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## "LAUNCH OUT" AND "LET"

Raymond A. Waugh, Sr.  
Text: Luke 5:3-6.

For our text today, we have chosen a passage of Scripture which doubtless is familiar to all



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of you. "Now when he had left speaking, he said to Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" (Lk. 5:4). It speaks of men who had failed at fishing. Peter explains in the larger text which was read, "We have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net" (Lk. 5:5).

These disciples doubtless were good fishermen, but they

## THE COMPENDIUM OF THE DECALOGUE

by Hansford Holmes  
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It was Jesus Who reduced these commandments to two capital commands which involved a double-ended law of love, both to God and neighbor (Mt. 22:36-40).

Regarding this, the Apostle Paul said, "All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Gal. 5:14).

Such love, no doubt, issues only in being regenerated by the Holy Spirit, in their receiving God-given faith by the hearing of the Word of God. Yes, it is then that "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5).

This love is two-pronged (vertical and horizontal), in going up to God and out to neighbor. Hence, it is this kind of love which, in both branches, exemplifies itself in comprehension of the whole decalogue.

Therefore, with propriety, it can be said that "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:9, 10); that is, in that it serves to epitomize the decalogue. Thus, it sums up the contents of each command as a double-ended rule to be observed by all true believers.

So, in the highest sense, strict adherence to the purity of such

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had failed. It was then that Jesus came to them and asked them to have faith in the face of failure. The result, of course, was a tremendous catch of fish: perhaps more than they had ever caught for we read that "their net broke" (Lk. 5:6). He, however, had a much more important job for them!

There doubtless are times and moments when most of us feel as these ancient fishermen. We have come to some point in our lives when we fail in the areas of our greatest expertise. Some of us may have labored diligently and seemingly faithfully this past year, but we did not succeed as we desired, as we wanted, or as

we supposed we could. Thus, as we look at the past year of some or some of the past months, it appears that we failed.

Therefore, today our hearts are heavy, and our bodies are weary. Some may even be saying, "Just what is the use?" Or, "Why should I try?" This seems to be the attitude of Peter in, "We have toiled all night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless..." (Lk. 5:5). Needless to say, though his faith seemed just a bit weak at that point, Peter and the other disciples were in for a real great surprise. I believe this will be true of any of us who will obey the Lord.

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## TAKING TOO MANY THINGS FOR GRANTED

by Harold Freese  
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The entire nation with the exception of a few, have no concept of where their luxurious living of over-bountiful plenteous comes from. Scientists reveal unto us between now and 1985, there is going to be a disastrous shortage of energy, which will be doubled, at ridiculously higher prices.

Natural gas and all other energy supplies will be very short, with more demand and less and less supply, with only one half of requirements will be fulfilled. Domestic productions of crude oil cannot keep up with demand. We will have to

quadruple our production to meet the demands of 1985. This likely will result in critical shortages.

Our power sources are beginning to be overtaxed. We already are having overtaxed power sources. Blackouts are becoming more and more prevalent, being experienced in many cities, because of over power drain, soon becoming a normal malady.

Americans have just started seeing the start of the bottom of their "resources" barrel and there are no prospects of where to get more, only to the Middle East for oil, while Russia, China

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A Sermon By John R. Gilpin

## THE DEATH OF THE POPE AND WHAT HE HAS LEARNED

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (Luke 16:23).

May I preface my message by saying that I have nothing but absolute and genuine love for any and every Catholic or Protestant, or any and every Baptist who might differ with me relative to any portion of God's Word. I have no desire to antagonize anyone, although I am sure that what I have to say will be accepted antagonistically on the part of many individuals who will read this message as it appears in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Frankly, beloved, I just want to be sure that I give you the truth of the Bible. I want to fearlessly and frankly present to you this message, based upon God's book, in contrast to the teachings of Catholicism as an institution.

You may have questioned my text this evening as to its pro-

priety, and yet I make no apology for reading it in connection with the death of the Pope. I say to you frankly, if the Pope believed what he stood for, and what his church represents as to doctrine, the Pope is in the middle of hell at this very hour. I say, I make no apology for saying that the Pope is in Hell—that is, if he believed what his church stood for. On the contrary, if the Pope did not believe the teachings of Catholicism, and if he secretly crossed his fingers when he went through the ritual of Catholicism, then he was a hypocrite, and the Word of God very definitely talks about the future home of the man who is a hypocrite. Listen:

"So are the paths of all that forget God; and THE HYPOCRITE'S HOPE SHALL PERISH" (Job 8:13).

"And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his

PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES" (Mt. 24:51).

This is speaking of individuals who go to Hell, and it says that their portion in Hell is the same as the portion of the hypocrite. Therefore, I say to you, if the Pope believed what his church stands for, and that which he was supposed to represent, then the man couldn't be saved and he is bound to be in Hell; and if he didn't believe it, he was a hypocrite, and the Word of God says that the hypocrite's place is in Hell. Therefore, beloved, I think my text is most appropriate, when it says that "in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments."

I might add that I have only one hope that the Pope might be saved. I don't want the worst enemy that I have in this world to go to Hell; I want every man to go to Heaven. I would be glad if every one of Adam's descen-

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## IN TIMES LIKE THESE

by Elder Herbert Cade  
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(Read II Tim. 3:1-9).

We are in times that men are lovers of their own selves; men that will turn from the truth, and they will turn away from you and exclude you from their presence (John 16:1-3). Beloved, Jesus says they don't know the Father or the Son.

"This know also" — the Gospel is not our opinion, but of truth. It is not a book of question marks, but one of exclamation points! If a preacher steps into the pulpit and begins his sermon, thus: "In my humble opinion, by chance, the way I see it," you had better mark that man off your list. But if he stands behind the pulpit and says, "Thus saith the Lord," hear him, support him, and pray for him. You can depend on it and it will come to pass.

"That in the last days perilous times shall come." What is meant by perilous

times? The Greek word is DANGEROUS times, and I believe you will agree, these are dangerous times in which we live. The next great world event will be the rapture of the Church and God's people.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves." They love themselves so much that they will stop at nothing to get what they want.

"Covetous." People who claim to be Christians are covetous, there is fussing, fighting, and bickering in the Church because men and women covet positions held by others. Many times crooked politics is employed in the Church to put some covetous, selfish person in office instead of letting the Holy Spirit appoint the workers in the local Church; they want to tell the pastor how and what to preach. Beloved, God tells His men what to preach. Beloved, I see these

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## GOD'S CHALLENGE... ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT IT?

"Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

These words constitute the mightiest challenge that the Lord ever made to men. We hear much in these days about the challenge to the churches. True there is a challenge to the people of God, but it is not, as many suppose, from the world, but from God Himself, and is contained in the words of the text.

We need pay no attention to the world's challenge until we have first attended to God's challenge. Then when we have given heed to God's challenge He will attend to the world's challenge. The challenge still holds and has held through

these thousands of years since it was uttered. No one has ever fully explored its depths. No one has ever yet scaled its topmost peak. No one has ever yet measured its full length. No one has ever yet spanned its breadth.

There the challenge stands. It has come ringing to us today, clear and strong, across the centuries, but our weak and powerless and backslidden churches are afraid or too indifferent to accept the challenge and release the power of God upon a doomed world. Shall we dare to accept the challenge today? Shall we come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Yea, shall we go to our closets, and there call upon God, confident that He will answer us and show us the great and mighty things He has promised?

The text suggests four divisions. They are: The Method of Prayer, The Majesty of Prayer, the Mightiness of Prayer, and the Mystery of Prayer. Let us consider each one of these divisions separately.

### THE METHOD OF PRAYER

"Call unto me." These words were addressed by God to all that was left of the once prosperous and blessed nation of Israel, at a time of great national need. The great and mighty Babylon was crowding her hard and was about to take her captive. A captivity from which she would never recover until Jesus should come to earth a second time.

But Israel was flirting with Egypt and trying to get the king of Egypt to send men and munitions with which to resist Babylon. It was at this juncture that God said unto His people, "Call unto Me." Do not turn back to Egypt from which I have redeemed you, but "call unto Me. Do not turn to the beggarly elements of the world, but turn to Me," said the Lord.

Just as the nation of Babylon was besetting the people of God in that day, so today the system of Babylon is besetting the churches of Christ. And the fact is also true, that as with the nation of Israel, so it is with the church.

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## POPE

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dants could be saved and in Heaven. I don't want any man to go to hell, but the only hope I could have relative to the Pope's salvation, is the hope that I have relative to certain individuals of this world, that when they come down to the hour of death, they'll throw overboard all that they have believed in life, and swim to Glory on the plank of free grace.

I think, beloved, that there are many Protestants and Catholics who come down to the hour of death to realize that baptismal regeneration, and church salvation, and the teaching of penance and sacraments have not brought peace, and in the hour of death they cast these all away, and trust fully in Jesus Christ. If I did not believe that, then I say that I would never expect to see a Protestant or Catholic in Heaven; but believing that does take place, I have a hope that perhaps many Protestants and Catholics will be in Glory because in their dying hour they lay aside everything they have trusted in life, and then trust only in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The newspapers in the last few weeks have been cluttered considerably with the illness and ultimate death of the Pope. As you are well aware, the Associated Press in the past two weeks has had more to say relative to the Pope, than they have had to say concerning anything else. I have noticed, among other things, that practically every writer has said the Pope was a man of integrity, a man of peace, and that he was a profound and learned student.

What they have said about the Pope is no more than what they have said about all the other popes whose death I can remember. I can go back to 1939 to recall the death of the first Pope whose death I particularly remember. They said he was a man of peace, a learned and profound student, a man of

integrity. Then in 1959 when Pope Pius XII died, they said the same thing. Now in 1968 when Pope John XXIII passes out of this life, they say for him that he was a learned and profound student, a man of peace, and a man of great moral integrity.

As for the latter of those statements, I don't suppose he could be much else than a man of moral integrity in view of the



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fact that he was 82 years of age. I rather imagine that he would be bound, from the standpoint of physical activity to be a man of moral integrity, in view of his age. As for his being interested in peace, I'll have more to say about that as I proceed in this message, but just now I would like to say a few things relative to his being a profound and learned student. I would like to say that I am satisfied that he has learned a great deal more in the last several days than he learned in all the 82 years of his life. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to know that he has learned an awfully lot that he never did know so far as this world is concerned. I am satisfied that no man has ever learned as much in so short a time as the Pope has, since the hour of his death.

OF CHRIST.

You know, of course, the Catholics say that Peter was given the position of primacy, that Peter became the Vicar of Christ on earth, and that Peter handed that position down to his successor, and that those successors down through the ages have handed it down to one another until the days of Pope John XXIII. I am satisfied that Pope John XXIII learned a very few seconds after he breathed his last that he never was the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. we read:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an UNCHANGEABLE PRIESTHOOD" (Heb. 7:24).

This is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ, and it says that He has an unchangeable priesthood. The word that is translated "unchangeable" means that it is a priesthood that isn't abrogated — that it doesn't pass to another. When it says that it is an unchangeable priesthood, it means that Jesus Christ remains a priest forever, and that He doesn't hand that priesthood over to anybody else. If there were no other Scripture besides this, I would know that neither Pope John XXIII, nor Simon Peter, nor anyone else was the Vicar of Jesus Christ, because the Lord Jesus Christ has retained His priesthood.

May I say in that connection that the Apostle Peter never was a Pope. Listen:

"And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I MYSELF ALSO AM A MAN" (Acts 10:25, 26).

Does that sound like a pope,

beloved? When Cornelius fell down before Simon Peter, he said, "Man, stand up; give no worship to me; give no reverence to me; for I myself also am a man."

Then when Simon Peter had visited in the home of Cornelius, and had returned to his own church at Jerusalem, the Word of God says that the church "called him upon the carpet" because he had gone to visit with Cornelius, a Gentile. We read:

"And the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them" (Acts 11:1-3).

Can you imagine calling a pope "upon the carpet" and making him give an account of himself because he has ministered unto Gentile people? Well, that is what they did so far as Simon Peter was concerned, showing us plainly that Simon Peter took his orders from the church, and that he didn't give orders to the church — that he was a servant of the church, and not a pope over the church.

I tell you, beloved, Simon Peter never was a Pope — he was never the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and nobody else has ever been and Pope John XXIII who has just died, learned a few seconds after he breathed his last that he never was the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth.

### II

HE HAS LEARNED  
THERE IS NO SUCH PLACE  
AS PURGATORY.

The Pope may have talked often about Purgatory. He may have often spoken of Limbo as a place where children go that die in infancy. He may often talked about individuals getting out of Purgatory, but, beloved, he has found now that there is no such place as Purgatory. I would challenge him if he were living, or I challenge any Catholic who is alive today, to produce any Scripture that would at all indicate a place called Purgatory, for we read:

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

There is not a word said here about there being an intermediary place. There is not any hint in the Word of God about there being a Purgatory that men go into. You know, the Catholics teach that there is a place called Purgatory, and that those who are not good enough to go to Heaven (and by the way, no man will ever be good enough in himself), but who might become better as a result of suffering — that they go into Purgatory and there their sins are purged away. In other words, they make Purgatory to thus become a great and successful reform school for all the incorrigibles of earth who wouldn't be corrected in time, but who are corrected in Eternity.

I say to you, the Word of God makes no references at all to a place called Purgatory. Instead, it says that the next thing after death is the judgment. Listen:

"If the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, There IT SHALL BE" (Eccl. 11:3).

It doesn't make any difference in which direction a tree falls when you have cut it, you don't turn that tree in the other direction. If it falls toward the

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## CHALLENGE

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ches. They are flirting with Egypt and turning to worldly methods. But thank God, His method is still the same today as it was then and it is — "call unto Me."

This is a challenge to our faith. For one to get on one's knees and talk into space, with apparently no one to talk to, when great and important issues are at stake, looks like foolishness and is a test of one's faith. We cannot discern God by any of our five senses. We cannot see Him, we cannot hear Him, we cannot feel Him, we cannot taste Him, we cannot smell Him. In the natural we cannot comprehend God, and naturally we want to turn to things that we can understand, for help. When we are sick we want to call for the doctors instead of the elders. When we need money we want to call upon the rich and when we are in distress we want to call upon our friends. But faith makes God so real to us that He becomes a living reality. Through faith we get a vision of God and Egypt is lost sight of.

This is the challenge of our love. When in need the child instinctively calls upon its mother for help because it loves and trusts her. The wife naturally calls upon her husband because she loves him and the same is true of the husband. Likewise, the real child of God instinctively calls upon his Heavenly Father because he loves Him. One can judge of one's love for God by the way one calls upon Him. When love for God begins to wane, just in that proportion does one begin to call upon Egypt for help.

It is a challenge to our simplicity. How simple a call is. Anyone can call. The merest babe as well as the most mature can call. Ignorant and educated alike can call. Not even do we have to utter a word to call. The heart can call. Sometimes the call is so deep that it cannot be expressed in words, but it is a call nevertheless. God has made the method of prayer so simple that it has come within the reach of everyone. Some say, I do not know how to pray. If you know how to call you know how to pray. A call is the instinctive utterance of the human heart, and God wants prayer to be the instinctive utterance of the redeemed heart. The flesh naturally wants to form some high sounding, oratorical plea or else use its pull and influence in order to bring things to pass; but God says, "Be simple, be natural" and "all unto me."

This is a challenge to our patience. Naturally, the impatient flesh, when it does not see things come to pass as rapidly as it would like, wants to plunge in and do things. But God's ways are not our ways and often He delays His answers for the very purpose of teaching us patience. To simply lay aside every other help and call unto God, and then wait for Him to answer, when it seems as if any moment the whole house would crash in on our heads, is surely a test of a challenge to patience.

Beloved, while the world's Babylon is pressing hard on every hand, shall we call upon Egypt for help, or shall we in patient faith and love and simplicity call unto God?

THE MAJESTY OF PRAYER

"I will answer thee." Can you comprehend the majesty of these words? Only God could have answered them. No display

here, no trying to show off what God can do. Simply the marvelous, mighty, majestic God says, "I will." This ought to be enough to calm the most turbulent heart and bring rest and assurance to the most trouble soul.

There is no limitation to the answer, nor a suggestion that more might be asked than God is able to give. With an earthly monarch his "I will" is limited by his power to perform. But not so with our God. There is a majesty and a dignity here of which the rulers of this world would know nothing. It speaks of the bounty and unlimited power of our God, in being able and willing to answer the smallest as well as the largest request of His child.

Nothing is too hard for our God. Beloved, if you will call, God will answer. To the one who dares to accept this challenge of God, there will come into his life a majesty and dignity and poise that will be the marvel of the world. Even the most unlettered saint can possess this majesty because he is resting in the assurance of God's "I will answer thee" to undergird and strengthen him.

When Israel called upon the king of Egypt for help, the king hesitated, because he wanted first to know what Israel would pay him for his help, if Israel was able to pay what she had promised to pay, and if Egypt was able to defeat Babylon after she had promised to help Israel. But not so with our God. The mere fact that one of His churches is calling upon Him is enough, and with alacrity He flees to answer the call. He does not stop to consider what he can pay, because He knows that we are bankrupt, and besides in the person of His Son the price is already paid, and we are the beneficiaries of free grace. Neither does He stop to consider if He is able to defeat Babylon, for all power in Heaven and earth is His.

The God who cannot lie has said, "I will answer thee." Beloved, shall we believe Him, by calling upon Him or shall we turn to Egypt for help?

THE MIGHTINESS OF PRAYER

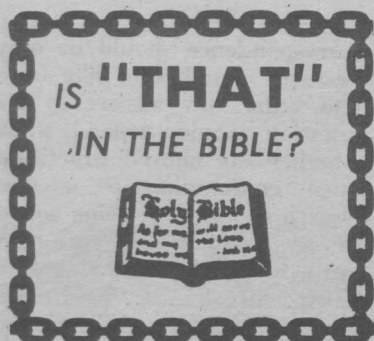
"And show thee great and mighty things." Israel had been looking at Babylon, and was terrified by her greatness and mightiness. She could not see God's greatness and mightiness at all, hence the above promise from God. Looking at Babylon had taken all the strength out of her, and rendered her weak and helpless in the hands of her enemy. It made her flee to Egypt for help. So it will do for you, beloved. If your eyes dwell upon the greatness and mightiness of the Babylonian systems of this world, it will rob you of your power and effectiveness for God, and you, too, will be forced to be to Egypt for help.

God allowed this adversity to come into the lives of His chosen people to take their eyes off the great and mighty Babylon and to fix them upon His greatness and all-mightiness. And so today, God bids us not to be discouraged by the increasing might of the Babylonian systems of this world. Remember that He is almighty, and that if one will call, He will answer and show that one "great and mighty things."

The day is coming when a terrified cry is going to ring

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QUESTION:—Where was the first skyscraper started?

ANSWER:—In the land of Shinar, Genesis 11:2-4. "And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven:..."

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north, that is the place that it lies. The implication in the Word of God is that however a man falls in death, that is the way that man is going to be throughout a never-ending eternity.

The Catholics themselves never even thought about a place called Purgatory until 1438. They never even considered that there was such a place. They never even invented Purgatory for fourteen centuries after Jesus Christ had gone back to Glory. However, 1400 years after the Son of God returned to Heaven, they found that Purgatory became a very important phase of their doctrine, especially important in that it swells the treasury of the church.

If you will go back to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ you will find a rich man that went to torment, and the Word of God says concerning this man that there was no way for him to get out. Listen:

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot, NEITHER CAN THEY PASS TO US, THAT WOULD COME FROM THENCE" (Luke 16:26).

These were the words of Abraham, who said, "We can't come to you, and neither can you come to us." However, 1400 years later, the Catholics found that there was a place called Purgatory and that souls could get out of it and get away from their suffering. Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ put His stamp of approval upon this story of the rich man in torment and Abraham who said, "Neither can they pass to us that would come from hence." In spite of all that the Pope may have said and written about Purgatory — in spite of all the Catholic hoax concerning Purgatory, the Pope has learned that there is no such place as Purgatory.

### III

HE HAS LEARNED THAT MARY NEVER HEARD ANY OF HIS PRAYERS.

The Catholics have an idea that Mary is an intercessor. As you drive along the highway every once in a while you find

small billboards (which is an imitation of Burma Shave in their advertising campaign), on which there is a prayer to the Virgin Mary: "Hail, Mary, full of grace." As they ride along, I imagine that thousands of Catholics when they see those words on these billboards, make them their prayer unto Mary. I want to tell you, the Pope has learned that Mary never has heard a single one of his prayers.

In fact, Mary does not stand in a position as one to whom we should pray. Listen:

"Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou AMONG women" (Luke 1:28).

These were the words of the angel when he came to Mary at the time when she was to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ. You will notice that he said, "Blessed art thou" among women," and not "Blessed art thou above women." This surely does not indicate that Mary held a superior place.

I say to you, Mary has never heard a single prayer.

I remember several years ago, that I saw a picture of a poor sinner crouching, fearful lest he was going to be cast immediately and instantly, without any hope at all, into Hell. The Lord Jesus Christ was pictured with an angry scowl upon His face, with no pity at all, just ready as an angry tyrant to cast him into the flames of hell. However, Mary was pictured, according to this Catholic painting, as the one who was doing the interceding, and the one who was praying to the Lord Jesus Christ that He would spare this poor sinner. In other words, she was pleading in mercy for the soul of this sinner.

Now that may be all right for the Catholics to put on canvas, but they cannot find where it is put in the Word of God. In fact, they never even thought of it until the year 600. In other words, it was 600 years after the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ before anybody ever blasphemously and impiously indicated that Mary might intercede to the Lord Jesus Christ. You can turn to the Word of God and find very quickly and easily how many intercessors there are, and how many mediators there are, and how many there are that can come between the soul of man and God Himself. We read:

"For there is ONE GOD, and ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, the MAN CHRIST JESUS" (I Tim. 2:5).

Up yonder in Heaven there is one God; down here on earth is man; and there is just one mediator that can come between God and man, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. I say to you, the Pope has learned that Mary never did hear any of his prayers.

### IV

HE HAS LEARNED THAT EVEN THE POPE CAN'T COME BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

I come back to this text which says:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).

Forty years ago I was holding a revival meeting in the city of Cincinnati, and as a young preacher, I dared one night to make a bold statement as to the church. I said that Jesus Christ established a Baptist church when He was here in the days of His flesh, and that the Devil in opposition, when he saw that he couldn't destroy the church, decided that he would build one,

and he built it, and it became the first Catholic Church. I said that every Catholic Church from that time down to this was just an outgrowth of what the Devil had built. I went on to say something about the Protestants having come out of the Catholics, and that they were just an outgrowth of the Catholic Church.

There was a young Catholic girl in the congregation. After the service was over she came to me, and told me that she was a Catholic, and that she would like to talk with me at length about the matter. It so happened that she knew the lady in the home where Mrs. Gilpin and I were staying, and she asked this lady if she might go home and spend the night at her home so that she might have a conversation with me relative to the Word of God, in view of what I had said about the Catholic Church being an institution of the Devil. Well, I stayed with my Bible and read Scriptures to that girl until 2:00 o'clock in the morning. I don't think I ever got any place at all with her until I brought this Scripture before her, which says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When I read this, that girl straightened up, and became all attentive. She said, "Is that in the Catholic Bible?" It so happened I didn't have a Catholic Bible, but I assured her that it was. She said, "Mr. Gilpin, if that is in our Bible, then the whole system of Catholicism is a failure from beginning to end."

Beloved, that girl was exactly right, for there is just one God in Heaven, and there is just one mediator to come between God and men, and that mediator is the Lord Jesus Christ.

On that day when the Son of God died, at the time of His expiration on the cross, the Word of God tells us that an unseen hand reached down out of the skies and caught hold of the veil of the temple and ripped that veil from the top to the bottom as if to indicate that even God Himself, had torn that veil.

Up to the time of the death of the Son of God, a priest in the Old Testament was a necessity, but the day that Jesus Christ died, He became our great High Priest; and you and I, from that time one, have been lesser priests, or believer priests, under Jesus Christ. When the veil of the temple was rent in twain, that signified that our great High Priest had entered into Heaven, and that no longer did we need a priest on earth — no longer did any man need to go to a human being as a priest, but rather all we need to do is to come to the Lord Jesus Christ as our great High Priest in Heaven.

Listen:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal PRIESTHOOD..." (I Pet. 2:9).

"And hath made us kings and PRIESTS unto God" (Rev. 1:6).

I say to you, Pope John XXIII has learned that even a pope can't come between God and man.

### V

HE HAS LEARNED HE WASN'T INFALLIBLE.

It took the Catholics a long time to learn that their pope was infallible. It took them a long time to learn that he couldn't make a mistake. Only about a hundred years ago they learned when he put his coat on that he couldn't make a mistake. Of course, when he had his coat off

— when he didn't have his robe on, he was just like any other human being, but when he had his robe on, he couldn't make a mistake. Therefore, they promulgated what they called the decree of papal infallibility, that when he speaks he could not make any error in any wise at all, but rather he was infallible in what he had to say.

Beloved, he has learned a lot since he died. He has learned that he wasn't infallible. The Catholics say that Simon Peter was the first pope. Well, Simon Peter learned pretty quickly after he made a confession to the Lord Jesus Christ, that he wasn't infallible. Listen:

"But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, SATAN: thou art an offence unto me: for thou SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, but those that be of men" (Mt. 16:23).

Beloved, the only way that you can read this and say that Simon Peter was the first pope and that he didn't make a mistake, is to say that he didn't have his coat on when the Lord Jesus Christ made that statement, because the Son of God said, "Thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (Mt. 16:23).

I want to read you another instance to show you that Simon Peter was full of mistakes. Listen:

"But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be BLAMED, For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision" (Gal. 2:11, 12).

Notice, the Word of God says that Simon Peter erred in this respect.

Then Paul went on to say:

"But when I saw they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?" (Gal. 2:14).

I tell you, beloved, Simon Peter made mistakes. He was full of mistakes. I say again, Simon Peter wasn't a pope, but the Catholics say he was, and I go back to the man the Catholics claim was their first pope, and I say to you, he made mistakes, and all the popes through the years have made mistakes. Beloved, the pope that has just died has learned that he wasn't an infallible being.

### VI

HE HAS LEARNED HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN READING THE BIBLE AND ENCOURAGING HIS PEOPLE TO READ IT.

If Pope John XXIII had an opportunity to come back to this world, and you had an opportunity to ask him what he thought about the reading of the Word of God, and if he would recommend it, I am sure that he would say, "Go back to 1229 and revoke the edict that was passed whereby the Bible was forbidden to the laity to read." I dare say that he has learned that the Bible ought to be read by individuals here within this world.

Jesus said:

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

Even Simon Peter tells us how important it is to study the Bible. Listen:

"Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, BY THE WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:23).

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH" (II Tim. 2:15).

"And that from a child thou hast known the HOLY SCRIPTURES, which are ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION, through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15).

If you will read these four verses, you will come face to face with this fact, that so far as the Word of God is concerned, it is to be studied, and it is that which brings men face to face with their Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and thereby sinners are born again through the Word of God.

I'd like to read to you a Catholic quotation concerning the Bible. Listen:

"Lastly, of all the advice we can give to your Beatitude, we have reserved to the end the most important, viz., that as little as possible of the gospel (especially in the mother tongue) be read in all the countries subject to your jurisdiction. That little which is usually read at Mass is sufficient, and beyond that no one whatever must be permitted to read. While men were contented with that little, your interests prospered; but when more was read they began to decay. To sum it all up, that book (the Bible) is the one, more than any other, that has raised against us these whirlwinds and tempests whereby we were almost swept away; and, in fact, if anyone examines it diligently, and then contrasts therewith the practice of our church, he will perceive the great discordance, and that our doctrine is utterly different from, and often very contrary to it; which if the people understood, they will not cease their clamor against us till all be divulged, and then we shall become an object of universal scorn and hatred. Therefore, even these few pages must be put away, but with considerable caution lest so doing should raise up greater uproars and tumults."

This came from the advice that three Roman bishops gave to Pope Julius III as to how to strengthen the cause of Catholicism. That didn't come out of the Word of God; that comes from the pages of history. I tell you, beloved, I dare say that if Pope John XXIII had an opportunity to come to Rome today he would mighty quickly say, "I have learned something about the Bible. Let's reverse our position. Let's give the Word of God to the world, that the world might learn of Jesus Christ thereby."

### VII

HE HAS LEARNED THE FALLACY OF PREACHING IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE.

For six hundred years after the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ the language used in preaching was that spoken by the people. However, about the year 600 A.D. it became necessary for the Catholics to overawe the superstitious minds of the barbaric people. When the Goths, the Austro-goths, the Visigoths, the Huns, and the Teutons swept down over the country of Italy, they showed no

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The greatest sinners are those who feel sin least of all.

## POPE

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respect for the church. They immediately wanted to destroy what they saw by way of Christianity, and in order to overawe the barbaric imagination of these heathen people, the Catholics instituted the counting of beads, the burning of candles, and speaking in an unknown tongue.

But what did the Apostle Paul say? Listen:

"Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (I Cor. 14:9).

Beloved, all I have to say is this, it never was known for a man to speak in the Latin tongue until 600 A.D., and in the light of what Paul says, it would have been far better off if the Catholics never had started preaching in Latin. I am satisfied that if Pope John XX-III could come back, he would say, "Brethren, let's speak plainly and slowly and softly, and make the Word plain, that men might understand what God has to say within His Book."

### VIII

HE HAS LEARNED IT WAS WRONG TO CHANGE THE MODE OF BAPTISM.

I suppose you know that the world got wrong on baptism through Catholicism. Their idea was that you have to baptize a man in order to get him saved and ready for Heaven. In other words, they have always believed and taught baptismal regeneration. If one is sick and not able to be immersed, then you have to do something about it; you can't let him die without baptism, and therefore, it is necessary to sprinkle him. Their idea was the same relative to babies: "If we are going to be able to save the soul of a babe, we have to baptize that babe. We can't immerse him when he

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## A PASS, A PUNT, AND A-WHAT?



What does God think about prayer to win a ball game or a bet at the race track?

So a football coach in a Tennessee high school insists he has the constitutional right to lead his team in prayer before games.

Maybe he does, though the court has taken a different view. But constitutional rights aside, such a prayer must be an abomination in the eyes of the Lord.

Imagine His distress to hear the coach invoking His aid to "fix" a football game! How can a coach retain self-respect as a sportsman after asking God to interfere on his behalf in determining the outcome of an athletic event?

As a parochial school student, I was regularly coerced into Friday chapel to pray for victory in the weekend big game. I felt disgust mingled with shame. And elsewhere in the city were others, I was sure, who shared my feelings after being marched into their chapel to pray for their team's victory in the big confrontation with our team.

Residents of Little Ireland, the section of the city in which I lived, might not make it to church on Sunday morning, but you'd find many of them at Saturday morning mass, praying that Notre Dame would emerge victorious from their afternoon clash with the forces of godlessness. It wasn't just ideology that motivated the pious request—not a few bets were laid on the broad shoulders of the Fighting Irish.

Parochial school training took us ever further afield. We went to the horse races nearly every Saturday of the season. Hearing the sounds of "Our Father" and "Hail Mary," you would have thought only Catholics frequented the track. One fellow would say his beads all the time the race was being run. I was always glad when he lost. Somehow it confirmed my belief that God can't be bribed into influencing the results of a horse race. I did, however, suspect that the Good Lord occasionally interfered a bit to keep my companion from winning any money!

Things haven't changed much. During a recent World Series, television viewers watched a batter bless himself before entering the batter's box, while up in the grandstand the pitcher's wife was shown reciting her rosary. The batter struck out. Did the rosary cancel out the blessing, leaving skill against skill, or was the rosary "bigger medicine" than the sign of the cross?

One wonders whether God was laughing or weeping.

Yes, I believe in prayer, but not frivolous prayer. Not the kind of prayer that cancels the very principles of honesty, fair play, and sportsmanship to which athletic contests are supposedly committed. Whatever the constitutional issues, that Tennessee coach doesn't have a prayer to stand on.

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ches in conjunction with the Lord's Supper.

So I presume that this "one Baptist Church" has, in its covenant, a pledge that, if any of its membership should move to another locality, they would seek to join another Baptist Church of "like faith and order."

So, in this consideration, in order to be Scripturally consistent, this "one Baptist Church" could not rightfully "grant a letter to another so-called Baptist Church that practices open communion" to others outside its own local assembly, though they may be Christians, and though correct elements may be used.

Then, too, it must be observed that those two practices, in respect to the keeping of the Lord's Supper, have nothing in common, being heterogeneous. Also, those two views, in practice, are alien in spirit, even to the symbolical precept of the law of Moses, which says: "Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind" (Lev. 19:19). Too, further, there is another similar precept: "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together" (Deut. 22:10). Finally, then, in the New Testament, the dual question is asked: "...what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14). So, in the same vain, I ask: "Can both light and darkness co-exist to commune in fellowship?" The answer is obvious.

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When a church sends a letter to another church it is a letter of commendation. "And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem" (1 Cor. 16:3).

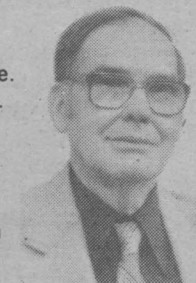
To send a letter to a church that practices open communion would be to commend a member to that church. We cannot recommend that a member of a sound church join with a church that disobeys God. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" We are not to be "...unequally yoked together with unbelievers..." (II Cor. 6:14). Those who practice open communion do not believe the teachings of Christ relative to the Lord's Supper.

We are not obligated to send letters, and we will not send them to churches that do not believe as we do. We recommend our members to join churches of like faith and practice.

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Letters from one church to another are for the purpose of letting the church receiving the members know that they are members in good standing in the church sending the letters, and that they are granted permission to join the other church. As this

correspondence should be only between churches of like faith and order, the answer to the question would depend upon whether the church practicing open communion is a true church or not. Not being sound in the observance of the Lord's Supper would not necessarily cause it to not be a church. The church at Corinth was wrong in the observance of the supper as well as many other things, yet the Apostle Paul under divine inspiration addressed it as, "The church of God which is at Corinth" (I Cor. 1:2).

If their practice of open communion was not associated with the universal church theory and alien baptism and they were sound on the other doctrines of the Bible, I see no reason why a letter could not be granted. I might add, that I can not see why any one who is a member of a church where the truth concerning the observance of the Lord's Supper has been taught, would want to join a church where open communion is practiced.

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Historically speaking, open communion is a novel doctrine. It was not heard of in the religious world until John Bunyan (1628-1688) came on the scene, and began to propagate the doctrine. The particular Baptists of England successfully withstood Bunyan's open communion error, and the controversy was not raised again for more than a hundred years. Robert Hall (1764-1831), a pulpit orator unexcelled in his day, raised the open communion controversy anew, and gave it favorable, but erroneous impetus which has not diminished to this day. Bunyan and Hall are historically called Baptists, but under close investigation it is seen that the true historical lineage of Baptists is traced through the Particular Baptists of England, with which neither Bunyan nor Hall were identified. So, the open communion stigma cannot in the true historical sense attach itself to Baptists.

The Lord's Supper is not a Christian ordinance per se. To say it is a Christian ordinance without qualifying clauses, is to say too much. Neither is it a denominational ordinance, but it is a CHURCH ordinance. It is not a church ordinance in the sense of ownership, but in the sense of guardianship. Paul said to the church at Corinth, "...Keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." (I Cor. 11:2). The great commission was given to the Lord's ecclesia (Mt. 28:18-20), the called-out and assembled body of Christ. The very term "ecclesia" excludes the thought of such a thing as a universal visible church or a universal invisible church, for the term demands not only a calling out, but an assembly of those called out, and neither the Roman Catholic or Protestant theory of the church can satisfy this indispensable requirement.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was given to the assembled (surely visible) and autonomous church to keep as a memorial ordinance unto the return of the Lord (I Cor. 11:25,

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Why is it not right and please give Biblical reasons why one Baptist church cannot grant a letter to another Baptist Church who practices open communion?

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This particular question regards the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, as it was instituted by our Lord and Saviour at the last passover service, which was to be a memorial of His sacrifice for the redemption of His people from their sins.

Therefore, it should behoove His people, as a solemn duty, to observe it in the same manner in which our Lord instituted it and

intended it, as a rule, to be observed by the Churches of Christ in all ages, even until the time of His second coming to receive His Church unto Himself.

But it must be understood that the Lord's memorial supper is not a reiteration (as Romanism teaches); but, rather, a commemoration of the sacrifice of Christ, perpetually, in thankful remembrance of Him during the Church age until He returns.

Reasonably, then, I think it is only right to observe this memorial in a closed session as Jesus and His disciples did. Hence, we must think of this session of the observance of the Supper as closed only to each local Church assembly, which, consequently and reasonably, excludes all other local Churches, since it is a local church ordinance, as is intended.

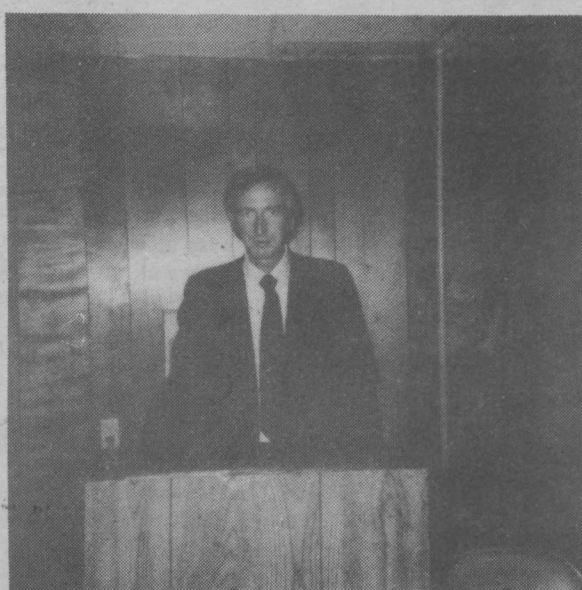
Hence, I presume that this "one Baptist Church" practices

"closed communion" in all such sessions, in using the correct elements in conjunction with this solemn memorial supper, which involves, symbolically, the breaking of His body and the shedding of His precious blood for the sins of His people. So, for this purpose, the elements used constitutes bread and wine only in a pure and unleavened state. This means that the bread must be unleavened (which rules out light bread), because leaven (a type of sin) can never properly typify the sinless body of Christ. Then, too, neither can grape juice properly become wine in an unleavened state until, through fermentation, all leaven is burned out, which leaves pure wine as a proper symbol of the sinless blood of our Lord. Such adherence, as to truthness to type, was always required (without exception) in the Old Testament. Every thing had to be done according to type-pattern without exception, because, to change type, destroys the intent of the type, as to exactitude, which is presently current in many churches



*It is sad when our troubles try us more than our transgressions.*

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26), and seeing that the ordinance was given to the assembled entity, intra-Baptist church communion is ruled out. Not only is the ordinance to be close, but closed to all who are not members of the immediate church, and then only to those within the church who will give themselves a thorough self-examination (I Cor. 11:28).

Many are the safe guards which the Lord has set up to protect His memorial table, of which a few are mentioned in Acts 2: 41 & 42. In this Scripture we see regeneration to be a prerequisite to baptism, and baptism to be a prerequisite to church membership, and that adherence to the apostles doctrine is a prerequisite to a partaking of the Lord's Supper. Not only a believer, but a scripturally baptized believer. In the commission baptism is put before the Lord's Supper, and there is not a single reference in Scripture where an unbaptized believer ate the Lord's Supper.

It is the Lord's table, and He is the Lord of the table. It is His to determine what qualifications a person must have in order to eat at His table, and it is His to draw what lines of restrictions He pleases to keep His table from becoming corrupted. Baptists have been severely and wrongly criticized for their invoking of the Lord's restrictions which He has placed around His table, but Baptists would rather suffer for the favor of their sovereign Lord, than compromise for the approval of poor perishing people.

The apostle said, "We ought to obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29). God has closed the door against all who have no right to eat of His Supper, and we without reservation or arrogance are bound to honor the walls which God has raised up to keep His Supper out of the hands of those who would defile it. Baptists are closed communists, not because they are bigoted, or feel malice toward other professing Christians, but because they own God's authority over them and esteem His precepts regulating the observance of the Supper more dear than life itself. Paradoxically, the Supper is closed hard and fast, but it is open, wide open to all who will come the Scriptural route to the table, and Baptists

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"A man that is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject" (Titus 3:10).

I take the position that the above Scripture establishes a principle which should be applied in recognizing or not recognizing a church as a true church. The verse teaches that if a man is a heretic, we should deal with him and admonish him twice. Then, if he will not repent of his heresy, we are to exclude him from the church. Now this does not apply to those weak in the faith. And I would not apply it to a man in the church who was willing to keep quiet about his beliefs that was not in harmony with the church. If a man does not see doctrinally totally with the church, but is willing to keep quiet and not cause trouble and not try to get others in the church to go along with him — I would not feel that we should exclude him.

Now, surely, if a man who is a heretic should be excluded from church membership, surely a whole church full of heretics should not be recognized as a church. How can we recognize as a true church that which teaches what we would not allow a church member to teach and remain in the church? A church member is to be rejected for heresy. Surely, a church is to be rejected for heresy and not recognized as a true church.

Now, true Baptist churches are the only churches there are. All others are false, man-made institutions or worse. When a church practices open communion, that church is denying Church truth. She is recognizing other churches as if they were true churches. She is denying that only Baptist churches are true churches. For a Baptist church to do this is for her to teach great heresy as to Church truth, and is to unchurch her as a true church. She herself is saying that her kind is not the only kind of church. As we must reject the church member who is a heretic, so we must reject the

church that is heretical and so we cannot recognize such as a true church by receiving or granting her letters.

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is sick; therefore we have to sprinkle." That is how the world got wrong on baptism.

But, beloved, what does the Word of God say? If you will go back to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find that He Himself set us an example, and that example was baptism by way of immersion. Listen:

"But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:14-17).

When Paul would write to the church at Rome about baptism, he said:

"Therefore we are BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM into death" (Rom. 6:4).

Notice, Paul refers to baptism as a burial. Beloved, you don't bury a person when you sprinkle him. You don't bury one when you pour a little water on his head. The only time in baptism when a person is buried is when he goes down under the water by way of an immersion.

If you want a definition of the word "burial," go back to the time when Abraham was traveling through the country of the Hittites. The Word of God says that his beloved wife Sarah had died and he had no place to bury her, so he went to Ephron, the Hittite, to buy land. He said:

"Give me a possession of a burying place with you, that I may BURY MY DEAD OUT OF MY SIGHT" (Gen. 23:4).

Notice, that Abraham said, "That I may bury my dead out of my sight." Beloved, a burial puts a person out of sight.

I tell you, if Pope John XXIII could come back to this world, I am of the opinion that

he would say, "Brethren, I have learned something. I have learned that the world got wrong on baptism because of us, and I want to teach everyone to return to the original position of baptism by immersion."

IX

HE HAS LEARNED THAT SALVATION IS NOT BY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

The Catholic says that original sin is washed away by baptism, and that all future sins are taken away as a result of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper when an individual receives the bread that has been blessed. In other words, by his biscuit worship, or by his idolatry whereby he sees in that little piece of biscuit the body, blood, deity, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, the Catholic is supposed to be absolved from any future sins.

I tell you, beloved, Pope John XXIII has learned that salvation doesn't come by church membership, he has learned that salvation is not through the sacrament of baptism, and he has learned that salvation is not through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Jesus said:

"For this is MY BLOOD of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Mt. 26:28).

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome, he omits saying anything about baptismal regeneration or about church salvation, but rather he says:

"Much more then, being now JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9).

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Hebrew Christians, he said:

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but BY HIS OWN BLOOD he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12).

"And without shedding of BLOOD IS NO REMISSION" (Heb. 9:22).

The Apostle John said: "And the BLOOD of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN" (I John 1:7).

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins IN HIS OWN BLOOD" (Rev. 1:5).

Don't tell me that a man is saved by being a member of the

Catholic Church or any kind of a church. Don't tell me that a man is saved by having his sins washed away in water. Don't tell me that the partaking of a little piece of bread on the tongue will be the means of absolving you of any sins you commit thereafter. Rather:

"My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus' Name."

I tell you, beloved, Pope John XXIII has learned that there is no salvation in church membership, nor in any of the sacraments of the church.

X

HE HAS LEARNED THAT CATHOLICISM HAS BEEN WRONG IN PERSECUTING THOSE WHO DIFFER.

We read:

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Rev. 17:6).

In the Bible, a pure woman represents a pure church, whereas an impure woman represents a false church.

If you will read the seventeenth chapter of Revelation, you will have the story of the old whore and her harlot daughters.

I'll not take time to give an exposition or an exegesis of this passage of Scripture, however, I'll just say this, as I have many times in the past, that the old whore is nothing else but a picture of Roman Catholicism, and her harlot daughters are the churches that have come out of Rome. And what does it say that this whore is guilty of? Among others things, we are told she is "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

Beloved, talk about the Pope being a man of peace! Did you ever read where he said at any time that he was sorry for the attitude that the Catholics had taken for the past several hundred years during the Dark Ages in putting Christians to death?

Did you ever read that he said anything about the time when the preachers of a certain area

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## GOD

In God's oneness there is unity of power!  
Yet, in His diversity, there is tri-unity!  
In God's unity of power, there is judgment!  
Yet, in His tri-unity, there is His mercy!

In His oneness, God cannot look upon sin!  
Yet, in His tri-unity, He loves the sinner!  
God, in His unity, can pour out His wrath!  
Yet, in His tri-unity, He is sacrificed!

God, in His unity, decrees judgment for sin!  
Yet, in His tri-unity, He redeems the lost!  
Jesus, the Son, bore our sins on the tree!  
The Spirit witnesses of His omniscient love!

All who, in love, recognize His magnanimity,  
Become evidences of God's glorious tri-unity!  
Others must forever quail before God's unity,  
Enduring, forever, the reality of judgment!

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## POPE

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refused to have their babies baptized, and the Catholics killed them and set their heads on stakes ten feet apart on each side of the highway for 30 miles? It is almost 30 miles from here to Grayson and every 10 feet on each side of the highway seeing a lifeless head staring at you — the head of somebody who loved the Lord too much to have his baby sprinkled or to submit to sprinkling as valid baptism? Did you ever read that the Pope said he was sorry for the attitude of his ancestors in doing that?

Did you ever read where the Pope, who was supposed to be such a great lover of peace, said one word by way of apology because his church in the past had ripped up pregnant women and fed their unborn offspring to wild hungry dogs?

Did you ever read where he said he was sorry that his church had women's breasts cut with shears from their body because they refused to be baptized? Did you ever read anything about him saying one word that he was sorry that his church has put true believers in scalding water and boiled them alive? Did you ever read where he said that he was sorry that in the past his church had done any of these things by way of persecuting Christians?

I used to get a paper from St. Louis known as the Western Watchman. It was the strongest Catholic paper ever published. Its outstanding editor was D.S. Phelan. Here is a portion of one of his editorials: "We would like to rack and quarter Protestantism; we would like to impale it and hang it up for crows to build nests of; we would like to tear it with pincers and pierce it with red hot irons; we would like to fill it with molten lead, and plunge it into Hell fire a hundred fathoms deep." Did you ever read where Pope John XXIII said he was sorry for the editorials of the St. Louis Watchman? If he were such a great man of peace, why didn't he try to rectify the horrible murderous attitude of the Catholics in past ages?

In Yugoslavia in 1941 and 1942 the Romanists gained complete control over Croatia. 850,000 of the people were heartlessly butchered and 244,000 were forced into the Roman Church. This is not a page taken from Foxe's Book of Martyrs. It is not the story of Roman inquisition of medieval days. No, this happened in our own generation, in 1941 and 1942, but Pope John XXIII never said he regretted the action of his church.

Go, back, beloved, and read all those horrible things the Catholics are guilty of in the past and you will never find that the man the world says was a man of peace, and one who has done so much for peace today — you will never find at any time that he ever apologized for the things that his church had done in the past.

Go back just a few years. I can remember myself how that Pope Pius gave his blessing to the murderous campaign of General Franco when he overran Spain, and abolished the monarchy of Spain, and set up the dictatorship that exists in Spain today. I can remember when the Pope put his sanction and his blessing upon it and said that what General Franco had done was a deed of valor.

I can remember when Mussolini, as a black-shirted follower of the Pope, overran Ethiopia and killed those Ethiopians who were armed only with spears. I can remember that the Pope put his blessing on it and said it was a noble thing that had been done. When Haile Selassie, the king of Ethiopia, who dates his ancestry all the way back to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, was forced to flee from his land and go to England, it was then that the Pope said that it was regrettable that England had given him a place to stay. Beloved, that was within the past few years. Now the world says that this man who has died and gone to Hell was in favor of peace. Not at all did he ever apologize for any of the things that his predecessors had done so far as peace was concerned.

The fact of the matter is, the Catholics are never in favor of peace anywhere or at anytime except when that peace is in their favor. If it is in their behalf, they are in favor of peace; if it isn't, they are not in favor of it.

I tell you, beloved, I have an opinion that if Pope John XXIII could come back to this world that he would tell us that he has learned that Catholicism has been wrong all through the years in persecuting everybody that has differed with them, and that he really now is a man of peace, and that he would like to see peace in the world with everybody believing on the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

I come back to that expression in the story of Jesus founding His church, when Jesus said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I hear Simon Peter just prior to that, in answer to His question

Psalm 21:1-13.

Intro.: In Psalm 20, we had the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man, or men, as well as patient expectation and admonition; now, in Psalm 21, we have exuberation in the realization of the answer of those prayers, which produce praise, thanksgiving, and dedication. Again, we cannot overlook the fact that Christ is the central theme of all Scripture. May we therefore desire to see and exalt Him.

### VERSE 1

"The king." The need of the pauper and the prince are the same, as well as their responsibility. However, the king stands in a position of leadership, and he can either help or hurt his subjects by his actions. The King of kings has, and is, and will fulfil His place of responsibility (Heb. 10:7) on the behalf of His subjects. He did this by laying aside His royal robes and taking on Him the form of a servant fulfilling the demands of the laws of the kingdom and finally dying in our stead, before being given a Name which is above every name (Phil. 2:5-9).

"Shall joy." Joy cometh in the morning, and even in the night of suffering, we can in sorrow, rejoice (Psa. 30:15; II Cor. 6:10).

"In Thy strength, O Lord."

The believing saint learns he can have no confidence in the flesh, but can have all confidence in God (Phil. 3:3; II Cor. 12:9, 10). The king had found God's grace sufficient as he fed the sheep, as he faced the giant, and as he fled from Saul.

"And in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice."

as to whom Jesus Christ is — I hear Simon Peter say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Would to God that the Pope, and his followers, and all of those who are in the Catholic Church might worship and show their loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ as Simon Peter did on that first day when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

A friend of mine heard that the Catholic priest in a certain city was going to preach in English. It was to be an innovation, or, at least, it would be something entirely different to what the Catholics ordinarily did. This friend of mine went to hear what this priest had to say. This priest denounced sin as a heinous, malignant thing. This friend of mine said that it was a remarkable message in what he had to say about sin, for he made it appear as a dreaded moral or spiritual malady, or as cancer — as bad as a tumor to the human body — a thing to be feared or shunned, and to be spurned. Then he brought his message to a close and said, "And is there no remedy for sin?" My friend said he just sat on the edge of his seat to see what this man was going to say. He thought, "Now is the opportunity for him to say in English, 'Yes, there is a remedy, for 2000

Temporal deliverances are causes for rejoicing, but the salvation found in Christ is to be the chief cause for the saints' unending joy. In this, we are to "greatly rejoice." We are to rejoice with exceeding joy (I Pet. 1:6-8).

### VERSE 2

"Thou hast given him his heart's desire." God's providence and power was exalted in fulfilling the petitions of the king in such a glorious way that it was evidenced that it had to be of the Lord. God had put it in the king's heart to pray, and had in His purpose supplied the answer; therefore all things are of God (Phil. 2:12, 13). It is well to remember the desires that were in the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ as He prayed in John 17, and to realize that God the Father will answer all of His desires.

"And hast not withholden the requests of his lips." There are times that God answers prayers by not answering, which is, of course, in accordance with His purpose; however, in this case, the king's desires are perfectly in line with the will of God. All of our prayers should be in accordance with the Word of God. In this way, our prayers would not be amiss (James 4:3).

"Selah." A perfect place to pause in adoration.

### VERSE 3

"For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness." In the mercy of God, the king found, as he opened the door of his house, that God had gone ahead of him, and had provided all his need (Phil. 4:19; Eph. 1:3). The child of God will ever find, even in the midst of adversity,

God has innumerable blessings stored up all along our pathway.

"Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head." This is significant of the high position David was honored with, and is pictorial of the place and position God has raised His people to occupy (Eph. 2:6, 7). We can, in God's grace, look forward to a crown of righteousness like Paul (II Tim. 4:8); of course, we will cast all crowns at the feet of Jesus (Rev. 4:10).

### VERSE 4

"He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever." The child of God has been given eternal life (John 10:27).

### VERSE 5

"His glory is great in Thy salvation." David's deliverance placed him in an exalted position. However, he attributes this salvation to God. In eternal salvation, the children of God will be glorified and this according to the will of God (Rom. 8:29, 30).

"Honor and majesty hast Thou laid upon him." David was God's anointed, and this was publicly manifested, although for a season he was in the wilderness. How much greater is this true of Christ Who is King of kings. He, too, as in the wilderness for a season, as He had our sins placed on Him, and wore a crown of thorns before He was exalted.

### VERSE 6

"For Thou hast made him most blessed forever: Thou hast made him exceeding glad with Thy countenance." Others may find their joy and happiness because the world smiles on them, but David found true joy and happiness in the smile of God upon him.

### VERSE 7

"For the king trusteth in the Lord." A continual dependence on the Lord will bring peace and contentment (Isa. 26:3, 4).

"And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved." David had all confidence in the power of God to keep him, and to establish him (I Pet. 1:5).

### VERSES 8-12

We will not quote these verses, but we call your attention to the total victory over all enemies accomplished by the Lord (I Cor. 15:57). The enemy is real and powerful, but greater is He that is for us (Rom. 8:31).

### VERSE 13

"Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thine own strength." Although God uses others, David looks for the direct intervention of God to be publicly displayed in putting down all enemies.

Conclusion: "So will we sing, and praise Thy power." Worshipful adoration should ever be a large part of our public services, as we magnify our God.

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### BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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## POPE

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the Sister had put that jacket around the dying woman's shoulders and had slipped out to try to find a priest. While she was gone this worker, moving along the corridors of the hospital, heard this woman groaning and praying and she stepped into the room where she was and learned her condition. She told there beside her bed and told her about Jesus, how that Jesus was wounded for our sins, how the Son of God went to the cross and died for our sins, and how the blood of Jesus Christ is all that a sinner needs. She told her that she didn't need that scapular around her shoulders, that she didn't need a priest, and that she didn't need to confess to any man, that all she needed was Jesus as her Saviour. She was saved and the Christian worker went on her way. Presently, the priest came in, and he said, "I am here to hear your confession." She said, "Father, let me see your hand." Thinking that she was out of her mind, he said "Oh, come now, make your confession." She said, "Let me see your hand." Thinking that it might be the means of calming her so that she would go ahead and make her confession, he held his hand up and she put her hand in his hand and felt around in the palm of his hand, then dropped it down and said, "No, that hand won't do." The priest said, "What do you mean that it won't do?" She said, "Well, the hand that saved me was pierced for my sins."

Beloved, I say to you, the hand that saved me was pierced for my sins. The Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins, and I have salvation in His blood. If Pope John XXIII is in Heaven, he is there because in his dying hour he threw everything else aside and believed in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the

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## LAUNCH

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In Christ, beloved friends, we need never give up. In fact, in Christ, we can know that victory now, regardless of our circumstances or situation, can be ours, and, in Him, victory after awhile is assured! Listen to the words of Jesus, "Launch out into the deep..." On the strength of His Words, we can assure each other, brethren, that the months and year ahead can be our greatest if we can "Launch out" in faith and obedience.

Nevertheless, perhaps because your humanity seems to have the upper hand, as it were, your heart cries out, "But Brother Ray, it is just no use!" Life may seem too hard or too difficult. It may seem to you that success and victory must forever pass you by.

When we read the story of these disciples and the faith which they seemingly manifested and obedience which they appear to have indulged at that time, the reality of it all may seem to be very distant and really unbelievable. In truth, however, it may not be as difficult as it seems.

All of us indulge in faith each and every day of our lives, and we doubtless do this in many, many ways. Just as the Astronauts are "launched" into space in faith, labor in space in faith, and then indulge in faith as they return from space, so all of us must have faith, really, just to live and get through each day.

We may lose sight of the fact of faith because of our humanity, but faith is a very-present and an ever-present reality. The sad and tragic thing of it all, however, is that we have faith in most everything and in most everybody except the Lord and His Holy Word.

We drink from faucets or from pumps and assume that those who prepared the water were our friends. We open cans or shop at grocery shelves and never suppose or think that someone may have placed a deadly poison in the food to destroy us. We cross streets and depend on the circuit breakers and electrical controls to keep the four-wheeled monsters which we call cars in their places.

While in college, and a little before, and a little after, as well my son had an old 1949 Plymouth which had gone better than 100,000 miles. He called it his "Bomb." In reality, that 1949 Plymouth was a "bomb," just as all of our cars are potential "bombs," regardless of their age. Anytime, anyone pours a gallon of gasoline into a tank of any kind, he has arranged sufficient potential power to destroy himself, and a lot of other people as well.

Nonetheless, we casually climb into our cars and speed along the streets or the highways in faith that the gasoline will do right. We have faith that those other "bombs" which pass us and those that we meet coming from some other direction will likewise do right. What am I saying? Very simply, faith is absolutely essential for our lives and for our living, and we experience and express it by our actions.

When we get up in the morning, we have faith that the floor will be there, or we would never drop our feet over the side of the bed. When we eat breakfast or any other meal, we have to believe that the cook is on our side, or we would never touch the food which is prepared. When we get into our cars to take off for work or to take a trip, we have to have faith that the gasoline will do what it is supposed to do, and that the car will hang together, or we would certainly walk.

In some of the mundane and more worthless activities such as sports, we swing our tennis rackets, our baseball bats, and our golf clubs on the assumption — believing — that they will connect with a ball and something will happen. Or we throw a football on the assumption someone will be there to catch it. When we turn our children over to their teachers, we are demonstrating that we have faith in our educational system, as well as in the teachers. We even show or demonstrate our faith when we work for a week, a couple of weeks, or a month in the belief that someone will pay us.

Obviously, faith is involved in practically everything that we do at work, at home, and at play. Without such faith in others and even in things, our society would be a wild maelstrom in which none of us would be able to live. If all of us were paranoid to the point that we were afraid to drink from the faucets which come into our homes or places of business, or if all of us should refuse to drive our cars, or if all of us should fear to turn on the electricity or work with machinery in our places of business or factories, or if all of us refused to ride in trains, planes, and ships, society and life as we know it today would come to a rapid finish or a "screaming conclusion."

We are strange creatures!

Most of us may suppose that life continues on because we know so much or because we are so influential or because we are so advanced socially, intellectually, religiously, scientifically and technically, or technologically! yet, right in the middle of everything that we do is that little word, "faith!"

If I did not have faith to believe that you were out there listening or reading, I would have stayed in bed! It would be an utter waste of my time for me to speak into a microphone or to sit at my typewriter if there were no one out there listening or reading. Thankfully, by faith the station owners, managers, and announcers can believe you are out there listening. Thankfully, Brother Gilpin can believe that you are out there ready to read that which he and his staff take the time to print.

All day long, all night long, day in and day out, week in and week out, month in and month out, year in and year out, it would seem that our lives are dependent most completely upon the faith which we have in others, the faith which we have in things, and the faith which we have in ourselves. Such may even seem commonplace when we look at faith so simply. Yet, in our humanity and in our depravity, if I may, we sometimes and somehow feel that God has done us wrong, as it were, by requiring, "For by grace are you 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).

Why, we may enquire, should it seem strange then, that God would demand faith of us if He is going to let us in on His victories and enable us to experience eternal life here and life eternal after awhile? We need to recall that when Jesus told His disciples to "Launch out," He did not stop there. Rather, He went on to say, "Let down your nets." If Brother Gilpin, Sr., and now Brother Gilpin, Jr., had planned for TBE and then sat back and said, "Lord, I am waiting for you to work it all out," TBE as an extension of faith and outreach of First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church would still be a "dream!"

Some years ago, there was a pastor who used to encourage his people quite regularly — and to some rather boringly — to "put feet to their prayers." That is one of the reasons that I left the business world and took off for the Seminary many years ago. I was "putting feet to my prayers," if you please, perhaps in anticipation that somewhere further on, I would pastor a "great people." That I have done, thanks to the Lord, but they were "great," as men should speak of it, only in quality — not in quantity!

Nevertheless, as a young Christian — as one of the Lord's choice ministers would remind me in recent days — as a young man and as a young Christian many years ago, I had asked the Lord that I might travel "the hard way" — remembering, of course, the way that our Lord Jesus and his disciples were wont to go — if that could be His Holy will, His desire and His design. Therefore, though I may have had considerable ambition after living through World War II and Korea, and after missing death by less than "a hair" on at least one occasion and coming close on some others, I was ready to obey the Lord and follow Him in

whatever direction He might choose. For, whether in sacrifice or in success, if what I did was in accord with His Holy and Sovereign Will, all would be well!

Perhaps we can understand than, that our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, was calling on His disciples to have faith when He said, "Launch out!" Further, however, it would seem that He was telling them to "put feet to their prayers," when He said or when He added the words, "And let down your nets."

If we may, the Astronauts have to do many things after they have been launched into space. They have to do still more things if they plan to get back to the earth and the relative safety of Terra-Firma. Likewise, just getting launched into "faith" does not finish our responsibility or our task, though we, by that faith, are saved and that eternally! There must be more if we are to be fruitful Christians who truly walk in faith. There must be more if we are to meet the Apostle's standard, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7).

The Lord, through James, speaks most effectively to this truth, in, "Even so, faith, if it have not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:7). Needless to say, this word has nothing whatever to do with our salvation, and only those who have a "works-for-salvation AX," as it were, "to grind" would ever make such an assumption or draw such a conclusion. It does, however, have a lot to do with our finished service and our fruitfulness as Christians!

### CONCLUSION

Some of you pastors may have done a lot of "launching" this past year or during these past months. You may even have done a lot of "rowing," as it were. You followed the Lord's command to "Launch out into the deep," but you became so weary with the "rowing," that you never got around to the Lord's command, "Let down your nets."

You did not fail! You just succeeded partially because you did not follow through in faith and "let down your nets." The months and the year ahead will be very similar if you have that initial zeal and faith to "Launch out into the deep," but lack the faith and the zeal to "let down your nets." Having faith for the launching out is good. It demonstrates that you have faith. But if you would evidence the works of faith, then you must "let down your nets."

Faithful ministers of God, faithful men and women, faithful young people, you have placed your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! Now, exercise that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as never before. Let these be the months, let this be the year in which you follow the command of our Lord to "Launch out into the deep" in faith, and then, in faith, "Let down your nets" so that God can provide you with real, abundant, and spiritual fruit for your labors!

Because of our Lord's command, many of us, in the coming months or in the coming year, will truly "Launch out into the deep." It is quite probable, however, that very few will "Let down their nets." Thus, a few will experience faith in its fullness as it comes forth in fruitfulness, though many may experience faith without fruitfulness.

Some of you who listen and some of you who read may be as one in another day who was call-

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ed Saul. You have been in touch with those who are walking in faith sufficiently that you can realize there is really something to this relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You have seen a manifestation of that faith which makes you want to know that this is the direction in which you want your life to go. God, in His sovereignty and by His elective grace, is, ministering to your spirit!

In fact, as this one of another era, you are finding it hard to "kick against the pricks" of the goad! Let me assure you that the Spirit of God is ministering even now to your spirit! E're long, God's sovereign, elective "Light," if you please, will burst around you, and you will turn to cry, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). You, then, in a most wonderful way, will know that it is God who saves, God who secures, and God who calls.

E're long, the scales of Scriptural ignorance and spiritual blindness will fall from your eyes. Then, you, too, will be ready to "Launch out into the deep," and I would hope that you would be one, also, whom the Lord will inspire to "Let down your nets." Within the sovereign purposes of our God, one can be an elder who learns to walk in the faith for fruitfulness, or one may be a child in the faith who maturely walks in the faith by the Word. Herein is the victory in time which has its eternal consequences.

### Hear the Word!

"Faith," whether for you or for me, whether for the lost or the saved, "Comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). It is in this that our God effects His fruitfulness for salvation or His fruitfulness for those who are saved. In the one, it is fruitfulness unto redemption. In the other, it is fruitbearing unto rewards. The one walks in the wonder that the Lord Jesus Christ died for his or her sins on Calvary's Cross, and that He was raised from the dead, and the other "Launches

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*It lightens the stroke to draw near to him who handles the rod.*

## TUNE IN TO THE CALL TO CALVARY

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out into the deep" and "Let's down his nets," having believed the Gospel and walked in the wonder of the Word of God.

For the one, it is, "He that believeth on the Son has everlasting life" (John 3:36). For the other it is, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure draweth nigh. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also who love His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Salvation and service within the Sovereign Purposes of our God! What exciting opportunity! What assurance of successful service! What great and grand prospects of glory with and for our God! Faith for our living! Faith for obedience! Faith for our Victory!

## TIMES

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times upon us today. What's wrong? Prophecy is being fulfilled. Men boast in politics, in social life, in religion. We have a generation of braggards today who are bypassing God, or they think they are. Acts 15:18 — "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." I Cor. 10:12 — "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." John 15:1 — "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." That settles it; all boasting is vain and empty.

"Proud." James 4:6 — "But he giveth more grace, wherefore he sayeth, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." This is the age of demonstrated pride, an outstanding sign of the end of this dispensation.

"Blasphemers." There are many places of business where a Christian is embarrassed by cursing. It happens in garages, barber shops, beauty shops, grocery stores and many other places.

"Disobedient to parents." I can remember in our home when I was a boy, my daddy wanted me to have respect for him and my mother. We did not talk back to our parents, but today, children say to parents "I will not do it," or "I will do it when I get ready" or, "it is none of your business." Spare the rod and spoil the child is Grandma gospel. Isn't that what we hear. Let us hear what God says. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: But he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24). My mother knew how to use a switch.

"Unthankful." Materially speaking, Americans have more than any people who ever lived, yet they are unthankful. After God has provided, you see very little giving thanks at tables today. We hear a lot of grumbling today, but very little thanksgiving. Surely people should be

thankful for the gifts from above. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Let us be thankful for what we have.

"Unholy." Heaven knows the best of us are full of faults and shortcomings, and we fall short, but a truly born-again Christian wants to live a holy life. The only way we can be holy is in Christ, covered by His blood; but, beloved, some people think they are doing right. Listen: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). I say to you, repent, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

"Without natural affection." In the last days men will love the unnatural. God created man and breathed into his nostrils and made him a living soul, or he became a living soul. God made man to glory in the Cross, that is His elect. "But God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14). Beloved, you think that Sunday was a holiday, but the day has become the busiest days of all, for millions playing, boating, fishing, traveling, golfing, going to races, and even shopping. Men are loving the unnatural.

"Trucebreakers." Beloved, it used to be you could trust people; a man's word was his bond, but not so today.

"False accusers." Do not let the devil wreck the testimony and tear down the usefulness of Christians through false accusation. This is the age of false accusers. "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" (II Cor. 13:1). Woe be unto those that charge God's servants wrongly. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

"Incontinent." Free and uncontrolled indulgence of the passions, or appetites are like a ship with a broken rudder, driven by winds. Times are just like they were in Lot and Noah's days. (Matt. 24:37 and Luke 17:28). I say to you we are living in these days.

"Fierce." Today crimes of the vilest sort are being committed, not only in big cities, but in the rural areas as well.

"Despisers of those that are good." Those who will discuss the Bible, righteousness, godliness, holiness, purity and decency are not wanted in the average conversation. Beloved, Peter says there are some that have forgotten they were ever saved (II Peter 1:9). Look at verse four of II Timothy 3.

"Traitors." Leaders in politics, religion, and business have proved to be traitors to their fellowmen.

"Headly, highminded." Men are lovers of their own selves, and are proud. Beloved, grace in humble, dedicated Christians are few and far bet-

ween. I say to you, we are living in the last days.

"Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." The average church member will put the world before the church — lovers of pleasure. Beyond question this is the age where men love pleasures, more than they love God. Look at verse 5.

"Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof." Formalism, program, ritual—these are the order of the day. Beloved, I believe in the reality of Jesus Christ, the formality of baptism, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I believe in worshipping God in decency and in order. We are in the age when people are playing church, and leaving their thoughts in the closet.

"From such turn away." If you are a born again person and in one of these churches that play church, you had better get out now, and get in a real church where there is real worship. Paul said to mark them. I believe this means to avoid them.

Read verse six. True Christianity is pure religion, pure religion is Christ in you, the hope of glory, and apart from Christ you are dead in your sins. Those of us who are saved are saved by God's grace. We are not saved by joining a church, by being baptized, nor by anything we have done, but we were made accepted. (Eph. 1:6).

Read verse seven. Some are trying to enter the wrong way. So-called preachers are telling people that church membership will take them to heaven. Some say good works, baptism, clean living. These that tell this are thieves and robbers. Let God's Word tell you the way. (John 14:6, John 8:32, John 17:17). I say to the lost — put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. In closing, read John 3:36. God bless you is my prayer.

## CHALLENGE

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through the world, "Babylon the mighty has fallen." Then the great whore will be judged, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Christ. This will be a sight worth seeing, and God is going to show this great and mighty thing to those who have called upon Him and not to those who have called upon Egypt.

There is all-mightiness in prayer. To the one who calls upon Him, God pulls away the curtain of Heaven working to answer him, as He did with Elisha and his servant at Dothan. Prayer is like the electric switch, which when thrown in place, instantly connecting with the mighty generators at the power house, and puts in motion a city's machinery, runs its street cars, lights its streets, and is a blessing to every home. So when we pray the switch is thrown into place which connects the finite with the infinite, and we are shown "great and mighty things" which are generated only in the heart of God.

## THE MYSTERY OF PRAYER

"Which thou knowest not." In all true prayer there is always present an element of mystery. A mystery is something that is concealed in the heart of God which has not yet been revealed

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unto man. Prayer has its mysteries because we are calling upon a God who deals in mysteries. "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." Prayer has its mysteries because we know not how and when the answer will come. We know only two things: that God hath said, "I will answer thee," and that the answer will reveal "great and mighty things." God deems this enough for us to know at present, and the balance remains a mystery until God chooses to reveal it.

Tucked away in the heart of God, for safe keeping, so that demons nor men can not discover it, and mar its blessedness, is the mysterious answer to our prayers. God will not let us know beforehand what the answer is, because then we would try to help God bring the answer to pass. Thus we would spoil the answer, hinder God, and rob Him of His glory. No, beloved, "thou knowest not" the answer until God is ready to reveal it and "show you great and mighty things." It remains a mystery until God chooses to reveal it and no man can discover it.

Did you ever have your mother tell you to shut your eyes and open your mouth and then she would give you something good? Concealed in her hand behind her back, was hidden something that you were anxious to have. The conditions were, that you should shut your eyes and open your mouth. Concealed in the heart of God is a mysterious blessing, that He is anxious to give you, and that

you are anxious to receive. The conditions are that you shut your eyes in blind faith and open your mouth wide to receive it.

What you do with your mother's request depends upon how much you love and trust her. If you love and trust her much, you will be quick to shut your eyes and open your mouth, waiting for her to deposit that good thing in your mouth. If you doubt her a little, your eyes would be half shut and your mouth half open to catch the thing in your teeth, and taste it before you let it go into your mouth. If you had no confidence in her at all you would work to get around behind her back and see what she had in her hand.

What shall be your attitude toward God? Shall we by our works try to get behind the back of God, and bring the answer to pass in our own way, and thereby prove how little we really love and trust Him? Shall we with our eyes half shut, in a trembling faith, and our mouth half open in a faltering call, wait in anxious fear, to see what the answer will be? Or shall we shut our eyes in implicit love and trust and open our mouth wide to call, knowing that He will answer and show us "great and mighty things."

Babylon is crowding the churches hard on every hand these days and it is getting worse and worse. Dare we be numbered among the few now, as in Jeremiah's time, and accept God's challenge to his churches and call upon Him, that He may answer us and show us great and mighty things that we know not?

## GRANTED

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and more have the same situations. The same crisis situation is developing there. If the Lord tarries, we will be flipping switches and no light, the gas regulations of heaters will not come on — no fuel. We will continue to pull into gas stations and NO GAS.

The driving habits of the general public are ridiculous — high rates of speed limits are completely ignored, traffic lights

and stop signs are run like lightning wasting much fuel, wearing out brakes unnecessarily, this is just a forceful habit of being over-powered by SATAN.

Days are coming when there will NOT BE ANY LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES. The days are coming when no Christian programs can operate. Christians will be persecuted for their testimony.

We have had these commodities so bountiful in extravagance — never thanking the Lord for being the supplier. There is no better time than now for "COUNTING OUR MANY BLESSINGS." "But the natural man receiveth NOT the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14).

Beloved, let our prayers be, "Lord, may we be devoted unto thee."

## COMPENDIUM

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God-given law is, by virtue, a sure antidote against any sin, in that the righteousness of God is imputed to our account, which, in being truly spiritual, enriches not only our inward thoughts and affections, but, also, is an effective rebuttal against even the lusts of the flesh, which is "enmity against God" (Rom. 8:7).

## POPE

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cross. Otherwise, he is in Hell, and in Hell he will stay without any possibility of getting out. All of the prayers that will ever be said in his behalf will never relieve his pain one particle. I tell you, beloved, it is either Jesus Christ in life to die for your sins, or it is eternal Hell for you throughout a never-ending eternity.

May God bless you!

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