seen that the use of oil in healing was not the common practice, but the exception.

Anointing the sick with oil for healing was one of the practices, along with many others that passed away with the Apostolic Age, and the completion of the New Testament. Therefore, it is not for our time, and was in Apostolic times a symbol of the gracious ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of anointing the sick with oil for healing has over the long centuries since the completion of the New Testament sporadically surfaced, but apart from the Romish church, it has been short-lived, and identified with religious fanatics and the ultra-Pentecostals.

The Romish Church anoints their sick with oil, but not for healing. They have what they call "Extreme Unction" wherein those who are at the point of death are anointed with oil. The purpose of this anointing is not for healing, but to enable the dying to leave behind some of his sins. James is not teaching that the oil in itself has miraculous healing powers, but that God honors the faith of the sick per-

son, and the faith of those who minister to him in prayer, by raising up the sick person.

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As I answer this question I am not going to say that it would be wrong to literally anoint with oil. However, olive oil (which is what most people use) is not the proper oil. If you use oil, we have a formula for the proper oil in Exodus 30:22-25. This formula calls for pure myrrh, sweet cinnamon, sweet calamus, cassia, and olive oil. All of the Old Testament literal worship had a figurative application. Hebrews 10:8-13 shows that O.T. sacrifice was a picture of Christ's sacrifice. The altar was a picture of Christ who is our altar (Heb. 13:10).

We are given a figurative application of anointing in II Corinthians 1:21-22: "Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things" (I John 2:20).

What about the passage in James 5? If you read verses 13 through 16 you see that the emphasis is on prayer. Note verses

15 and 16, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick... confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another..." Note the emphasis in the latter part of verse 11: "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." The word "effectual" means "be mighty in, shew forthself." The word "fervent" means "earnest."

We are to anoint with prayer. The literal application was a picture of the practical application of prayer.

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Many have been puzzled over verse 14. Here we have a ceremony described in which oil is used in connection with the sick. This is the only Scripture where this ceremony is referred to. True, the apostles, when they went forth to the lost sheep of the house of Israel anointed the sick with oil and God healed in response to their faith (Mark 6:13). But the apostles were given the gift to healing in those days for a sign (Acts 5:12). This gift is no longer given today. If the anointing with oil is practiced today it should be done with the realization that the oil in itself does not have any

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## CURRENT BOOK REVIEWS

M. L. Moser, Jr., A STUDY GUIDE TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION, VOL. 1. \$5.95

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Martin Paul, THE UNEQUAL YOKE Challenge Press, 1981 \$2.25.

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Parents and students alike should read this powerhouse of information on "come out and be ye separate."

Koch, Kurt - OCCULT ABE distributed by Kregel \$7.95

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*You may have peace with God, but I do not believe you have the peace of God, if you decline to be interested in missions.*

## FORUM

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miraculous healing power. Verse 14 does not say that the oil will heal the person, but verse 15 clearly states "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." The oil seems to be symbolic of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

By a careful study of this Scripture we can see that these verses are dealing with a particular illness rather than sickness in general. The one who is sick is evidently in this condition as a chastisement for sin. When he comes to the place where he will confess his sin, then he is to call for the elders of the church. At his request they anoint and pray with him. We are told, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick." That is, his body will be healed, for we are told, "and the Lord shall raise him up." Also, we are told, "And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." The sins which caused the chastisement are the ones referred to here.

## CRISIS

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General George Keegan, has made some chilling comparisons of the dramatic superiority of the Russian military machine: The Soviets have us 2 to 1 in strategic nuclear weapons; 6 to 1 in nuclear megatonnage; 5 to 1 in tanks; 7 to 1 in artillery; 100 to 1 in available ammunition stocks; 5 to 1 in naval vessels, all classes; 3 to 1 in nuclear-powered attack submarines; 2 to 1 in missile-carrying submarines; 2 to 1 in heavy surface combat ships and submarines; and 47 to 1 in weapons to defend its population from attack.

In addition, the USSR is vastly superior in civil defense and

antiballistic missiles; in ready and reserve army division; in bacteriological warfare capability; and in the mind-boggling new weapons; giant laser-beam guns and particle-beam weapons, both soon to be operational. (Christian Duty in a Crisis World, March 23, 1980, George Keegan). This array of weapons and military power, by any stretch of the imagination, far exceeds Soviet need to defend its own frontiers.

Even so, religious leaders plead for United States disarmament. The Reverend Philip Potter, a citizen of Jamaica and longtime general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC) told the United Presbyterians in 1977 that the United States national security is a "dogma to excuse military buildup" and he warned, "We must challenge the distorted concept of national security... only the sharing of mutual trust and respect can result in security." On at least two counts, this comment seems unusual and irresponsible: (1) Mr. Potter is not an American citizen; and (2) Throughout history the communists have been completely untrustworthy and disrespectful of nearly everything except what supports or advances their ideology. In spite of this, however, Dr. Howard L. Rice, former United Presbyterian Moderator, joined the attack on national defense, calling the Defense Department a misnomer and a lie, "It cannot defend us, it can only wage war. We must... teach people to call a lie a lie." (Nashville Banner, Nashville, Tennessee, April 28, 1979, p. 10)

One of the most eloquent spokesmen and opinion-molders of the liberal religious establishment, perhaps, has been Dr. John C. Bennett, president emeritus of Union Theological Seminary of New York City. Dr. Bennett has his ideas about

the Defense Department also, saying in effect in his recent article, "Countering the Theory of Limited Nuclear War," that the axiom that we possess nuclear weapons only to prevent their use is gradually losing force; and, he says, many persons close to the centers of decision making have the idea that "we should be prepared actually to use our nuclear weapons in the hope of coming out ahead of an adversary." (Christianity Century, January 7-11, 1981, pp. 10-13). He adds, "...both Roman Catholic teaching and ecumenical teaching in the context of the World Council of Churches have been clear in seeing nuclear war, or any other form of total war, to be in absolute conflict with Christian faith. ...There is no way of stretching Christian ethics, or any other humane ethics, to justify such preparations or to justify the initiation of nuclear war." He asks, "What right have the decision-makers of this generation to deprive future generations of so much of the material and cultural capital that they should be able to inherit?"

Dr. Bennett writes of the catastrophic and widespread horrors of nuclear devastation and of the urgency for patient and delicate diplomacy to avoid the near-total destruction of the earth, its atmosphere, and civilization itself. He calls himself a nonpacifist (though no hawk!) and calls on the churches to be "loyal to the purposes of God as known through Christ for humanity and for this earth."

Overall, the unwritten message of Bennett's article is one of pacifism and disarmament. He has no suggestions on how to live with the communists' world-threatening military power or how to counter it. Neither does he offer any Scriptural guidance.

Yes, the churches and all other institutions of good will must give "increased attention to the prevention of nuclear war," including a balanced and verifiable arms limitation agreement. But not unilateral disarmament which so many of the mainline churches have long advocated. That does not work as former arms negotiator Paul Warnke and former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara found out when they trusted the

## "FROM EVERY KINDRED, TONGUE AND NATION"

Man's life is short and full of trouble;  
He lives his God-allotted time,  
Then doth vanish like a bubble,  
Leaving his house of clay behind.

For "Dust thou art to dust returneth,"  
To man's soul does not apply;  
For the world, he ever yearneth,  
But to his Maker he must fly.

And he must answer to his Maker,  
For the deeds which he has done;  
Unless, by grace, he is partaker  
Of life eternal, through God, the Son.

But sinful man just will not come  
To the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
For his affection is set upon  
This wicked world of sin and strife.

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And they will come, in gratitude,  
From every kindred, tongue and nation!

For in the day of His mighty power,  
God's Holy Spirit, so loving and bold,  
Will enter in and that very hour,  
Bring salvation into their soul.

He will grant to them repentance,  
Grace to turn away from sin,  
Faith to see the loving Saviour,  
And to put their trust in Him!

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Soviets to follow us as their "superpower model." The Russians kept on building and are now militarily superior in all fields, as previously related. Their encroachments and threats are visible around the world; and their atheistic system is uninhibited by any ethical or moral principles.

History conclusively proves that readiness for defense is the only real deterrent to war in our imperfect world. The Scriptures are replete with examples and guidance.

We have already mentioned the Lord's total destruction of Jericho. National defense was a major emphasis in the ministry of Nehemiah. Compare Nehemiah 4:7-23. Previously Moses had taught the Jews about the "law of warfare" and assured them of the Lord's support "to fight for you against

your enemies, to save you" (Deuteronomy 20:1-2). Of course, Israel's safety had to be assured for the later emergence of the Savior.

We know that Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets; and never did He or His Disciples condemn the profession of arms. On the contrary, both Jesus and Peter had close contacts with Roman soldiers in matters of Christian faith. Later, Paul taught that the bearer of the sword of righteousness in Romans 13:4 is the "minister of God." Where are the Scriptures that prohibit the sword of righteousness? Historically, America's sword has been one of righteousness used to defend freedom, justice, and honor. The personal peace of Jesus is available to heal the nations. Among Jesus' last words were these: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you..."

Perhaps our churches need most of all to concentrate on this healing peace for individuals during these apocalyptic times. Such devotion, we believe, would best prove that "the churches are loyal to the purposes of God as known through Christ for human... and for this earth."

Unfortunately, the exhortations of Dr. John C. Bennett contain no biblical reference and they generate certain apprehensions, even reservations. He fails to address the communist philosophy and its relationship to the fear and appeasement in a world armed for devastation. Dr. Bennett's credibility is suspect, too, because of his record of so many pro-communist statements and activities, such as: "Communism wins power because it has so much truth in its teachings..." (Christian

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Century, June 11, 1952). Also, "There is much overlapping between Communist goals and Christian goals. ...I do not believe that American Christians should condemn Communism." (Theology Today, October 1950). And, "...the church should not fight Communism." (David Susskind's television program Open End, December 10, 1961).

Dr. Bennett's activities in pro-communist causes have included working for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. (New York Times, February 22, 1962). Between 1955 and 1961, he initiated petitions and appeals on behalf of convicted communists (Morton Sobell, a co-defendant with atomic spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg; and Junius Scales, Carl Braden, and Frank Wilkinson. Most all of his associations have apparently been leftwing.

Nonetheless, his warning about nuclear holocaust is certainly valid; but he failed to reckon with a most important principle: The Christian's duty in courage, forthrightness, and obedience in protecting his home, family, and native land as ordained by the Scriptures.

As to the danger to our native land, former Marine Corps combat commander, General Lewis W. Walt, has said: "No generation of Americans has ever before been so recklessly placed at the mercy of so pitiless and powerful an enemy."

What shall be done? Many suggestions have come from experienced religious, political, and military leaders; the principal ones deserve study and assignment of priorities:

- Encourage and promote communication and personal interaction between people of the free world and the slave world by both public and private means because people who know each other as persons do not kill one another.

- Determine the defense and sociopolitical philosophy of church leaders and decide which leaders and which programs to support and which ones to reject.

- Quit giving technology to communists and making their system look good.

- Restore intelligence and FBI capability and provide a verifiable SALT pact.

- Provide anti-ballistic missile and civil defense protection for the people.

- Commence immediately to attain strategic and conventional military advantages, including missiles, aircraft, and a Navy to control the seas—all to preserve the peace and to assure stability in the world.

Our new president has demonstrated his resolve to build up an adequate national defense. He must be supported for the hour is late. He has also made a most important statement: "By using our power, while trusting in a Power greater than ours, we can do everything that really needs doing. ...We can have a foreign policy which understands the danger we face from governments and ideologies that are at war with the very ideas of religion and freedom."

Church bodies should accept these realities; but some do not. The mainline establishment churches have been, and still are, in the forefront for United States disarmament. Their influence and persistence in national defense, the apparent finality of their convictions, the history of lobbying, and the proven successes—all combine into a shocking revelation that is both foreboding and sinister. It is a situation that Christians and loyal Americans cannot ignore.

## BAPTISM

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quirements are as follows: The importance of baptism; the subject of baptism; the purpose of baptism; the mode of baptism and the administrator or the authority for baptism. I have placed the administrator or authority last because I will probably have the most to say about this requirement.

Let us, first, look at the importance of baptism. Brethren, there is something wrong in our "Preaching Christ and the way of Salvation," if it doesn't impress our listeners with the importance of their being baptized after they have been led by the HOLY SPIRIT to receive JESUS CHRIST as their LORD and Saviour. Turn with me, in your Bibles, to Acts 8:26-39. In Acts 8:35, the Bible tells us, "Philip... preached unto him JESUS," and the Eunuch wanted to be baptized. In Acts 2:39-41, when Peter preached JESUS to the multitudes on the Day of Pentecost, all that gladly received his word wanted to be baptized. When Peter preached JESUS at Cornelius' house, those who believed wanted to be baptized. In Acts 16:14, 15, when Paul preached JESUS to Lydia, she wanted to be baptized. In Acts 16:25-34, when Paul and Silas preached JESUS to the Philippian jailor, he wanted to be baptized. Brethren, when we preach JESUS and folk believe, do they want to be baptized? If not, it would seem to me, there is something wrong in the way we are preaching JESUS. Why is it, that there are so many professed believers, who have no desire to be baptized and faithfully serve JESUS CHRIST in and through one of HIS kind of Baptist Churches? Could it be we are not emphasizing the importance of New Testament baptism?

Baptism was so important to our LORD, as is recorded in Matthew 3:13-17, that HE walked some thirty odd miles to



QUESTION:—When did a fish catch a man?

ANSWER:—Jonah 1:17 — "Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

receive New Testament baptism at the hands of John The Baptist. Is it this important to you and me and to those to whom we preach JESUS? Is there something missing in our preaching of JESUS today?

Second, let us look at the subject of baptism. In Matthew 3:1-8 only those who had repented of their sins could be baptized. In Mark 16:16 only those who believed the preached message could be baptized. In Acts 2:38 only those who had repented could be baptized. In Acts 8:26-29 the Eunuch confessed to being a believer in JESUS CHRIST before Philip would baptize him. In Matthew 3:13-17, JESUS CHRIST was GOD in the likeness of man, so we know HE was, is, and shall always be righteous. I think we have sufficiently proved our point, that according to the Scriptures, baptism is for believers only. No babies or no children may be baptized until they are enlightened by the HOLY SPIRIT and led by the HOLY SPIRIT to believe in JESUS CHRIST as, both, LORD and Saviour. So, there is no such thing, taught in the Scriptures as "Infant Baptism." Infants and very small children cannot believe and New Testament baptism is for believers only. I don't really think we need belabor this point any further.

Third, let us look at the purpose of baptism. When, in Matthew 3:13-17, our LORD presented HIMSELF to John the Baptist for New Testament baptism, John, at first, refused to baptize the LORD. Our LORD told John the Baptist, in Matthew 3:15, "for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Now, let's examine this statement of our LORD'S more closely. The word, "becometh" comes from the Greek word "prepo" which is in the verb form and means to

be conspicuous or proper or to look well upon. A lady might use this same word by saying of her gown, "this color is becoming to me." So it is with baptism, it is becoming to a believer. Why? JESUS went on to say, "to fulfil all righteousness." Baptism, is then the right thing for a believer to submit to because it looks becoming to them and is right, for it is commanded of GOD they do so. (Matthew 28:19; Colossians 2:12).

When our LORD submitted HIMSELF to John's baptism, baptism was becoming and right for our LORD for it was HIS way of identifying HIMSELF with HIS Death for the sins of HIS people. (Matthew 1:21). When a believer presents himself for New Testament baptism it is becoming and right for him, for it is his identification with JESUS CHRIST in HIS death, burial and resurrection and is the door of admittance into HIS Body, HIS kind of a Baptist Church, which HE started when HE was here on earth. (Matt. 16:13-19; Ephesians 5:25).

The purpose of New Testament baptism is one of identification for the believer, to or with CHRIST in HIS death, burial and resurrection for them, and also, with HIS Body, HIS kind of a Baptist Church, and therefore, is becoming and right for the believer and looks good on them. For those of you who are believers and do not have New Testament baptism, you are not nearly as becoming and right as those who do have.

Fourth, let's look at the mode of baptism. Since baptism is identifying oneself with CHRIST'S death, among other things, the only mode for baptism, then, would be that which pictures the natural burial of a dead person. How do we normally bury our dead? (Colossians 2:12). I don't really think there is any need to argue this point with anyone who is reasonable. Immersion could be the only acceptable mode of baptism, for those who study their Bibles. But, for the sake of those who love to argue and say pouring and sprinkling are acceptable modes of baptism, let us examine these two (improper) modes with an open and reasonable mind.

The first point in our argu-

ment concerning the mode of baptism is, who is being baptized? Is the water? Is the candidate? Is the administrator of the baptism? Any reasonable person would be forced to answer that the candidate for baptism is going to be baptized with or in the water (Matthew 3:11).

If pouring is a proper mode of baptism and the candidate is being baptized with or in the water, then the administrator must say, "as I administer baptism to you I sprinkle you into the water." Am I being unreasonable or must the administrator granulate the Candidate (that almost rhymes) and sprinkle him or her into the water if sprinkling is a proper mode of baptism? Come on now, be reasonable with me and yourself, a proper burial can only be pictured by immersion, is this not true? Baptists, who insist on immersion as the proper mode of baptism are not unreasonable, they are just truthful in carrying out a right and becoming act for a right acting believer.

Fifth, let us look at the administrator or authority for New Testament baptism. Here is the one we may have some problems with some of you all; but, it is what I believe to be true to the Word of GOD, so here it is. Who was the first Baptist who had authority from GOD to administer New Testament baptism? In Matthew 3:1 it plainly states the first Baptist administrator, with authority from GOD, to administer New Testament baptism was John the Baptist. Now some folk have tried to tell me John the Baptist was his name. NO! It Was Not! In Luke 1:57-63 when John the Baptist was born his kith and kin gathered around and tried to name him Zacharias Jr... His father, Zacharias, wrote, his name is John. Just plain J-O-H-N. GOD had given him this name before his mother conceived him (Luke 1:13). It was GOD who gave him the title, John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1). Folk will say, yea, but, Bro. Holmes, he wasn't a Baptist like as you are. No, he was a better one. But you tell me now, how could he be "The" Baptist and not be "A" Baptist?

Children, let's face it, John

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

**ELKHART, In.**—On 14 August 1981 two ministers of the Evangelical Christian Baptist Church were arrested in Leningrad. The arrest of 50 year old Pastor Fyodor Mikhailovich Makhovitsky, and evangelist Mikhail Vladimirovich Azarov, 44, was preceded by house searches in the homes of five Leningrad believers on August 13. As usual, KGB officials confiscated Bibles, copies of the Gospel, and other religious literature.

Three days after their arrest, Makhovitsky and Azarov were charged under articles 190<sup>1</sup> and 227 of the RSFSR criminal code. In the eyes of Soviet authorities, oral or written defense of persecuted believers is considered slander against the Soviet state (article 190<sup>1</sup>) and religious activity is construed as infringement on the personal rights of a citizen (article 227). The two ministers are being held in the Leningrad prison commonly known as "Kresty."

With the arrest of Makhovitsky and Azarov the number of Evangelical Baptists arrested has reached 112. Pastor Makhovitsky has already spent some time in confinement for his faith in God. From 1966-1968 he was held in a labor camp in the Perm Region of the northern Urals.

Alarming news concerning the health of believers arrested for their faith has been coming out of the Soviet Union. No matter where in the country they are being held, Moscow and the KGB keep a close watch on them. The administrators of camps and prisons must consult with the KGB on all questions relating to their confinement, including questions of nutrition, work, and correspondence and meetings with family members. KGB officials, as a rule, create the most difficult circumstances for believers in labor camp and prison with the aim of sapping their health and re-educating them to become atheists. They are beaten, used to do the most difficult physical labor while meagerly nourished, and prohibited to pray and read their Bibles.

If a Bible or copy of the Gospel is found in their possession, they are locked in a small isolated cell and deprived of even what few visits they are allowed with relatives.

Anatoly Maksimovich Levtsenyuk, 42 year old pastor of the ECB Church in Dubno, Ukraine, is suffering from an acute form of arthritis. He was sentenced to three years in labor camp and is being held in the city of Rovno. KGB officials, without regard to his grave state of health, continue to subject him to interrogation after his trial in an attempt to force him to renounce God and cooperate with them. These interrogations are conducted even at night.

Galina Vladimirovna Vilchinskaya, a member of the ECB Church in Brest, Byelorussia, was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for religious education of children. For more than 14 months she has been held in prison in the Ukrainian city of Lvov. The KGB has threatened to let her rot in prison because of her faith and have attempted to force her to work for them. After

she flatly refused to have anything to do with the KGB, she was sent away to a special women's labor camp in the Primorsky Area 7,500 miles from her parents where she has been given very heavy work. Galina, at 23 years of age after two years of confinement, has almost completely lost her health. Her hair has all fallen out, her gums are swollen and her teeth are falling out as a result of a serious case of scurvy. Her food rations are very meagre but she is forced to work 10 hours a day in the taiga at very hard physical labor; her shoes and clothing are constantly wet and after work she has to return to cold barracks. Her camp address is: Primorsky krai, Mikhailovsky r-n, s. Gornoye, p/ya 267/10.

Yuri Ottovich Seifert, 34 years old, is being held in prison in the city of Makinsk, Kazakhstan. He is seriously ill with a duodenal ulcer.

Vladimir Ulyanovich Rymar, 45, from the Ukrainian city of Khotin, Chernovitsk Region is being used to do heavy physical labor despite the fact that he has tuberculosis of the kidneys. The administration of the camp has refused to put him on the special diet to which he is entitled because of his health.

Pyotr Vasilievich Rumachik, 50 year old pastor of the Dedovsk ECB Church, Moscow Region and vice-president of the Council of ECB Churches was sentenced to 5 years in strict regime labor camp. Having previously spent 10 years in confinement, he suffers acutely from high blood pressure. In camp he is being kept in a state of half-starvation.

The persecution of believers in the USSR has continued for over 50 years. However, faith in Christ has not been destroyed. Thousands of persecuted Christians are saying, "Christ before all else! First place belongs to Christ!", and this is particularly precious when we consider the fact that the older generation of spiritual warriors are being reinforced on the front lines by zealous and courageous Christian young people. Fifty percent of all those who are counted as part of the persecuted Evangelical Christian Baptist Church in the USSR are Christian young people! Christians of the first century said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:35-37).

Our Homeland (the Soviet Union) needs Jesus Christ and we are expecting a great spiritual awakening! The Word of God calls us to be, "in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Philippians 1:28-29).

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**DALLAS (EP)**—An ex-

change of mailgrams in recent weeks has apparently signaled an end to prospects for a formal debate between Mr. Jerry Falwell, head of the "Moral Majority," and Mr. Spurgeon M. Dunnam III, editor of the United Methodist Reporter and the National Christian Reporter.

Mr. Falwell declined the challenge to debate issued on July 22 by Mr. Dunnam, saying that it would be a "waste of time" and would "not resolve the basic differences between us." Mr. Dunnam expressed disappointment at the Lynchburg, Virginia, minister's decision, but said he regards it as "a type of victory-by-forefeit for the position I represent."

Mr. Dunnam issued the challenge following Mr. Falwell's negative reaction to President Reagan's nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court. The editor proosed that the debate focus on (1) abortion as an issue of Christian concern, and related issues such as the proposed Human Life Amendment, and (2) the appropriate role of Christian religious leaders in the appointment of governmental officials. He also cited as a "deeper motive" for proposing the debate a conviction that the Moral Majority has come to epitomize a type of political activity draped in religious terminology which I consider fundamentally at odds in many respects with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In a mailgram issued to the news media on Aug. 4 by Mr. Falwell's office, and received by Mr. Dunnam the following day, Mr. Falwell said "I must respectfully decline your offer to debate..." He gave three reasons. The first referred to Mr. Dunnam's letter in which he (Dunnam) said he was "responding to what I understand to be a call from God..." To that point, Mr. Falwell replied: "In spite of the fact that God has spoken to you, He has said nothing to me." Mr. Falwell said "a debate would not change your mind or mine," and he said he does not feel that Mr. Dunnam represents "a viable segment of Christendom."

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**LOS ANGELES (EP)**—Dr. Robert Schuller, pastor and founder of the Crystal Cathedral, has announced that his church has pledged to build a million dollar 50-bed hospital for the Indians in Chiapas, Mexico. In order to raise the funds for the hospital, Dr. Schuller is holding Beverly Hills Garage Sales across the country on Saturday, September 19th.

Listeners to his Hour of Power TV program have been invited to hold individual garage sales for the hospital on this date, turning over the receipts to the Crystal Cathedral.

Dr. Schuller is also hosting the garage sale to take place in Beverly Hills at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on September 19th. Here, such items as a Rolls Royce, a ski boat, Gerald Ford's gold putter, furs and jewelry, and \$480,000 worth of Boehm porcelain will be auctioned off that evening.

Dr. Schuller said at the dedication of the Crystal Cathedral one year ago, "A person whose life has been saved in this hospital in Chiapas, Mexico will say, 'I know why the Crystal Cathedral was built, to make this hospital possible for us.'"

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (EP)**—A preacher who took his children

out of public school because he feared they would be exposed to drugs and sex could be fined as much as \$28,950 if they do not return to the classroom next month, a prosecutor said here August 18.

Richard Offer, pastor of the house of Prayer For All People Church in Anne Arundel County, his wife Nora and four other members of his congregation kept their children out of school up to 120 days last year in violation of the state compulsory school attendance law. Offer said he did not want his children in schools where "homosexuality is taught" in classes and some students use drugs.

Offer asked Judge George M. Taylor, "What if my children get hooked on drugs? They could end up in a mental institution so they don't know their daddy any more." "If you raise them right, why do you have to worry?" Taylor answered.

Taylor put the defendants on unsupervised probation for three years and warned them they would be fined \$50 for each school day their children missed if they were not in attendance in September. The Offers, who took their five children, then aged 7 to 15, out of school last December, could be fined \$28,950, said Prosecutor Daniel L. Doherty III.

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**GREENVILLE, S.C. (EP)**—Dr. Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University, has commended the chairman of the board of Procter and Gamble for his "great sense of moral responsibility you showed in withdrawing Procter and Gamble's support of some 50 television programs that were debilitating to the nation's well-being." Procter and Gamble, the nation's largest television advertiser, shocked the television industry recently when it announced the withdrawal of sponsorship of 50 network programs that did not meet its "program guidelines." According to the company's board chairman, Owen B. Butler, the company withdrew sponsorship because of programs that feature too much sex, violence, and profanity. Butler said, "I sincerely hope that other large industries will follow suit."

Dr. Jones wrote Butler, "I thank the Lord for what you have done; and while I know you will be receiving some abusive letters because of it, I wanted you to have this one, which I know will be joined with many others to say thanks for what you did."

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**MANILA, Philippines (EP)**—It happened 37 years ago, but missionary Hut Parkman has the letter to prove it. He helped save Vice President George Bush's life. Parkman, business manager for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines, was a lieutenant assigned to the submarine USS Finback on Sept. 2, 1944, when Bush's plane was shot down by the Japanese in the South Pacific. The submarine picked up Bush after he had been in the water nearly two and a half hours.

Parkman didn't associate the young navy pilot his submarine crew rescued with the vice president of the United States until after the election when he saw a television profile of Bush that included a movie clip of the rescue. When Bush visited recently in the Philippines, Parkman's wife, Doris, sent him a letter of welcome. Bush

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answered, "I'm sorry that we didn't get to visit while I was in Manila, but things were very, very hectic. The Finback seems a million years ago, but then again it is always with me that you did save my life."

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**NEW YORK (EP)**—The Salvation Army is moving its national headquarters to Verona, New Jersey, effective Jan. 1, 1982, in order to bring now-separated departments under one roof. "This centralization should improve efficiency and coordination of functions," said Commissioner Ernest W. Holz, national commander. Good transportation and moderate-cost office space were among the factors which led to the choice of New Jersey as a relocation site. The National Public Affairs and World Service Office will remain in Washington, D.C. All other functions of National Headquarters will be centralized in Verona.

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**WHEATON, Ill. (EP)**—Reporting on refugee work in Hong Kong, World Relief executive director Jerry Ballard says, "The situation is alarming." More than 7,000 "boat people" came in late June, and it was estimated that 25,000 more would arrive at the Hong Kong docks during July and August. This is the time of year when the weather and winds favor exit by boat from Vietnam.

"They come with almost nothing," Ballard said, "and we are responsible for giving them basic items to help them care for themselves in their temporary camp 'homes.'" It costs \$25.00 per refugee to provide the essential arrival services.

After working on the docks at the request of the Hong Kong government for more than a year, the government has now granted permission for Christian services to be held for refugees who must wait on the dock until they are cleared for a regular camp. As many as 1,000 to 1,500 have attended these services.



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the Baptist was the first Baptist and our authority to baptize is founded in the authority he received from GOD. We read in John 1:6, "There was a man sent from GOD, whose name was John." In John 1:33 we read, "And I knew HIM not: but HE that sent me to baptize with water." John was the first and only man, at this time, sent from GOD to administer New Testament baptism.

After John administered New Testament baptism to JESUS CHRIST, in Matthew 3:13-17, he stated in John 3:30, in essence, his work was finished and now this authority was in the hands of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. (John 3:35). In Mark 3:14, Mark tells us JESUS ordained twelve disciples or apostles. Ordain is from the Greek word "poyeho" which, among other things, means "to set in." Now what did the LORD set these disciples or apostles in? In I Corinthians 12:28 Paul tells us, HE set them in the church (Ephesians 4:11-16). As our LORD prepared HIS kind of a Baptist Church for service, just prior to HIS ascension back to Heaven (Acts 1:1-11); HE set, into HIS kind of a church, the authority to evangelize, baptize and teach (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-8; I Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 4:11-16).

Now, as the entire body of the local church cannot rise up, and baptize its own candidates, they then must authorize one to act on their behalf. If this be true, and I believe it is, then the only person or persons on earth who have authority to baptize are those who have been authorized by a true New Testament Baptist Church, like the one our LORD started when He was here on earth.

Now that we have gone this far let us reach a just conclusion, from the Word, as to why we will not receive immersion or baptism out of any other church, including some Baptist Churches, unless they be a church of like faith & order. Let me answer this thought by, first, asking some questions, and then trying to give a Scriptural answer to them. What is a local New Testament Baptist Church? Is it the Body of CHRIST? Yes. (I Corinthians 1:2; 12:27). Is it The Bride of CHRIST? Well...what does the Bible say about this?

Go with me, in your Bibles, to Revelation 3:7-13. To what are these verses addressed? To a local New Testament Church, the LORD calls it a church, located in Philadelphia, a city in Asia. (Rev. 1:4, 11). Now, I know the word Philadelphia means the City of Brotherly Love; but this doesn't say this is the Philadelphia Baptist Church that is located in the City of Philadelphia. As you read these

verses you must notice the LORD is making promises to this church HE didn't make to any of the other six. In other words, this is a special church in the LORD'S sight.

If Revelation 3:10 is referring to the rapture, this is the only church that receives such a promise from the LORD. Look at verse twelve. There are several promises here that need looking into. To certain individual members of this church are promised they can be pillars in the temple of GOD. (I Timothy 3:15). To these same individuals is the promise they will have written on them the name of GOD and the name of the city of GOD, which is, New Jerusalem, which is to come down from GOD out of heaven.

Now! Go with me to Revelation 21:2. There we find this wondrous city making its descent from GOD out of heaven, prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband. Is HIS kind of a local New Testament Baptist Church the Bride of CHRIST? I believe it is, do you?

Let's suppose that I am right and HIS kind of a New Testament Baptist Church is the Bride of Christ. What does this have to do with not receiving baptism out of any other church, other than, a Baptist Church of like faith and order?

Mrs. Holmes and I were married May 24, 1941 which makes us to be married a little over forty years. Since we are supposing, suppose GOD in HIS all wise providence would see fit to take Mrs. Holmes home to be with HIM. Suppose that after a proper period of mourning another lady and I would decide to marry. I would take her to one of my preacher brethren and ask them to officiate at a marriage ceremony for us, to which they agreed. My preacher brother would turn to me and say, "may I have your marriage license please." Suppose I would reply, "License, what do we need a license for—the one I took out for Mrs. Holmes and me is just like brand new, why can't I just use it." I can just hear my preacher brother saying, "Hey man, you can't use that one again." To which I would reply, "Why can't I use it again?" You know what he would say? "Man, that one has the wrong bride's name on it." So if the local New Testament Baptist Church, HIS kind of a Baptist Church, is the only one who can authorize New Testament baptism and it is HIS Body and Bride, you had better make certain your baptism has the right "name" on it or behind it.

Please, children of the King, give serious consideration to these five points that go to make up New Testament baptism and check yours against them and make certain you have New Testament baptism. If I am wrong, I still will be in the Bride of CHRIST. If I am right and you disagree with me and are wrong, you will not be in the select number that go to make up the Bride. (Rev. 19:7, 8). Thank you for your loving patience. GOD bless you one and all.

**BRIEF NOTE**

Elder David Goetz would like to advise everyone of his new mailing address which is 7197 New Craft Road, Olive Branch, Miss. 38654.

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