

God loves a cheerful doer as well as a cheerful giver.

## MARKS OF A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

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Introduction Scripture is found in Ephesians 3:21 "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:10-11). "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Read also Deuteronomy 19:14 and Job 24:2.

The Apostle Paul says to mark them that cause division among you. Romans 16:17. In this sense of the word, "mark,"

Paul meant to identify a man by his works. In identifying a man by his works we can readily tell whether he be for us or against us.



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Look on the church with wide-eyed inspection. Don't join a church with your eyes closed.

Don't join a church and go to sleep. Be aware of the marks this church hears and upholds.

We are especially concerned in dealing with this subject as to who or what group is following the marks set forth in God's Word for His church.

The first mark we will see in a New Testament Church is its Head and Founder—Christ. We read in Colossians 1:18 — "And he is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." This passage of Scripture directly refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head of

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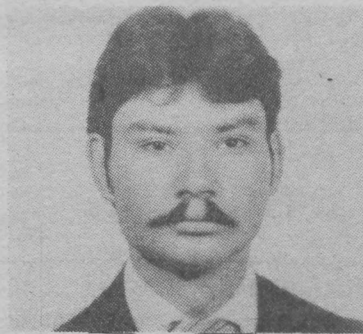
## DIGGING A WELL

by Peter Halliman

Ever profession must have its qualifications, whether it's being a professional welder, singer, or even parenthood. Again, every professional must have an employer, and an employee. With this in mind, we also note that every station in life has its duties: parental on parents, obedience on children; and so on.

Genesis 26:18: "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them."

First of all, let's note, Who can be a well-digger? One must be a born-again child of God. Matthew 1:21 tells us, "Thou



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shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 18:11: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Not only must one be a child of the King, but one must be sent from God. Matthew 28:18: "saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

This qualifies one, and giving the commission employs us in our work. Now since we have found out who can, let's note who can't. Since the Bible teaches that the women are to keep silent in the Church (1 Cor. 14:34-35), and to be under subjection to their husbands, this would exclude women. It's a good thing that our Lord calls men to the ministry, what shape this world would be in if all we had to listen to were man-made preachers! Not that this world isn't full of them. Matthew 15:9: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Man denies the deity of the Bible and God, but yet man will take part of the bible, and will twist and turn the Scriptures until they fit his own beliefs.

Secondly, let's look at what wells to dig? Our text, Genesis 26:18, tells us Isaac dug the wells his father Abraham dug, and called them by the names his father called them. This was after Isaac's own attempts at well digging. Verse 19 of Genesis 26, tells us Isaac digged in the valley and found a well of springing water. Verse 20 says he had to strive or fight for that well of water with the herdsmen of Gerar. Because of the Isaac named that well Esek which means "contention." Again Isaac digged another well, and strove for that also; and he called the name of it Sitnah, which means "hatred."

Anytime we do not preach the truth of God we run into trouble, not only with men and the

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## WHEN SATAN FIGHTS EVIL.

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"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves" (Matt. 23:15).

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11).

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11).

Those who fight against immorality and evil are looked upon as good people by the majority of men. And when people speak out against Satan, those who are the least bit religious-

minded rise to their support. What could ever be said against those who speak against im-



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morality and evil? Who would dare condemn any who speak well of the commandments of God? Surely, all who are religious-minded and stand for a high moral standard deserve nothing but praise and support.

That is what we hear all the time. We shall see whether or not such reasoning is correct or not.

I recently came into possession of some tapes that were made by an Arminian; that is, by one who teaches that men are saved by their good works; and that if a person is not "good" he will go to hell, regardless of what God has done and what Christ has done. This man was exposing the practice of rock-and-roll music people putting hidden messages on their music records, which encourages people to worship Satan and take drugs, as well as many other evils. That the tapes were correct and valuable in exposing great evil, I do not deny. That

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A Sermon by Pastor Joseph M. Wilson

## THE STORY OF THE GUARDS

"Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept... So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day" (Matt. 28:11-15).

It is Monday, the 19th of Nisan in the year of the crucifixion of Christ. Three men meet and question one of the guards, (who had been guarding the tomb of Jesus) concerning reports of strange happenings at and around that tomb. The guard tells them his story; that,

while the guards slept, The disciples of Jesus had come and stolen His body. One man accepts this story and goes his way. The second man somewhat questions the matter of all the guards sleeping on duty, but accepts the story and goes his way. The third man questions that a group of Roman soldiers would all sleep on duty when the penalty therefore was death. He further asks the guards, "How do you know what happened if you were asleep while it happened?" He tells the guard, "I don't believe your story, I believe that Jesus Christ arose from the dead. I believe that He died for my sins and arose for my justification. He is my crucified Saviour, and my living Lord." This man went on his way rejoicing in a Saviour's love.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a most important doc-

trine. Believe it or go to hell. It is not a doctrine about which we can afford to have any doubts. Beloved, men may differ, even be in error, concerning some things in the Word of God; but if men do not believe that Jesus Christ is who the Bible says He is, and that He did what the Bible says He did, they cannot be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). This believing involves, of necessity, believing on Him as He is revealed in the Word of God; and that involves believing that He did arise from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a well authenticated fact of history. Paul tells us that, at the time he wrote First Corinthians, there were over five hundred (most of them still living) who had seen Jesus alive after

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## WHY I BECAME A BAPTIST

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I did not become a Baptist overnight. I was brought up in a Lutheran Church, and never knew most of the great truths of the Bible. There was preaching most of it was what the teacher suggested and not at the Word of God said. As my journey in life began, my father had me baptized at a very young age. The baptism was not by the Word of the Bible. It was by sprinkling, and was not legal in the eyes of God because of the method, authority, and because of my age. Since then, other people have found their way to the door step, most of them seeking salvation through works and some salvation according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some say, "forget it," and will never make it to heaven, you can have peace, harmony and life here on earth, and



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to be concerned with hell cries out it is just the common sense. Can't we be here at Jesus? I wasn't sure which way to go then as a teenager I became rebellious of everything I had authority. I tried to make God aside and deny the existence of God. It was hopeless, until I turned around, the light was there. You can't run from God, it is impossible. I was deep into sin then. I had to turn to God. I started to study the Word. I heard good things. I want you to know I heard the Word, and believed, I am saved because of God's sovereign Grace. I know that I am one of God's elect, because of why my life was afflicted with these hardships and conviction of sin. God was bringing me to repentance.

At the age of 27, I found the church, or so I thought. It was a large church that claimed Baptist faith but did not call themselves Baptist. Then about 10 years ago, I was introduced to Ron Boswell, a Baptist minister, who was led by the Holy Spirit to start a real chain Baptist Church in the Hagerstown area. I mean a church that was linked with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This church started by being organized out of another Baptist church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, pastored by Joe Wilson. I attended a Bible Conference at Winston-Salem when this church was organized. I listened to the preaching at the conference there. It differed some from what I heard at the large Baptist Church I had attended. I was asked to join Joe Wilson's church, but I had contradictions in my mind. I knew they were right, but I didn't want to join because I was head-headed. One thing led to another, and finally I could justify my foolish self-righteous and unspiritual reasons for staying with this

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His crucifixion. (I Cor. 15:6). There has not been a fact of history which has had more evidences of its reality than that of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is much present testimony to this fact. Every true Baptist church on the face of the earth is a witness that her head, even Jesus Christ, is alive. Every truly saved person is a proof, by the fact of his being saved, and is a glad witness to the fact that Jesus lives today. The vast multitude of all the saved of all ages bear joyous testimony to this glorious truth: He lives!

"...I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... By which also ye are saved... I delivered unto you... how that Christ died for our sins... and that he rose again the third day..." (I Cor. 15:1-4). The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an essential and integral part of the glorious, saving gospel of Jesus Christ. A gospel with a dead Saviour has no saving power. A dead Jesus cannot save. That man who does not believe that Jesus Christ arose from the dead, literally, and in His physical body, has no salvation himself, and has no gospel to proclaim to others.

Let us go, back to the everlasting covenant of saving grace, made between the persons of the Trinity, relative to the salvation of God's elect; and made before the world began. God the Father chose from among fallen mankind a multitude that no man could number, and predestinated them to be the recipients of saving grace. He gave them to His Son that He might save them and have them as His own forever. The Son agreed to come into the world, live a perfect life which would be imputed to the elect as their very own righteousness; and to die for the guilt of the sins of all the elect. God the Father covenanted to

*God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.*

be with His Son in the doing of this work, and upon the Son's satisfactory atonement for the sins of the elect, to raise Him from the dead. The Holy Spirit covenanted to effectually call the elected and redeemed ones to the salvation experience, to keep them through all time, and bring them to the appointed glory. Note that, in this covenant, it was settled that at an appointed time Jesus Christ, having previously died, would be raised from the dead. Therefore, it was the eternally predestinated purpose of a sovereign God that Jesus Christ would arise from the dead.



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Look at the types of the Old Testament as they set forth, in beautiful and instructive picture, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When the leper had been recovered from his leprosy and was to be ceremonially cleansed that he might again participate in the religious ceremonies of Israel, we have the wonderful story of two birds in Leviticus 14:1-7. One bird was to be killed, a picture of the death of Christ to cleanse us from the guilt of our sins. The other bird, with the blood of the dead bird upon it, was let loose to fly away into the heavens: a picture of the risen Saviour, with the marks of His crucifixion upon Him, ascending into the heavens. On the day of Atonement, the greatest one day in Israel's year, two goats were taken and used in the religious ceremony which typified the Lord putting away the sins of His chosen people. One goat was killed, showing the death of Christ for our sins. The other goat was let go into the wilderness, a picture of the risen Christ, having obtained redemption by His death, going forth in resurrection life and victory. The types of salvation show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Let us look at prophecy as to this matter. "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Psa. 16:10). "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption" (Acts 2:31). It is very clear that David, in Psalm 16, was not talking about himself, for his flesh did see corruption. Peter, in Acts, explains that David was an inspired prophet, and spoke of the resurrection of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jesus's body was not in the grave long enough to see corruption, for, on the third day, He came forth in glorious resurrection life. "...when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand" (Isa. 53:10). What a glorious portion of Holy Writ! Jesus, in His soul, suffered the wrath of God for the sins of the elect. This suffering is effectual unto the salvation of all for whom He died, for, "he shall see his seed." But also, after

this effectual suffering, "he shall prolong his days." This shows His glorious resurrection unto eternal life and glory, and unto a doing of the pleasure of the Lord in the eternal saving of all those for whom He died. Yes, prophecy tells of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, He frequently told that He would rise from the dead. Early in His ministry, in John 2:18-22, Jesus foretold His resurrection. The Jews asked for a sign. He told them to destroy this temple and He would raise it again in three days. In their blindness, they thought He was talking about the temple there in Jerusalem. He was talking about the temple of His body, and when He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered this statement and their faith was strengthened thereby. In Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23, and 20:17-19, Jesus taught His disciples that He was going to Jerusalem, that He would be killed, and that He would rise again on the third day. In Matthew 12:38-40, when the Pharisees demanded a sign from Him, He hinged His whole person, teaching and work on the fact of His resurrection. In other words, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, He is a fake and fraud, a liar and deceiver; His gospel is without saving power and His salvation is null and void; those believing in Him are perished forever. Oh, how important it is that Jesus did arise from the dead.

Now we come to the fact of the death of Christ. On Wednesday afternoon, the 14th of Nisan, the predestinated and typified, and prophesied time; Jesus died on calvary's "old rugged cross." At six o'clock, He is buried. There He is, cold and dead, buried in Joseph's new tomb. What will happen now? Will He arise from the dead, or will He remain in the bonds of death? Everything is at stake. The covenant and purpose of God is hanging in the balance (I speak as a man). The fulfillment of prophecy is at stake. The truthfulness and honor of Jesus Christ is at stake. The salvation of the elect of God is at stake. Everything that is of spiritual and eternal worth hangs in the balance. Will He arise from the dead?

Now look at the efforts of men to block the resurrection, to defeat the eternal purposes of a sovereign God, to stop the saving of God's elect; and behind the efforts of men is the power of Satan. Devil, demons, and men unit in this effort. Read Matthew 27:62-66. The Pharisees do not believe Jesus will rise from the dead, but they know He had said that He would. They fear that the disciples might steal away the body of Jesus and tell that He arose from the dead. They fear the effects upon others if this takes place. They go to Pilate and request that Pilate station soldiers at the tomb to see that this does not happen. Pilate does as they request, giving them a watch, and telling them to, "make it as sure as ye can." I wonder if Pilate might have felt that they could not make it truly secure. I think Pilate knew that Jesus was more than mere man, though he did not believe in Him as his own Lord and Saviour. In the words, "make it as sure as ye can." I think I hear the sovereign God telling man to do his best, to give it his best shot, and then God would show the utter ineffectiveness of man's attempt to defeat the purposes of God.

Now note what man did. They placed a stone before the tomb which no mere man could remove. They put the Roman seal upon that stone, setting the authority of the Roman empire to keep Jesus in the grave. They posted guards about the tomb. Yes, man was doing everything in his power to keep Jesus in the tomb, to defeat the purposes of God, to falsify prophecy, to dishonor the Lord, to damn the elect. Would man succeed, or would God prove victorious? Everything worthwhile was at stake.

Now let us notice the defeat of devil and man, and the glorious victory of our wonderful Lord and Saviour. Proverbs 19:21 tells us, "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." Oh, the devices in the heart and activities of man around the tomb of Jesus! But the counsel of the Lord had been from eternity, and was that Jesus would rise from the dead. And the counsel of the Lord did stand on that resurrection day, did it not? Well, we knew all along who would win this battle, didn't we? Of what avail are the forces of hell and the armies of earth against the God who rules over all? The battle is set: The armed forces are arrayed. Jesus is in the grave. Will He come forth? God says yes. The powers of hell and earth say not. Let us see what happened. The stone was rolled away. The Roman seal was broken. What about the guards, those mighty soldiers of the greatest nation on earth, what did they do? "The keepers did quake and became as dead men" (Matt. 28:4). All opposers of God will one day quake with fear before Him. All opposers of God are as helpless as dead men in seeking

to defeat the purposes of God. See dead Goliath at the feet of David. Need any man defeat Goliath any longer? The army of Israel lose their fear of Goliath when he is dead, and battle with the Philistines the dead enemies of God and God's elect. They are at the feet of our David. We need not fear them. Come, let us go forth to battle in the name of our resurrected and ever-living Lord. We need not fear the efforts of men to defeat the purposes of the living God.

Well, now what will the guards do? What will the Pharisees do? All their efforts and efforts have been defeated. Jesus Christ is alive again. We must do something to see that we counteract the effects of this great miracle. Oh, ye Jews and Pharisees, why not believe the truth? Why not throw away your arms of rebellion, and surrender to Him as your Lord and be saved forevermore? continue in such a useless fare, foredoomed to eternal defeat? But the heart of the Pharisee is steeled in opposition to the Lord. He will never bow. He will never surrender. He will never believe, until and unless the resurrection power of the Lord is exercised upon him by sovereign grace and with irresistible power. Oh, how the Pharisee is in, and how determined on in battle with the Lord of the universe. A story is concocted: the guards are instructed to tell that Jesus' body while the guards were sleeping, had disappeared. A large sum of money is given to the guards to induce them to tell this falsehood. See, sin is a filthy thing, whereas salvation is a gift of sovereign grace! The guards fear punishment from Pilate if they admit to sleeping.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

"Then Samuel took a stone... and called the name Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12). Herein is a recognition and thanksgiving for past blessing. There is also herein an expression of prayer for, trust in, and thanksgiving for the future help of the Lord. What a great statement in God's Word!

When you read this, I will have finished my first year as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and editor of The Baptist Examiner, willing. I do praise my God for the great honor and privilege bestowed on me in placing me in this position. I assumed this position on August 22nd, 1982. This has been a different year in my ministry. I am far busier than I have ever been in my life. There are so many things about the ministry here that are different from my previous ministry. I have been, I feel, in a schooling process the past year. I hope I have learned some things therein.

I have renewed some old friendships, strengthened some of them and made some new friends. I may have made some new enemies, but this has been a minor part of the year. I have sincerely desired and diligently tried to be as kind and gracious towards all, and faithfulness to the Word of God would enable me to be. I gratefully say that the letters of criticism have been much fewer than I feared. I have not, and will not soften my stand for the truth of God's Word to please any man. However, I will sincerely endeavor to stand for God's Word with an attitude that will make as few enemies as possible, and as many friends as God will give me.

I realize my great need of God's wisdom, strength, and blessing upon me in this work. At times I feel almost totally inadequate for the task to which God has called me; but, then, I remember that the sufficiency is of the Lord, and I know that His grace is sufficient for me. I do greatly need and desire the prayers of those who are my friends, and friends to the truths for which this paper stands.

I stand gladly ready to prayerfully consider the advice, counsel and criticism of any who will write me. I know my liabilities, and I do not know it all. Please feel free to write me with your thoughts as to the paper and your suggestions. You can help make this great paper even greater. It is my prayer and my desire that in the coming days, God will enable me to make The Baptist Examiner a greater paper, more honoring to God and more of a blessing to all to whom it goes. Please pray for me, and feel free to write me to this end.

I feel myself to be a servant to all to whom this paper goes. I pray that God will enable me to be a faithful and profitable servant. My earnest prayer that God will enable me to be a blessing to all. I desire to become better acquainted with the readers of this paper. Feel free to write me, asking questions, giving advice, encouraging me, criticizing me, or whatever you feel led to write. Above all, pray for me that God will be pleased to bless me in my great work. Pray for the great Calvary Baptist Church as she continues to do the work God has given her. May God bless you



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QUESTION: — Who put on make-up to lure or vamp a soldier?

ANSWER: — Jezebel, Second Kings 9:30-33. "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and dressed her head, and looked out at a window... And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? Who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs... And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down:... and he trode her under foot."

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on guard duty. The Romans were very severe as to this. But the Pharisees promise to use their influence with Pilate in the behalf of the guards. For this great sum of money, and upon the promise of the Pharisees, the guards sell their souls to the devil, and go forth to tell this foolish and wicked lie.

The story of the guards: His disciples came and stole His body while we slept. A lie out of the whole cloth. A dangerous lie. A soul-damning lie. A lie against truth, against their own knowledge, against God Almighty. A lie that would damn their souls in hell forever unless God be pleased to intervene in sovereign saving grace. A foolish and absurd lie.

Who would believe it? It was a falsehood on the very face of it. It was an impossible falsehood. How could the guards know what happened while they were asleep? No man would believe this lie unless his heart was so hardened by sin, that he would rather believe a foolish, impossible, absurd lie of the Devil than believe the truth of God. Oh, the evidence of the total depravity of man in the inventing, the telling, and the believing of this lie: this story of the guards. A man must hate the truth, must be determined to go to any length rather than believe in Jesus Christ as risen Lord and Saviour, before he would believe such an absurd lie as this story of the guards. Yet, multitudes have accepted this lie of man, the "way, the truth, and the life."

Oh, praise the Lord for opening the eyes of His elect. Praise God, we have turned from the lie of the devil. We have believed that Jesus Christ is who He claims to be. We believe that He died for sins, that He was buried, and that He arose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures. We place our hope, all of it, for time and eternity, in the crucified, buried, and risen One, even our Lord Jesus Christ. This glorious gospel is our hope and our song forever and forever. But we give God all the glory. Had it not been for His grace and power, we would have joined in believing and telling this awful lie: the story of the guards. God's grace opened our eyes, unstopped our ears, and gave us a new heart to believe the truth of the gospel.

Throw mud and you will have dirty hands, whether or not the mud hits the mark.

We do not take credit for this. We give God the glory thereof. We are not glad that the guards told this lie. But we are glad that what they told was a lie. We are glad for the truth that Jesus arose from the dead and is alive forevermore. We believe in Him. We love Him. We know Him. We know that He lives. We have fellowship with Him. He is our all. And, praise God, He is not a dead man in a grave. He is the ever-living Lord of Life. May God bless you all!

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His church or body. Being the Head of His body He would be the law-giver. In dealing with the law-giver as a point of His power we can see He is the executor. All things set forth in the Word of God for the church are given by Jesus Christ. We, as a church of Christ, have to abide by His laws. Notice also Matthew 16:18 - "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 28:18-20).

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Eph. 4:21-22). "If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus; That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts."

We would seem ridiculous if we expected someone else to govern our own bodies. The plain fact is we are under our own control. If a brain wave is intercepted and a part or parts of our body failed to receive action from the brain the body would not function properly. The same with the church in respect to the Lord's laws to His churches.

The next point concerning the marks of the New Testament is her rule of faith and practice. The only rule Christ gives to His church is His Holy Word, the Bible. (not all these revised versions). We can see plainly enough in II Timothy 3:15-17 that all of the Scriptures are God's Word. "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. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The third mark of the New Testament church is its name. This would be a local visible body. This body is a self-governed body under the authority of its founder Jesus Christ.

There is no scriptural Universal Visible Church. The church that practices this idea of a Universal Visible church can only be the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Catholics are a visible body under the direction of a visible leader or head. The Pope is the head of

the Roman Catholic Church and is her law-giver.

There is no scriptural grounds for a Universal Invisible church. The saved in a universal membership would comprise this church body. The Scriptures do not give us grounds for this universal idea. The authority of the Universal Church would not be effective, unless it was carried as the Roman Catholic Church initiates hers.

The Scripture in Matthew 16:18 - "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." — refers to the church as an institution. The same thing would apply to the American School or American Home. Before we get too far into this we can sum up the local church in Matthew 18:17 - "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and publican."

Who would we tell a thing unto if we did not have a local, visible, authoritative body, called the church, to tell it to? The members of the New Testament Church are saved people. The situation with a lot of folks is that they get their cart before the horse. That is, they think a person must be a member of the church in order to be saved. Some folks put the cart beside the horse. That is to say that church membership saves a person. Church membership never saved a person. Being a member of any church does not qualify you to be saved. You must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ by receiving the Word then, and only then, can you be added to church — Acts 2:41 — "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

The only ordinances in the church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both ordinances are designed to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism shows forth our belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ by immersion. The Lord's Supper shows forth our belief in His sacrificial death. By the ordinance of baptism we are expressing our previous profession, and declaring our faith and change of life. The Lord's Supper is a symbol and does not have to do with salvation of the soul. Pure fruit, real wine, of the vine is used to denote the pure blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Unleavened bread is used to denote no leavening or impurities in the body of Christ. Any other elements used in the Lord's Supper would be saying that Christ had impurities in His blood or body. Remember wine and unleavened bread are the only acceptable elements in the Lord's Supper.

The only officers are pastors and deacons. Please read I Timothy 3:1-16. No other office can scripturally be held. There is a difference in elected duties, such as, teaching a class, song leading, piano playing, etc. and offices appointed by Scripture to be filled and carried out properly by the one appointed. The New Testament Churches are to teach, baptize, and whatsoever Christ has commanded, nothing more, nothing less (Matt. 28:16-20).

The tithes and offerings are the only scriptural ways for financing the Lord's work. Cake and pie sales, yard sales, all these rope jumping, chair rocking events, are not Scriptural

ways to finance the work of the New Testament Church. We read of tithes and offerings in many places in God's Word. Malachi 3:8-10 — "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me, But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation... Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." I Corinthians 16:1-2 — "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Please read also: Heb. 7:4-10; I Cor. 9:14.

The New Testament Church is independent from the State. The New Testament Church is separate from the State. Matthew 22:21 — "They say unto him, Caesar's. then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Anything the New Testament Church does should never be connected with local, State, or Federal Government. The members need only to be good citizens as individuals.

I've reserved the name Baptist until now. The true New Testament Churches, not based on name only, but primarily on practice, are Baptists. This does not conclude, however, that all the saved are Baptists. Saved folk are not saved by becoming a member of a Baptist Church or any other denomination. Only through belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is a person saved. When a person is saved this person should follow the Lord in Baptism and practice the teachings of God's Holy Word. The true Baptist Churches have Scriptural and historical grounds to prove their authority to carry the commands given to the Lord's Churches. Matthew 28:18-20.

Finally, the New Testament Church has spiritual warfare not carnal. Ephesians 6:10-20 — "Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of god, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints: And for me,

that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." May the Lord bless and keep you all.

## WHY

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large church. I knew from the Word of God that the Baptist Church was right in their teaching and preaching. I was led by the Holy Spirit to join a real Baptist Church. I was baptized on their God-given authority on May 28, 1983.

Beloved, I want to expose these large so-called Baptist Churches. Their abominations can hardly be seen by the majority of their self-righteous members. The first sermon I heard was good, but the abominations soon followed. They had an altar call. They would say, "Come to Jesus and be saved." First of all, you do not come to Jesus in a physical way, but by faith to be saved. In John 10:9 Jesus Himself said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Notice the first part of this verse, "I am the door," Jesus is saying that He is the key and the only way you can be saved is if you are one of God's elect, that is what is meant by the second part of the verse, "by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved." "By me" meaning — called or elected of Him, for He is God. In Luke 19:10, "For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." So you see that men do not come to Christ, or accept Christ and be saved, unless He has first found them. You have to be one of God's elect. In Romans 8:29-30, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." God is a Sovereign God. He does what He will, to suit Himself.

Maybe you do not know that you are elected or called. Maybe you are saying to yourself, "if that's the case, I do not want to become a Christian." My advice to you, is to read your Bible, find a real Baptist Church, and listen to the Word of God that is preached. Your election is known by God granting repentance and faith in His Son. If you are elect, The Holy Spirit will reveal the truth to you. When you hear the preaching of the Word of God, it will cut your soul to pieces, and you will see that you are a no good sinner, and that you have no righteousness in the sight of God, you will trust in the finished work of Christ Jesus and have faith and believe the Word of God.

The large churches say, "accept Christ" which is contradictory to the Word of God. They say, "Come to the altar and pray and get right with God." Beloved, there is only one altar which the elect can go to, and that altar is Jesus Christ, which is in heaven, making intercession for the elect to God the Father. All of God's elect

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# The Baptist Examiner Forum

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*How does the individual soul come into existence? Is each one individually created by God? If so, when? Reconcile this with Gen. 2:1-3 which imply finished creation. Or does the soul come from the parents?*

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The word "soul" as used in connection with the individual is used a multitude of times in the Bible, but I fail to find anywhere that we are told how or when a soul comes into existence. I am of the opinion that when God forms the members of the body He also imparts the soul. Job said, "The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life" (Job 33:4). God told Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; —" (Jer. 1:5). In Zechariah 12:1, we are told that the Lord formed the spirit of man within him. In Genesis 2:7 it is said, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul."

We know that the unsaved individual is spiritually dead and his soul can not commune with God until the Spirit of God breathes life into it. "And you hath He quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins. — But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)" (Eph. 2:1-5).

In Genesis 2:1-3 we are told that God created the heavens and the earth in six days. This does not mean that God has ceased from forming and creating things. The verses quoted from Job, Jeremiah, and Zechariah show that He is still forming and bringing things into being.

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This is a mooted question, and I am convinced it shall not be resolved prior to the glorification of the redeemed. However, there can be no proper doubt about the fact that every person possesses a soul, and that the individual soul is by nature alienated from God.

From time immemorial men have have speculated as to the origin of the individual soul, and especially is this so since the days of Christ on earth. The two

main theories which have occupied the theological center stage for the past two thousand years are "Creationism" and "Traducianism."

The theory of Creationism teaches that God creates a new soul at the birth of every individual. This view is held by the Roman Catholic church, and was espoused by Calvin, the consequence of which is, Reformed churches hold to the theory of creationism concerning the individual soul.

The theory of Traducianism teaches that the soul as well as the body of man is transmitted by propagation or generative process. Traducianism holds that human nature (body, soul, and spirit) was created in its entirety once and forever by God, and is ever-increasingly realized and individualized as the human race multiplies.

While I am reluctant to dogmatically adopt either of the two views (creationism or traducianism), I prefer the latter. Traducianism teaches that all souls of mankind as well as all human progeny resided in Adam the day he was created, and that Adam was the federal head of all men in the sum of their tripartite being. Traducianism agrees with the scriptural teaching concerning the transmission of evil nature from parent to child, while creationism would have God creating daily multiplied thousands of souls which are in their essence and nature altogether vain. The theory of creationism seems to militate against Genesis 2:1-3, and other Scriptures. Then, too, it gives credence to the infant innocence theory, and the theory raises far more questions than it answers. Yet, I believe the answer to the question can only be known in its fullness when the believer is made like his Lord. Until that time the answer remains one of the "secret things" which belong unto the Lord.

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Genesis 2:3: "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

This is a question that shows the greatness of God as compared to the weakness of man. Beloved, there are surely some mysteries in The Word of God. This is a question that has been much discussed, by many great men. There are some who are very dogmatic about their answer; others believe one way, but are not nearly as satisfied with their position. I belong to the second group. It is not because I have not studied the question, but because I feel

there are good arguments on both sides. I am not convinced that the Bible is clear as to the origin of souls. I will try to give some answers to this question, though there is not enough space to enter into detail.

There are basically two beliefs concerning the origin of souls. These are Creationism and Traducianism. There are different ideas about these two beliefs, especially when it comes to creationism. The difference in these two beliefs, is that creationism teaches that the soul is created by God and then placed into the body. The difference of opinion arises from, when, did God create these souls. Traducianism teaches that the soul comes from the parents, even as the body comes from them. I lean towards Traducianism; for reasons that I will give later on. Let us first, look at Creationism.

There are three ideas concerning the created soul. First, that God created all the souls for men at the same time as He created the soul of Adam, and then He places these souls in men at birth or rather at conception. Secondly; That the souls are unfallen angels, who on their own assume these bodies, seeking a higher relationship with God through redemption. I totally reject this theory. Thirdly; that the souls of men are created by God at the time of conception and then placed in the body. If I were a Creationist, this would be my belief. This is the belief of most Creationists; and when one tells me, they are a Creationist, this is the belief I associate them with. I would not want to imply that those who are Creationists hold to some of the afore mentioned positions which deal with the angels. In reality, the belief of of angels assuming the bodies of men might better come under the belief of pre-existence, instead of Creationism. Let me now briefly give you some arguments for Creationism. First; they say it is more consistent with Scripture. That in creation the body and soul is set apart by the body being of the earth and the soul of God. I assert that both the body and the soul are there created by God. The earth is just that which God uses to produce a body. Secondly: I give you verses the Creationist uses to try and prove His theory. They are as follows: 1. Zechariah 12:1. 2. Isaiah 42:5. 3. Numbers 16:22. 4. Hebrews 12:9. You can read and study those verses on your own if you so desire. I do not see any proof in them that the soul is created by God. Thirdly; the Creationist says that the nature of the soul proves it is created by God. Again, I see this as no proof. Lastly; the creationist tries to make a point from the person of Christ. I might add that the Traducianist also makes an argument from the incarnation of Christ. I feel as if the incarnation is such a mystery that it is assumption for either side to use it as an argument.

Now, I wish to give a few arguments for Traducianism. I must be brief for I have already

used more space than what is recommended. Some of these arguments I would agree with while others, I feel may be irrelevant. First; Scriptures that are used are as follows: 1. Genesis 5:1 compared with Genesis 5:3. 2. John 3:6 is also used. Secondly; there is the representation of God resting or ceasing His work of direct creation after the creation of Adam. The Hebrew word for rest in Genesis 2:3, is translated ceased "from all his work which God created and made." Thirdly; Traducianism receives support from the transmission of mental and moral characteristics from parents to their off-spring. Fourthly; Traducianists argue transmission as necessary for the humanity of Christ. Lastly; and I think this is the best argument for the soul coming from the parents; this theory gives the best account for the doctrine of Hereditary Depravity. Can God create a corrupt soul? I say certainly not. I do not see how joining a perfect soul to a human body can corrupt that soul. The Bible over and over teaches that it is the soul that sins. The body simply carries out the evil desires of the soul. From within a man comes sin. A dead body at a funeral home cannot commit sin, neither can a body without a soul. David said he "was born in sin and conceived in iniquity." This is the major reason that I am a Traducianist. I see no other way for the depravity of man other than the soul being passed on from parent to child. I will readily admit that I can not explain how this happens. I can not explain how parents can produce an immortal soul. But, neither can I explain how the body of a child is formed from the sperm and egg of man and woman. I do not know that I would say God is not on the scene; for I believe there is no life apart from the hand of God. Yet, I believe that the soul comes from the parents and the first thing we, as parents, give our children is a corrupt, and filthy nature, as I said, I am not dogmatic on this issue and certainly do not view it as a matter of controversy. May God bless you is my prayer.

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After God created man He then gave him the instructions relative to reproduction. "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Gen. 1:27, 28). Note some of the lessons found in this verse. The word "man" is from the Hebrew word which means "mankind." Next we see that God said to man and woman that they were to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. This, of course, shows that the teaching of some, who say that the sin in the Garden of Eden (eating of the fruit) was a sexual sin, is wrong. God created man and

woman so that the sex relationship was the means by which they would be obedient to Him and be fruitful.

God created mankind, and His creation the means of procreation was included. Each person is a separate soul through birth. His creation was complete during the 6 days of creation and made manifest at the time of his birth.

God did finish the work of creation as shown in Gen. 2:1-3. The parents give life to the child only by the fact that God gave them that means of multiplication. The soul — actually itself — comes from God. It is not a matter of more creation but a matter of the original creation still working.

by the late James Hobbs  
*Can one have assurance of salvation without having good works? etc."*

Good works has nothing to do with salvation or with keeping it. Assurance of salvation is the result of God's salvation. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

Many people wonder if a person can have assurance of salvation. They most certainly can. God tells us plainly that they can. "These things have been written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the son of God" (1 John 5:13). The Bible gives us several verses of comfort to let us know we are saved. For instance Jesus said John 5:24, "Verily, verily, say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, shall have everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." He tells us plainly that we have passed from death unto eternal life. We are told that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit. "He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit of our Hearts" (1 Cor. 1:21, 22; also Eph. 1:13, 14 and 4:30). Paul said to the saints in Philippi, "Being confident of this one thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). Yes, we most certainly do have assurance of salvation, because we could not work for it nor can we work to keep it. Our salvation is the gift of a sovereign God who never fails.

You ask what is the relationship of the two. There is no relationship. We should work to serve our Lord and Savior because we are saved, not in order to get saved or to keep saved. The only relationship is love. "We love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). We are saved and kept, because He loved us and we serve Him with good works, because we love Him.

"And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21).



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can go to this altar any time or any place and talk to God. In Acts 17:22-24, "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;" The large churches say to come to their altar, which is an abomination. Exodus 20:25-26, "And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou SHALT NOT BUILD IT OF HEWN STONE: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon." This was an order to Moses from God, but since that time the perfect altar came to earth, the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not go to some fancy carved wooden box that is called an altar, for it is an abomination to God. Exodus 20:4-5, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God." It is nothing more than adultery, witchcraft or a perversion of the Word of God. Beloved, do not be deceived, do not be ignorant, do not be burned by the flames of ignorance for it is a sin. Search the Word diligently. The super-churches preach against election. They couldn't preach election knowing the effects it would have on the congregation. They say, "The Baptist Churches teach that there is an elect few." I do not know where they got their information, but God's Word doesn't put any number regarding the elect.

Beloved, I pray you can see this sin. I have talked to the pastor of the large church. He justifies what they are doing. The only way these super-churches can survive is to tell everyone they can go to heaven by the power of their own will, which is not true. They know this, but they do not preach it. The pastor was at one time a Calvinist. He does not like the doctrines of grace teaching on salvation. All through the history of the world, there was always the elect of God or the called of God.

At this large church they also celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday. Nowhere in the Bible did Christ ever celebrate His birthday, because Christ is God and God has always been and always will be. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You can not measure God in years. John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). So God always was. I asked the pastor about the Christmas tree. He said, "It is all in what you make it." He explained the tree is a symbol of the wooden cross Christ was crucified on. The lights on the tree symbolize that Christ is the light of the world.

But in Exodus 20:4 - "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Deuteronomy 27:15, "Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen." The pastor of this church does not bow down and worship the tree, but that is not the problem. The problem is he tied God into it. As far as God's birthday, there is no such thing. God does not have a birthday.

I asked the Pastor of the large church about Easter. He believed the same as the Baptist Church does, but again he justifies this celebration. They have Good Friday and Sunrise service. First of all, there is no such thing as Easter. In your Bible Acts 12:4, Easter is a mistranslation. I looked it up in a Strong's Concordance and the original Greek word is "PASCHA" or "PAS-KHAH" of Chaldean origin, meaning passover, the meal, the day, the festival, or the special sacrifice connected with it. The passover was a yearly celebration to God. It was an ordinance to be kept by the Israelites (Exodus 12:23-27). At the passover Christ was crucified on Wednesday. Their day was different from ours in that it started at sundown and ended with sundown. In Genesis 1:2-3 - "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light, and there was light." So you see that there was darkness before light. At sundown a new day started. Now the Bible says that Jesus died the ninth hour or 3 p.m. our time. They had to break the legs of the two thieves in order for them to die, because the Roman government thought it wise to respect the Jewish holidays and remove the dead from the rails before sundown so that there would be no trouble, for it was Jewish law that no bodies will hang on the Sabbath.

That sabbath was Thursday. Christ was buried before sundown. The Bible says three days He was in the grave and He rose on Saturday, somewhere around 6 p.m. At sundown the feast of unleavened bread sabbath began. I do not see the purpose of a sunrise service. This was a practice that was started by the Syrians. They had this idol Tammuz and the worship of Tammuz found its way to the temple of the Israelites and was observed around 594 years before Christ. In Ezekiel 8:9-16, Ezekiel is being shown the abominations in the house of the Lord by the Holy Spirit. But these super churches seem to justify themselves or so the pastor of this church did. I'm afraid these super churches are in great danger of perverting the Word of God and not giving proper witness for Christ and they are filled with abominations. They are deceivers. The pastor at the large church says he does not like it when people say his church does not do any thing for the glory of Christ. It scares me when I hear this, because in Revelation Christ talks to the super church. Please read Revelation 2:18-29.

It seems as if the super church takes in many riches and does nothing to help out in the material needs of the poor in

their membership. They take great pride in their work, so much that they left their first love, the love for Christ. They are filled with the pride of works. If you see this, beloved, ask the pastor of one of these churches why they are like this. They have to be like this, because they will lose their congregation and if they lose the people they lose the money it takes to support one of these super churches. In Revelation 2:20 it says, "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols." Almost to say that they have been seduced by abominations called symbolism. The pastor justifies their abomination and is all for symbolizing, he says it simplifies the actual truth. The truth is that it is an abomination, and their fornications deceiving the congregation into believing that this is righteous in the eyes of God. Brethren, I pray that if you know someone who is in one of these churches, and knows the truth, I beg you to pray for these individuals. Because as you can see, God has already judged these churches. Pray that these individuals do not become indoctrinated to their beliefs.

Brethren, these are the main reasons why I became a Sovereign Grace Landmark Baptist. God showed me the wrong of these super churches through His Word. Some of these churches have pictures; gold or silver crosses, altars and deceptive teachings. Brethren I pray for you. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death" (Rev. 2:11).

Beloved, I am so thankful to God for leading me to this real Baptist Church. I am thankful for the Lord leading me out of this large so-called Baptist church, that He has exposed their abominations to me. If you come from one of these churches, I pray that you can see the tragedy of these doctrines.

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they did prove that Satan's men are trying to get people to engage in the most ungodly practices, including Satan worship, I do not deny. That the evils involved ought to be exposed and fought against, I do not deny. But, at the same time, I do think it is high time to point out that Satan can seemingly be fighting against himself, and yet be furthering his evil cause.

I know many will say such a thing is impossible; and they will probably quote the verse that says, "And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end" (Mark 3:26). This verse is true only if Satan is indeed against himself; only if he is truly casting himself out, as it were. But, beloved, Satan can very well speak against evil, and even speak against the worship of HIMSELF, and still be in the business of deceiving people into a false religion AND A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY.

Oh, I know very few think this is true, but before I am finished with this message I am sure you will see that it is entire-

ly true. For example, every charitable act that the devilish Catholic "church" does that entices people into their religion is a bad thing. The charity itself is not bad, but the results of that charity are always bad. Why? Because anyone who is brought to a place of really believing the false, soul-damning, religious doctrines of the Catholic "church" is certainly made a twofold child of hell. Every time any of those individuals and groups calling themselves churches deceive one into believing their doctrines, you can mark it down that a great evil has been done, even those supposedly good, charitable acts. Why are those so-called good acts evil? Simply because those "good" acts have caused men to trust in Satan's men and Satan's "churches." You see, if the end result of anything is the drawing of men into any of the multitude of false religions and false churches, the "good" thing is turned into evil.

Of course, if you do not believe that Arminian doctrines are soul-damning and, therefore, the highest form of evil, you will not agree with this message. But I would have you remember that only true witnesses deliver souls from condemnation. I do not hesitate to say that every one that truly is trusting in the false doctrines of the Arminians is trusting in an arm of flesh and, therefore, not trusting Christ as Saviour. It makes no difference that God's name is used; it makes no difference that Christ's name is used; it makes no difference that the Bible is read; if religious works are depended on for salvation, true salvation has been missed completely. Do all false religions teach religious works as the way of salvation? I know you will agree that they do, when you stop to remember that they all say one is saved only as long as he remains religious. If not, why do they say "if your religion leaves you, so leaves your salvation." Why do they say, "I used to be saved while I was living a good life, but I stopped living a good life, so I am not saved anymore." There can be only one answer: They were trusting in their "good life" rather than trusting Christ for salvation.

Now what does all of this have to do with my thought at the beginning of this message? Just this: The tapes I mentioned were exposing those who try to get people to worship Satan. In itself that is a good thing to do. But we need to look at who was doing the exposing. Does it make any difference whether the man was a man of truth or not? Does it make any difference whether people listen to this man and even begin to follow him, or some one else that teaches the same false things that he teaches? I say it makes a whole lot of difference. I say it makes no difference whether people worship Satan, or whether they turn away from the rock-and-roll music people and start following the false religionists. Both roads will lead into hell. Let me say this: If you think the works-for-salvation-crowd are leading men to eternal life, you had better think again. False Gentiles are in the same boat as were the Jews that Paul spoke of in Romans 10:1-4. We read, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they may be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going

about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

What did these Jews and the Arminians of our day have in common? They are both trusting in their law-keeping for salvation, rather than trusting Christ. And as Paul prayed for the salvation of the self-righteous Jews, so I pray for the salvation of today's self-righteous Arminians. They are among those of whom Christ spoke in Matthew 7:21, when He said "not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Beloved, let's face up to this truth: Only those who are trusting Christ as Saviour have eternal life. Those who are trusting in their religion do not have eternal life. And those who are teaching men to trust works of some kind are just as evil and dangerous as those who try to get people to worship Satan. They are all servants of the devil, set to deceive men into eternal hell.

It is a terrible thing that rock-and-roll music men are trying to persuade people to worship Satan; but it is no more terrible than those who are trying to persuade men to rely on their religion for salvation. Both are leading men into hell with their totally false doctrines. Both are servants of Satan. It is high time that we, who have been made men of truth by our God, stand up against all who would point people to false objects of worship, whether it be pointing them to Satan worship or to the worship of their works of religion. Both systems of false doctrines are leading men into hell.

But how is it, that I say Satan can very well use the thing that is good in itself, to further his own cause? I have heard it said that the devil doesn't want anyone to live a good moral life; that he certainly would not want anyone to speak against men worshipping him. Why not? If the end result is having people follow others who are his servants, why would he not employ the deception of having his disciples appear to be serving the only true God? The end result is the same. Men who are taught that through living good moral or religious lives, salvation is obtained and Heaven gained, are still far from the true God. You see that Satan can very well have his henchmen speak against devil worship and still be misleading men, can't you? You can see that it is very possible to mislead men, even while teaching men to live moral lives, if those men are taught to rely on their good works for salvation, can't you?

Then it is true that Satan is not really "casting out Satan" when he moves his servants to speak against evil, immorality, and even against Satan worship. We often hear about ungodly men who give candy and other things to children in order to lure them into evil relationships. The giving of the candy to the children is not in itself an evil thing, but the end result is extremely evil. So it is with Satan: When his henchmen tell men to stop living evil, immoral lives, that is not an evil thing. But when the end result is bringing the people into their Synagogues

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## TRAIL OF BLOOD

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One might have thought that the "Trail of Blood" would have ended when our fathers and mothers came to America. One would like to think that the trail of blood ended across the sea, but such is not so. The early Baptists in this country were persecuted very severely; especially because of their opposition to infant baptism and the baptism of false churches. Fines, imprisonment and banishment were the penalties imposed for those who held to the Baptist's sentiments. A law was passed by the General Court, November 13, 1644 banishing those who "refused to countenance infant baptism and the use of secular force in religious things." (Backus History of Baptists, Newton I. 126).

History records that even Roger Williams was persecuted severely. He, in fact, because of persecution, was driven from the Colony of Massachusetts and founded the state of Rhode Island.

Mr. Williams, while pastor in Salem, was accused of preaching against the assumption of power in religious affairs by the civil magistrate, and besides, was charged with holding other views tending to anabaptism. The result being that he was tried by the court and sentenced to be banished. Mr. Cook, in "The Story of Baptists" (p. 201), said regarding Mr. Williams:

"By order of the court he was to depart out of the colony within six days, because he had 'broached and divulged divers new and dangerous opinions against the authority of the magistrates, as also, writ letters of defamation, both of the magistrates and churches here.'"

"Mr. Williams," said Mr. Cook, "did not go as he was ordered, so the Boston authorities sent for him. When he sent an excuse, an officer was ordered to arrest him and put him on board of a ship bound for England. But when the officer reached Salem, Mr. Williams had left the plane three days before, and had gone, no one knew where. He had fled from the cruelties of his Christian brethren, to find refuge and hospitality among the savages of the forest. It was in the midst of a New England winter, January, 1635, when the apostle of liberty left his home and plunged into the depths of the gloomy forest. For fourteen weeks he wandered 'in winter snow,' which, says he, 'I felt yet; not knowing what bread or bed did mean.' He went first to Rehoboth, fifty miles south of Salem. Here he was joined by his family and some friends. His sufferings during those fourteen weeks of exile in the wilds of the forest, had been very great. But he had not yet found a resting place. The authorities advised him to cross the river and go beyond the bounds of the colony. So, leaving the huts they had built, he and his little company embarked in a little boat and started on a voyage of discovery to seek a new home and a place where they might plant the standard of soul-liberty. On their way they were hailed by a company of Indians

on the shore, with the friendly interrogation, 'what cheer?', a small common English phrase, which the Indians had learned from the colonists. Tradition reports that Roger Williams landed near a spring which is pointed out at this day. Here the settlement of Rhode Island began."

The persecution of the Baptists, however, in New England proceeded with the usual fury they had encountered in Old England and other countries. Mr. Cook, in "The Story of the Baptists" (p. 206), says:

"The colony of Massachusetts continued to persecute the Baptists with great severity and large numbers suffered from fines, imprisonment, whipping or banishment. One of the most remarkable cases was that of Obadiah Holmes, who went with two other Baptists from Rhode Island to visit, in 1651, an aged brother at Lynn, who had been whipped for being a Baptist. While holding religious services at this brother's house on the Sabbath, they were arrested and fined and imprisoned. The others were in a short time released, but Mr. Holmes was retained to be more severely punished as a public example. He was sentenced to be whipped in Boston in September, 1651, and so barbarously was the sentence executed that for days and weeks he "could take no rest but as he lay upon his knees and elbows, not being able to suffer any part of his body to touch the bed whereon he lay." The sentence pronounced upon him, contains these words: "You did take upon you to preach and baptize; that you did baptize such as were baptized before, and thereby necessarily deny the baptism before administered to be baptism; and did also deny the lawfulness of baptizing infants."

"As he was led to the place of punishment he said to the crowds of people who were assembled to witness the scene, "That which I am to suffer for, is the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." In his own account of the affair, he says: "As the man began to lay the strokes upon my back, I said to the people, though my flesh should fail, and my spirit should fail, yet God would not fail. So it pleased the Lord to come in and fill my heart and tongue as a vessel full, and with audible voice I spoke forth, praying the Lord not to lay this sin to their charge; and telling the people that now I found that He did not fail me and therefore, now I should trust Him forever, who failed me not. For in truth, as the strokes fell upon me, I had such a spiritual manifestation of God's presence, as I never had before, and the outward pain was so removed from me that I could well bare it, yea, and in a manner, felt it not, although it was grievous as the spectators said, the man striking with all his strength, spitting upon his hand three times, with a three-corded whip, giving me therewith thirty strokes. When he had loosed me from the post, having joyously in my countenance as the spectators observed, I told the magistrate; you have struck me with roses, you said, moreover, although the Lord hath made it easy to me, yet I pray God it may not be laid to your charge."

Our fathers and mothers in Virginia were persecuted very severely by the Episcopal

Church (Church of England) - the established religion of the colony. It was even considered to be treason against the state for one to depart from the Episcopal church. Mr. Cook, in "The Story of the Baptists" (pp. 214, 215), said:

"In 1611, Governor Dale ordered every man to come to the minister to be questioned as to his religious beliefs. The penalty for the first refusal was whipping; for the second, a double flogging, and a confession of the fault on the Sabbath day before the congregation; and for the third offense, whipping daily until pardon was asked and the law compiled with."

Mr. Cook continues - "As early as 1643, a law was enacted, 'to preserve purity of doctrine,' forbidding any one to teach or preach publicly or privately, who was not a minister of the Episcopal Church, and did not conform to its mode of worship. It was first banishment and in 1661, imprisonment for non-conformity."

Mr. Cook continues - "In 1673, a house of worship was commanded to be erected on every plantation, and the service to be Episcopal. Everybody was required to attend church, or be heavily fined, and no one could sell his tobacco till his tax for the support of the Episcopal minister was paid."

William Cathcart, in his book, "Baptist Patriots and the American Revolution," (pp. 16, 17), said:

"In New England they were frequently arrested for not paying taxes to support the Congregational clergy, and women were honored with this privilege as well as men. Their property was seized, and generally sold for a mere trifle to pay the church dues of their neighbors of the 'Standing Order.' The sacred tax collectors at Sturbridge, Mass., according to an unimpeachable witness, 'took pewter from the shelves, skillets, kettles, pots and warming-pans, workmen's tools and spinning wheels; they drove away geese and swine and cows, and where there was but one it was not spared.'"

"In June, 1768, John Waller, Lewis Craig and James Childs, three Baptist ministers, were arrested in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, on the charge of 'preaching the gospel contrary to law.' "May it please your worship," said the prosecuting attorney, "they cannot meet a man on the road without ramming a text of Scripture for a year and a day, refusing to pledge themselves to stop preaching in that county for a year and a day, they were forthwith ordered to prison. And as they were led through the streets of Fredericksburg to the county jail, they united in singing the well-known hymn:

"Broad is the road that leads to death,

And thousands walk together there;

But wisdom shows a narrow path,

With here and there a traveller."

The above from "Baptist Patriots and the American Revolution," by William Cathcart, pp. 12, 13.

We, in America today, owe a great deal to all of those great heroes of the faith who would not bow the knee to those who opposed the Word of our God. We, in fact, owe to them the

benefits which we receive from the first amendment to the United States Constitution.

It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the rights of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

May we bow our heads and hearts and give thanks to our great God and Father for raising up men like Obadiah Holmes, John Waller, Lewis Craig and James Childs and all the others.

S.F. Ford, in "The Origin of the Baptists," pp. 4, 5, 6, says regarding the Baptists in Virginia:

"In 1775, the Baptists first appeared in this mighty West. It was at a period the most momentous in the world's history. The storms of revolution were sweeping over the colonies, spreading calamity and gloom. Nowhere did the contest rage more fearfully than in Virginia, and nowhere did the opposing parties put forth mightier efforts. It was the battle of truth, or principle, of national life, fought not for America alone, but for the world. The dark hour was succeeded by the sunrise of freedom.

In the midst of this conflict, and ere the storm had subsided, the West rose into being, like the fabled spirit of beauty, from the waves of the agitated sea. The principles which triumphed in the revolution were the elements of her existence, and the men who had suffered most from oppression, and had lifted up their voices for freedom from the jails of Virginia, were the first settlers in the valleys of Mississippi.

Lewis Craig had been followed by his sympathizing church to the gates of Fredericksburg jail. He was followed by the same church through the Cumberland gap, to plant the gospel barrier amid the tangled wilderness of the "dark and woody ground." The principles which actuated him and them, and which ever characterized the Baptists, had been working silently, but effectually, for a century previous in Virginia.

Of the names of those principles little need be said. Let one scene suffice. It was the trial of Lewis and Joseph Craig and Aaron Bledsoe. They had been indicted for preaching the gospel of the Son of God in the colony of Virginia. The clerk was reading the indictment in a slow and formal manner; when he pronounced the crime with emphasis - "For preaching the Gospel of the Son of God in the colony of Virginia," a plainly-dressed man who had just rode up to the courthouse entered, and took his seat within the bar. He was known to the court and lawyers, but a stranger to the mass of spectators, who had gathered on the occasion. This was Patrick Henry, who, on hearing of this prosecution, had rode some fifty or sixty miles from his residence in Hanover county, to volunteer his services in their defense. He listened to the further reading of the indictment with marked attention, the first sentence of which that had caught his ear was, "For preaching the gospel of the Son of God." When it was finished, and the prosecuting attorney had submitted a few remarks,

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Henry arose, reached out his hand and received the paper, and addressed the court:

"May it please you worships: I think I heard read by the prosecutor as I entered this house the paper I now hold in my hand. If I have rightly understood, the king's attorney of this colony has framed an indictment for the purpose of arraigning, and punishing by imprisonment, three inoffensive persons before the bar of this court, for the crime of great magnitude - as disturbers of the peace. May it please the Court, what did I hear read? Did I hear it distinctly, or was it a mistake of my own? Did I hear the expression as if a crime, that these men, whom your worships are about to try for a misdemeanor, are charged with what? - and continuing in a low, solemn, heavy tone, "For preaching the Gospel of the son of God!"

Pausing, amid the most profound silence and breathless astonishment, he slowly waved the paper three times around his head, when, lifting his hands and eyes to heaven, with peculiar and impressive energy he exclaimed, "Great God!" The exclamation - the action - the burst of feeling from the audience, were all overpowering. Mr. Henry resumed:

"May it please your worships: There are periods in the history of man, when corruption and depravity have so long debased the human character, that man sinks under the weight of the oppressor's hand, and becomes his servile, his abject slave; he licks the hand that smites him; he bows in passive obedience to the mandates of the despot, and in this state of servility he receives his fetters of perpetual bondage. But, may it please your worships, such a day has passed away! From that period, when our fathers left the land of their nativity for settlement in these American wilds - for liberty - for civil and religious liberty - for liberty of conscience - to worship their Creator according to their conceptions of heaven's revealed will; from the moment they placed foot on the American continent, and in the deeply imbedded forests sought an asylum from persecution and tyranny - from that moment despotism was crushed; her fetters of darkness were broken, and heaven decreed that man should be free - free to worship God according to the Bible. Were it not for this, in vain have been the efforts and sacrifices of the colonists; in vain were all their sufferings and bloodshed to subjugate this new world, if we, their offspring, must still be oppressed and persecuted. But, may it please your worships, permit me to inquire once more, for what are these men about to be tried? This paper says, "For preaching the Gospel of the Son of God." Great God! For preaching the Gospel of the Son of God." Great God! For

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The man who harbors ill-will against another has fast closed the ear of God against his own cry.

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preaching the Gospel of the Saviour of Adam's fallen race! And in tones of thunder, he exclaimed: "What law have they violated?" While the third time, in a slow, dignified manner, he lifted his eyes to heaven, and waved the indictment around his head.

The Court and audience were now wrought up to the most intense pitch of excitement. The face of the prosecuting attorney was pallid and ghastly, and he appeared unconscious that his whole frame was agitated with alarm; while the judge, in a tremulous voice, put an end to the scene, now becoming excessively painful, by the authoritative declaration, "Sheriff, discharge those men."

## EVIL

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of Satan, it becomes an evil, destructive thing. So Satan really isn't "casting out Satan"; he is merely deceiving the people into thinking they are "right with God," because they have stopped their meanness and joined up with a false "church", which is no more a true servant of God than the devil himself.

In sharp contrast, we who are God's true men and sound in the faith, do a good thing when our messages and actions result in people being brought to a true trust in Christ as Saviour. Why? Because the end result is genuine salvation and bringing people into Christ's true Baptist Churches. You see, then, why Christ said, "an evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit." Why? Because even if false men and false churches convince people to turn from their evil ways and believe their false, ungodly doctrines (especially about being saved by religious works), the end result is merely a reformed lost man, still on the road to hell. On the other hand, Christ said, "a good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit." Why? Because when we teach men pure truth, they are brought to a true knowledge of Christ.

Finally, who are those who do a bad, evil thing when they do the devil's work by telling people to stop being bad and start doing good in order to be saved? The answer: Any man or any so-called church that teaches things like "Christ died for the whole human race," "you have salvation if you feel different and keep the commandments," "you better be good or you will lose your salvation," "you have to be baptized or you will go to hell," and a host of other soul-damning doctrines. This means that ninety-nine percent of the religious world is serving Satan and deceiving men with their false teachings. This means the Catholic and Protestant "churches" along with all other Arminian people are deceiving men, even as they tell them to "be good."

So when the devil fights against the worship of himself, when the devil fights against immorality, when the devil fights against some evils, he is only trying to cause men to trust something other than Jesus Christ for salvation. And trust in anything or anyone, except Christ, is to be only a lost religious man, woman, boy or girl. The only persons who are born again are those to whom God has given true faith in Jesus Christ, to the saving of the soul.

Thank God for the fact that none of His elect can be deceived into hell. Thank God that all that the Father has given to Christ, shall come to Him. The Lord bless you!

## WELL

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devil, but with God. A lot of times we are like Isaac, we do not like to preach what our fathers and forefathers preached. But if we will stop and think, we do not have anything new to preach, for the whole Bible has been preached for centuries, well ever since the Bible has been written. We are to preach the Gospel, preach what Jesus preached.

I hear about how people believe this part of the Bible, and all the rest of it they do not go as far as denying it, but refuse to believe it. The importance of it; God told Isaac in verse 24 of Chapter 26: "I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake." We will not receive the same blessing as Isaac did, but God will bless us if we preach the truth of His Word and do not compromise with the heathen of this wicked world.

Jeremiah 10:2: "Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen." The blessing of preaching the truth of God: II Timothy 4:8 tells us about our final reward: I Peter 5:4: "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

How are we to dig these wells? "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2). We are to glorify God not man. II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God" not man for we don't have to prove anything to man, although in this day and time man thinks that if you cannot prove something in a physical sense, then you only have a theory. But yet, they believe that evolution is where man started from. All through their theory, it's maybe, what if, could be — nothing is concrete.

Preaching the truth, and what it does: Raises the dead to life (Eph. 2: 1 & 5). Romans 1:16: "For it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Why dig these wells? First, and most important of all, God Almighty commanded us to. Matthew 28:20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" Also, see John 15:9-10.

We are to preach the gospel to the lost, that men might be saved through the hearing of the Word. If one was to say to another that he would be able to drive a car without the motor, he would just laugh, and so would you and I, yet men believe in this manner. They believe that all of the elect will be saved regardless if they hear the gospel or not. True, that all of the elect will be saved, but if God had not intended for us to preach the Gospel, then he wouldn't have said in Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" I believe that by preaching the Word and by hearing, the elect will be saved.

Now we want to note where are we to dig these wells. As we

read in our text, Genesis 26:18: "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them." At first, Isaac attempted digging his own wells, but got nowhere. Both wells he digged he had to fight for. Likewise in this day and time, when we stray from the truth or proceed to have our own beliefs, we strive for them and have no peace. Verse 22 tells us Isaac removed from there and digged another well, Rehoboth, which means enlargement; for the Lord made room for him and made him fruitful in the land. This was after he started digging the wells his father had dug. That same night seeing that the Lord had blessed him, "he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord."

John 20:21, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Again the commission given in Acts 1:8 and Luke 24:47-48: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

In conclusion, I would like to say that I believe the same truth that my father believes. Exodus 20:12 says, "Honor thy father." In order to do this, one must believe what he has been taught. Proverbs 15:20, "A wise son maketh a glad father." Proverbs 17:25, "A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her that bare him."

## LEONARD FAMILY MINISTRIES

I see by the Daily Mail, June 16, 1983, that Janet Benshoos of the American Civil Liberties Union and Faye Wattleton of Planned Parenthood are gloating over what they perceive to be a victory in the Supreme Court decision to uphold the 1973 act which legalized abortion. I believe Planned Parenthood to be the most ungodly organization I know in the USA. If you doubt this just go to the library and read the life of Margaret Sanger, their founder. These women say they are delighted at the Supreme Court decision. I can only wonder what type of women they really are to want to murder our babies. I pray to God to save their never dying souls and to forgive them for what they are doing. I honestly believe they are blinded by Satan and don't really know what they are doing.

It is obvious that they do not believe the Bible. God has decreed terrible judgments on entire races in His Word. He has also reserved severe punishment for those who, apart from His decrees, have snuffed out the lives of unborn babies, Amos 1:13, 14: "Thus saith the Lord: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away their punishment because they have ripped up the women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their borders. But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, with shouting in

the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind."

Last year I wrote to the abortion clinic in Hagerstown. What I said then I now repeat. I detest and hate what you are doing (murdering our babies), but I declare I do not hate you, Pro-abortion people, as I have been accused of. God's Word commands us to love one another. I realize as just a man I cannot show you how wrong you are, but, I pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten you.

I feel sure that I am safe in assuming that someone who is reading this has been involved in the abortion issue in someway. Perhaps, young lady, you have even had an abortion or it may

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## BIBLE CONFERENCES ARE WONDERFUL

In one of the most picturesque scenes imaginable (see pictures), it was my privilege to be in a recent Bible Conference. On June 24th and 25th, I was honored to be with the Dessie Baptist Church of Clem, W. Va. in a Bible Conference. The scenery so beautiful. The people were so friendly: God's people who believe the same precious truths are usually that way. The services were a great blessing.

Elder Mark Minney, son of the late and lamented Elder Rodney Minney, is the fine and able pastor of this church. I felt his sermon was one of the best of the conference, and a real blessing to my soul. I hope he will be a speaker at our next conference. I heard some fine preaching of God's Word during

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the time I was at this conference.

This is a sister church, believing the same truths as are preached through the pages of The Baptist Examiner. The church publishes a paper: The Voice In The Wilderness, which is a blessing. I do hope God will again, some day, grant me the honor of visiting and preaching in this fine church. Pray much for this little flock and its very able under-shepherd as they seek to spread the Word of God in the hills of West Virginia.



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Good preaching. I have really enjoyed conference, very punctual, love to hear more singing. Good food.

Virginia Blount, Griffin, Ga.  
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My heart was pricked by each and every sermon I heard! How wonderful it was to be with so many of God's people to enjoy hearing His Word and fellowshiping. Special appreciation to Bro. Sammy Wilson for his sermon on offering the Gospel to others. We truly are missionaries for our Lord's Church and should be walking daily with our Lord at our side, being good examples. I truly pray that it will be the Lord's will to return us to the conference every year. I was so blessed.

Kathie Miller, Kirtland, Ohio  
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Our hearts sing Hallelujah! Our souls are full and satisfied. The Lord has truly blessed His servants with a boldness in the

Word. We have been convicted and revived. We thank Him for these wonderful times of growing in His truths and fellowshiping with His dear children, our brethren. Getting to know our family in God. We greatly appreciate the warm and gracious hospitality of the dear saints and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ashland. Thank you. May the Lord continue to bless and use you.

Sharon Haynes, Chardon, Ohio  
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To God be the glory for Him to use His church at Ashland to give the whole truth of His Word without compromise to all who attend the conference and to the readers of the Baptist Examiner.

C.K. Sevy, Goshen, Ind.  
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I can't describe the blessing that this conference has been to me and my family. I thank our Lord for opportunities such as this and especially for all those whom He called to deliver His messages. My faith and conviction have been strengthened and I pray that the Lord will give me the ability to carry forth as I've been taught through the pastors of His church.

Randy Miller, Kirtland, Ohio

## YOUR PREACHER'S EASY TIME

If he is young, he lacks experience; if his hair is gray, he is too old. If he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he is setting a bad example.

If his wife sings in the choir, she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work.

If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous, he is not deep.

If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people; if he visits, he is a gad-about.

If he is attentive to the poor, he is playing to the grandstand; if to the wealthy, he is trying to be an aristocrat.

If he suggests improvements for the church, he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions, he is a figurehead.

If he used too many illustrations, he neglects the Bible; if not enough, he is not clear.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he does not, he is a compromiser.

If he preaches an hour, he is windy; if less, he is lazy.

If he preaches the truth, he is offensive; if not, he is a hypocrite.

If he fails to please everybody, he is hurting the church; if he does please everybody, he has not convictions.

If he preaches tithing, he is a money-grabber; if he does not, he is failing to develop his people.

If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary; if a small salary, it proves he is not worth much.

If he preaches all the time, the people get tired of hearing one man; if he invites guest preachers, he is shirking responsibility.

So what! They say the preacher has an easy time!

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## A PRAYER FOR GRANDCHILDREN

There are some little children  
So very close to me,  
I want to teach of Jesus  
And His death at Calvary.

I plead Oh Lord have mercy;  
Grandchildren are so dear  
In this world of sin and darkness  
May they find no solace here.

I pray dear Lord watch over  
And reveal to them their need,  
Of Christ the perfect Savior.  
Help them thy Word to heed.

Though evil influence  
surround them  
From its sin may they be won,  
To Christ, who said so long ago  
"Let the little children come."

May He be their joy for living  
May they learn to depend,  
On Grandmother's God and Heaven  
Where happiness shall never end.

Mrs. J.P. Morgan

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Elder John M. Alber has accepted the call to pastor the Faith Temple Baptist Church of Farmers Branch, Texas, 75234. The church is located at 13621 Bee St. The public is invited to attend. Phone: (214) 243-3483 or (214) 620-1907.

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Roger Crace has announced that the Lord has called him to the ministry. He is available to preach wherever the Lord might open the door. Roger is married and has three children. He is a young man and is a Sovereign Grace Landmark Missionary Baptist in doctrine and practice. His address is 7217 Gallia St., Sciotoville, Ohio, 45662. His phone number is (614) 776-7047.

Mrs. John James  
Rocky Mount, N.C.

## LEONARD MINISTRIES

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be young man that you are the cause of this young's girl's dilemma and have not assumed your responsibilities. Perhaps you are guilty and upset and you say what can I do? It has already happened, will God forgive me? Is there hope for me? Oh, my friend, let me give you God's answer. I John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sins."



Elder Joslin leads a song service.



Why are Bird Sawyer and Elder Fred Beard looking at Ladies' head covering, and why is our secretary on her knees?



Two Hoosier "theologs" Elders J.C. Settlemoir and Ralph Hawkins.



We just can't wait for the service to get started! Mable Wheeler, Phala Shannon.



A fine Christian couple. My long time friends, Calvin & Jeanette Kern of Gladwin, Mich.

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