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SPIRITUAL ADULTERY CONCERNING THE CHURCH

by David West
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Matthew 16:4, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall be no sign given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."

Mark 8:38, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The relationship that the child of God has with the Lord is such that he is required to be faithful. He is to be faithful in all his activities. He does not have any time to while away or waste or as some people say, "I just had a little time to kill." Our time is the Lord's. We are required to love, honor and adore Christ with our minds, our hearts, our soul and with all our strength. Our love is not to

be directed to another. The best way to let our love for God be known is through our faithfulness to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The saints



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are to assemble and fellowship with each other. We do not fellowship as much as we should. Most sovereign grace Baptist churches fall short in this one thing. The Psalmist said in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Continued on Page 3 Column 2)

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

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"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). Most of the time when we think of the Holy



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Spirit, we think of Him only in respect to salvation. We stress, as we should, the fact that He quickens the unbeliever and applies the gospel to bring about the new birth. There is, however, a work of the Holy Spirit that is seldom preached

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PRAYER AND YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

by Willard Pyle
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"Behold he prayeth" can be said of less and less professed Christians, for the devil has robbed us of one of the most vital parts of the life of a Christian. This is one of the reasons for the deadness and dryness among the children of God. They have lost "the joy of salvation." They no longer enjoy fellowship with the Lord, as well as with the Lord's people.

It is a rare occasion to find the



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church continuing "with one accord in prayer and supplication," or to find the church making prayer without ceasing unto God for a fellow member (Acts 1:14; Acts 12:5). The key to the spiritual growth

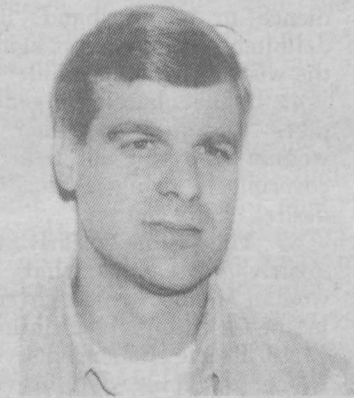
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HAVE YOU MET JESUS?

by David Darragh
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As a professional truck driver, I am privileged to travel through some of the most beautiful country in the world. God's omnipotent work is seen in the Ponderosa pines which seemingly touch the sky at elevations of over 8000 feet above sea level, in the Grand Canyon of northern Arizona, its Sonora Desert and its unexplainable enigmas and endless void. I've seen some of the most expensive mansions in the country, most exquisite shopping centers and restaurants, to the rural cotton fields and ribbons of concrete that look like clover. I've also driven by a lot of false churches. Why, just the other day, I was driving along a suburban road in Phoenix, Arizona, and I drove by a church that had a sign out front asking the question, "Have You Met Jesus?"

Now, I didn't have time to pull over and stop to ask the "reverend" exactly how one goes about this; but from the looks of things, I can just imagine what his answer would be. In view of this, let's examine the question, and see what men



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have to say about it, and what

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THE BIBLE AND YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

by John M. Alber
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Psalm 119:9-11

The Word of God is precious to us who know the Lord as our

personal Lord and Saviour. It is precious to us for a number of reasons — not only because the Holy Spirit used the preaching of The Word to bring us unto Himself, but praise God, it directs our day by day walk.

In the Bible one soon learns that our God has a healthy respect for His Word. "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name" (Psa. 138:2). In fact, our Lord Jesus Christ said, "The scripture cannot be

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everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31).

There is much controversy about this subject. The

Catholics, and many of her daughters advocate sprinkling as a means of avoiding this judgment. And many say that there will be no judgment, they claim that after death, that is it; but I will have to say they are wrong.

There are two events in the future which are absolutely certain. First of all, it is certain that Jesus Christ is coming again (that means He has already been here before) to receive His people unto Himself, and to reward them (His people) according to their works. And works are not for salvation. In the second place, it is absolutely certain that Jesus Christ is coming again to judge the world. We will hear the question asked "What will be the outcome of the great corporations and these great labor unions then?" To these questions my answer is; "I do not know." But I will tell you what I do know, and it is infinitely more important. I know that some day the Lord Jesus Christ will come again and will receive His waiting and faithful

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A Sermon by Pastor Joseph M. Wilson

THE WOMAN'S HEAD COVERING

The following is a repeat from some years back.

I desire to write an article on this subject showing that the woman should wear a head-covering in the services of the church. I will hereafter refer to the head-covering as a hat, though it might be a scarf or any kind of head-covering and not technically a hat. First of all I will give several translations of I Corinthians 11:10, and then the comments of several scholars on this verse. These comments do not necessarily prove the position taken, but show that I do not stand alone in such an interpretation. I ask you to give me a fair hearing, and compare what I say with the Word of God. I am convinced that an honest,

sincere study of the Word on this subject will convince anyone that the woman ought to wear a hat in the assembly of God's Church.

TRANSLATIONS

K.J.V.: "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels."

A.S.V.: "For this cause ought the woman to have a sign of authority on her head because of the angels."

Conybeare and Howson: "Therefore, the woman ought to wear a sign of subjection upon her head, because of the angels."

Williams: "This is why woman ought to wear upon her head a symbol of man's authority, especially out of

respect to the angels."

Weymouth: "This is why a woman ought to have on her head a symbol of subjection, because of the angels."

Wuest: "On this account the woman is under moral obligation to be having a sign of man's authority over her on her head because of the angels."

Berkeley: "The woman, therefore, ought to have a token of authority upon her head on account of the angels."

Amplified: "Therefore she should be subject to his authority and should have a covering on her head as a token, a symbol of her submission to authority, that she

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may show reverence as do the angels and not displease them."

COMMENTS

Darby: "A token of the authority under which she stands."

Thompson-Chain: "That is, a covering, in sign that she is under the power of her husband."

Scofield: "Authority: the sign of the husband's authority."

Vincent: "Used here of the symbol of power, i.e., the covering upon the head as a sign of her husband's authority."

Matthew Henry: "Power, that is, a veil, the token, not of her having the power or superiority, but being under the power of her husband, subjected to him. Thus would the apostles have the women to appear in Christian Assemblies."

Godet: "Power is put here for a sign of power, and of power not exercised, but submitted to. The woman ought to wear on her head the sign of the power under which she has been placed."

Hodge: "The apostle had asserted and proved that the woman is subordinate to the man, and he had assumed as granted that the veil was the conventional symbol of man's authority. The inference is that the woman ought to wear the ordinary symbol of the power of her husband. It was especially proper in the worshipping assemblies, for there they were in the presence not merely of men but of angels."

J.F.B.: "An appropriate expression when he is about to treat of woman's head dress - Why, then ought not the man to wear the covering in token of his subjection to Christ, as the woman wears it in token of her subjection to man? Because Christ is not seen, the man is, and visibly represents God - Scripture sanctions not the emancipation of woman from subjection: Modesty is her true ornament. Man rules; woman

ministers: the respective dress should accord. To uncover the head indicated a withdrawal from the husband's power; - She ought, therefore, to add the other head-covering to show that she does of her own will that which nature teaches she ought to do, in token of her subjection to man."

Now these quotations show the way in which many scholars have understood this verse.

THE WOMAN'S HEADCOVERING

IN THE ASSEMBLY

At Grace Baptist Church, all the women members wear a hat nearly all of the time. Once in a while one forgets, or maybe is a little rebellious, but I am grateful to God that usually they all obey this injunction of God's Word. In this day of the rebellion of women against everything God says, it is a great joy to a pastor's heart to see the women of the church take their place of silence and subjection, and appear in the assembly with a hat. Now in studying this sub-



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ject, it does not matter what you or I think. But as children of God, we ought to desire to know and obey what God says. God has not spoken with bated breath on this subject, but clearly and unmistakably, so that every woman who desires to know and obey her Lord might clearly know what she ought to do in this respect.

In the realm of authority, we must first realize that all authority resides originally in God.

"For there is not power but of God; The powers that be are ordained of God." (Romans 13:1).

Now God has established and ordained that, in certain relationships, authority be delegated from God to one over another. In the relationship of citizen and government, the authority resides in the government. In that of parent and child the authority resides in the parent. In that of man and wife, authority is given to the husband. In that of man and woman in general, authority is given to the man. Now, beloved, to rebel against God-given and God-ordained authority is to rebel against the God who gave it.

The authority of husband over wife, and of man over woman is carried over into the relationship within the Lord's church. The woman is not permitted to pray in the church (I Timothy 2:8), to usurp authority in the church (I Timothy 2:12), to teach men in the church (I Timothy 2:12), or to even speak in the church (I Corinthians 14:34, 35). Now the God who ordained this as the position of woman in the church, has ordered that she shall wear a covering on her head in the assembly as a symbol of her willing subjection to this position in which a Sovereign God has placed her. I Corinthians 11 treats in part of this subjection of woman to man, and the 10th verse

definitely teaches that she is to have a covering on her head in the assembly as a token of her submission to this authority. "The head of every woman is the man." v. 3.

Now let me give several reasons why a woman should wear a covering. 1. It cannot be wrong to wear a covering: it might be wrong not to. Therefore, the woman should wear the covering just to be on the safe side in seeking to please her Lord. No one will argue that it is wrong to wear a covering, so, ladies, why not wear one just to be sure in the matter?

2. If the pastor believes and preaches this interpretation of Scripture, then the women members of the church ought to wear a hat out of respect to, and love for their pastor. It can't harm you to wear a hat, and it would please the pastor, and show your love for him.

3. If the husband believes the wife should wear a hat and wants his wife to do so; then she must wear one or be in disobedience to her husband. It is definitely wrong to rebel against the wishes of the husband.

4. If the church in general takes this position, then the woman who will not wear the covering is going against the desires of the church.

5. The Bible clearly and positively teaches that the woman should wear a covering in the assembly. I Corinthians 11:10. I have challenged several women to tell me what this verse means if it doesn't mean for them to wear a hat in the assembly. I have never yet heard an answer. Lady, I think it means to wear a covering. If it does not mean that, what does it mean? This is the only possible meaning of this verse of Scripture. Nearly everyone who studies it, and tries to interpret it agrees that this is its meaning.

6. You are going to answer in regard to this at the judgment seat of Christ. If you wear a covering, He will never condemn you for it. Even if I should be wrong on this verse, you would not be condemned for wearing a covering. But if I should be right on this verse (and I am), then you will have to answer for your rebellion when you meet the Lord.

7. "Because of the angels" v. 10. The angels are present in the assemblies of God's Church. "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10). The angels observe the services in the church and learn from them. Oh, how the angels must be troubled by what goes on in some churches. The angels love to take the place that God gives them. They observe the behavior and dress of the women in the assembly, noting if it agrees with God's Word. For this reason, the woman ought to wear a head-covering in the assembly.

Now let us look at some objections made to this interpretation.

1. Some object that a woman would have to wear a covering all the time. This chapter is dealing with matters in the assembling of the church - when the church comes together in one place (v. 20), for prayer, preaching, or to observe the ordinances. So, the wearing of the covering only applies to these meetings and not to every minute of her life.

2. Some object that this chapter refers to a veil and that

women would have to go veiled as they do in some lands. This chapter says nothing of a veil, but of a covering. Whatever covering a woman would desire to wear upon her head would answer the demands of this chapter. V. 10 simply teaches that she ought to have some covering on her head as a token of subjection to man's authority.

3. Some object that v. 10 doesn't say a covering, but says "power". The word for power here is the word for authority. This refers to the authority of the immediate context which is that of the man over the woman. It would be utterly impossible for a woman to have "authority" on her head and such a statement conveys no meaning at all. The word "power" is used to refer to a symbol or token of that power, and her willing submission to it. This is the only possible meaning of the expression, the universally accepted meaning, and the only meaning that makes any sense at all.

4. Some object that they can't wear a hat or that it hurts their head or makes them sick to wear a hat. This is utter tom-foolery, and not worthy of a Christian woman. It is silly and certainly should not be used as an excuse to disobey a clear commandment of our Lord.

5. The usual objection, or ef-

fort of man to get around the verse, is that the covering refers to a woman's hair, using the 15th verse which says, "For her hair is given her for a covering." There are several conclusive answers to this objection. First: There is clearly a two-fold covering taught in this chapter. The chapter refers to a covering given the woman by God. It also refers to a covering that she ought to put on in addition to the God given covering.

Second: If covering means hair, then we could go through the chapter and substitute the word "hair" everywhere we find the word "covering" and would make sense. But if you will try this you will find that makes nonsense. (Thanks to James Hobbs for this: It is utterly unanswerable).

Third: The covering spoken of here is something that a woman ought to do. Notice the word "ought" in v. 10. Therefore it is something that she has a choice in. She can do this or not do it. However, she ought to do this. This certainly cannot refer to her hair. Would God say "you ought to wear your hair to church"? No! that is silly. You will wear your hair to church if you have any. But in addition, the woman ought to wear a covering in obedience to this Scripture.

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FROM THE EDITOR

THE PROPER CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE. Recently I received a letter from a dear preacher brother commending me for my "Christian attitude" as editor of The Baptist Examiner. I greatly prize this statement. I earnestly desire to be known as one who has proper "Christian attitude." I pray that God will give me wisdom and grace for this. However, I have a great problem. The problem is: What is the proper "Christian attitude?" It is not always easy to know the answer to this.

I receive much mail, letters and publications, in my position here I receive a publication, the last two of which, have called my name and made serious attacks on my writings, my character, and even my salvation. Praise God, my salvation is not in the hands of men. I receive a publication. Two of the last three issue have contained digs at The Baptist Examiner, veiled digs at Brother Halliman and myself. I receive publications which contain very serious doctrinal errors. I receive personal mail, at times which attacks me in many ways as to my beliefs, and other matters. I do thank God that most of my mail is of a very kind, gracious, and encouraging character - very few are otherwise.

My problem is this: What is the proper Christian attitude relative to these matters? I am seeking wisdom from the Lord as to the answer to this problem. I know that it is a proper "Christian attitude" to adamantly oppose the false doctrines taught in many publications which I receive. I have printed my opposition to some of those in this paper since coming here. I have no question as to that part. My problem is: 1. Should I name these publications and the editors? 2. Should I use stronger language in my printed opposition to the heresies they teach? I am not sure as to this. I do feel that the reader needs to know the fact that these publications are teaching contrary to historic Baptist doctrine, and are teaching very serious heresy. Should I just continue to teach the truth, and to speak and write against these heresies, or should I begin to name the publications and men guilty thereof?

What is the proper Christian attitude towards little digs and implied criticisms? Should I ignore such, or should I blast forth in answer thereunto? On this point, I feel that I will just continue to ignore such, and leave it with the Lord. I will say this: As I seek the Lord's leadership as to the proper "Christian attitude," I plan to do as I have in these matters, until the Lord makes my course very clear to me. I have fought these heresies aforementioned. I have named names, even questioned my salvation (rather placed me among the reprobate). I have not even named them in this paper.

I have returned a few articles sent to me for this paper because of their naming men and publications with the comment that I was considering my proper procedure relative to this; and declining from naming such until I decided what that procedure would be. I may have lost some friends over this.

Well, it is my sincere desire, my earnest prayer, my attempted effort, to have and manifest a proper "Christian attitude." The reader, and more importantly, the Lord, must judge as to my success or failure in this. My only problem is that I do not always know just what the proper "Christian attitude" is. I pray God will show me clearly. I sincerely ask for, and will welcome and prayerfully consider, the comments of our readers on this matter. I do know that taking a strong, hard, battling stand for truth is part of such an attitude. Please pray for me that I might be enabled to know and manifest, in the work of editing this paper, a proper "Christian attitude." I desire this so very much. I do not want to hurt the truth for which we stand by standing for it in a wrong attitude. May God bless you all!

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Lord." And again in Psalm 84:10, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." If men would spend their time in God's house as they should, there would not be any time left to go to some man-made church and commit spiritual adultery. We need to have the desire like the Psalmist had for the house of God.

Let it be well understood that when I say "church" I am not referring to that universal idea that some men have concerning the bride of Christ. I speak of a local, visible assembly. The church that Christ set up during His personal ministry here on earth in the days of His flesh inside the land of Canaan. Matthew 16:17-18, "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 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." The church which He purchased with His own blood, Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Christ built only one church while here in the world, for Ephesians 4:5 says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism..." One faith means one kind or set of doctrines. Those doctrines Christ gave to the church. The doctrines that are found in the Bible. The doctrines of Christ and of God, II John: 9, "whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." It is this church and these doctrines that I have reference to. We must not offend this church. This is the Bride of Christ. You had better be careful how you treat the Bride of Christ. He loves her and He will surely defend her.

In the statement above I am not implying that all believers who were members of sound churches since Christ set up His church on the earth will be in the Bride. I believe the Scriptures teach that it is from these sound churches that Christ will make up His Bride. Only the faithful will be in the Bride.

The Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church teaches these doctrines to which I refer. This is the only church in the world that teaches these doctrines as we find them in the Bible. No other church has the right to teach them. Christ did not give them to any other church. No other church was in the world during Christ's sojourn here on earth and when other churches were being set up by some man, Christ wasn't here to sanction what they were doing.

These doctrines are precious to the Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church. They are precious to those who believe what the Bible teaches. There are those, yes many, who are not interested in the doctrines of the Bible. The only thing that many are interested in is money and numbers, and any way they can

accomplish this, they think is all right. What a person thinks of the doctrines of Christ and what he thinks of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ will let you know whether he will be guilty of spiritual adultery concerning the church. If a person thinks lightly of the doctrines of Christ, then he will without any thought whatsoever offend the Bride of Christ. The Bride of Christ and her teachings, which are Christ's doctrines, are precious to Christ. There is an engagement between Christ and His church. II Corinthians 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Christ loves His church and He will not bless, but rather chastise those who take part in some religious order set up by man. For that matter, He will chastise those who participate in any worldly organization. The Church of Christ and her members have specific instruction in the Word of God not to take part in anything that is contrary to her teachings. We are to teach what Christ taught. In Matthew 28:18-20 we find, "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." So we are to follow His teachings, not the teachings of some man or some man-made, so called church.

Now, I want to give you some ways a person may commit spiritual adultery against the church of Christ. First, we are not to conform to the world. Romans 12:1-2 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

"Conform to" means to become similar to, to be in accord with or in agreement with. We are not to be in agreement with the world. If we are in agreement with it we would certainly be a friend to it and a person who is a friend to the world surely is not a friend to Christ and to God and the church. We read in James 4:4, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." How much plainer can you find it in the Word of God? Also, now, let us read the Scripture in I Corinthians 6:16, "What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh." This is in perfect harmony with the Scripture in James just given. Surely anyone can see the harmony of these two Scriptures. When a person is a member of the Lord's Church and he is conformed to the world, is like it or is in agreement with it. One who is joined with an harlot is one with her. How in the world can a person who is watching a church member tell the difference between a church member and one who is not? If a person is

joined to the world he becomes part of it. He becomes one with it. What is a person's witness for Christ worth when he looks like the world.

Then again, the child of God is not to love the world, neither the things that are in the world. Read I John 2:15-16, and you will find it says: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." The statement "of the world" means that he is part of, or belongs to it. Again, does not the scripture say, that a person joined to an harlot is one with her? Also, does not the Scriptures say that one who is a friend to the world is the enemy of God? Would not this constitute spiritual adultery? We are taught in the Word of God to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind. If we come short of this, then we are subject to the chastening rod of God. We belong to God. We are His servants and our service is His. We are to honor Christ, The Father and the Holy Spirit. And we are to honor God in and through the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we are friends to the world we cannot be friends to God. If we love the world we cannot, at the same time, love God. And furthermore, if we become one with the world, we cannot become one with God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lord was tempted with the same kind of sins that are mentioned in I John 2:15-16. With that which has to do with the flesh (bread), with that which pleases the eyes (the lust of the eyes), and with that which has to do with the pride of life (to rule the kingdoms of the world). Satan used the same temptations when leading Adam, our father according to the flesh, to sin and plunge the whole race into sin and death. When Satan approached Eve he approached her through the taste (that which was good for food), through the eye gate (that which was pleasant to the eyes), and the pride of life (that which would make one wise) (Gen. 3:6).

Another thing the church is not supposed to participate in is such things as bazaars, pie suppers, cake sales, going up and down the streets, highways and byways selling chicken dinners, barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs and such like. Neither is the church to have rummage sales. I call these kind of sales, rag sales; for that is just about what it is. Getting those things out of the back side of the clothes closet. These old clothes they haven't worn for some time and won't wear and other things they can't use around the house. If you give to the church you are supposed to be giving to the Lord through His church. Does not the Scripture teach to bring the tithes into the storehouse? Our tithes and offerings are supposed to be given through the church. Read Malachi 3:10, which says, "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." This is the proper way to support the church. This is the way you lay up treasures in heaven: the way

you get the greatest interest; the way to keep the thieves from breaking through and stealing and to keep the moth and rust from corrupting. If one departs from this scriptural way of supporting the church (and this is giving to the Lord), and resorts to worldly ways such as the things mentioned above, then the church is using the wrong method to support the work of God. And if it is not right it is a sin. Why would anyone expect the Lord to accept such offerings when the governor won't do it. A good way to try this and see if the governor will accept them is to gather up all the old clothes, pots and pans around the house that you wouldn't use, package them up and send it in to the government and see if they will accept them for income tax payments. Would you expect the Lord to do what your governor would not do? Isn't this what the Scriptures say?

Malachi 1:7-8, "Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible. And ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts." If everyone would give their tithes and offerings there would be no problem in building church houses, Sunday school rooms and supporting missions.

Another thing I bring to your attention is the fact that we have many members of the present day Baptist Churches who are members of some secret order. Churches that belong to the Lord, that call themselves the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, should not condone their members being members of some secret order. If it is in the Bible way is it a secret? If it was in the Bible it would not be a secret. If it is the religion found in the Bible, WHERE is it found in the Bible? Christ said in John 18:20, Jesus answered him, "I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing." These lodge people claim these things are taught in the Bible when it is not found in the Blessed Book! Joining up with some religious secret order is against God's Word. It is a sin! It is spiritual adultery! Then someone will say, a good reason for belonging to a lodge is that they do a lot of good. They have hospitals where they can take care of those who are in bad need." Well, so what? I can say the same thing about the Catholics, the Methodists or some other denominations. they do lots of good so far as that is concerned. The Catholics have some of the best hospitals in the country, pay their help well, they treat you good and will love you to death. None of these things are reason enough to join a lodge. There is a Scripture in the Blessed Book that says there will be some people trying to get in heaven because of their good works (Matt. 7:22-23).

Furthermore, there are churches (so-called) who have union meetings, embrace the universal church idea, desecrate the Lord's Supper by using grape juice instead of wine, and soda

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QUESTION: — Who inherited Elijah's mantle?
ANSWER: — Elisha, Second Kings 2:12, 13. "And Elisha... took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. And He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him..." Also, First Kings 19:19.

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Fourth: Whatever this means a woman ought to do, it is something that a man ought not to do. The chapter plainly says "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head," v. 7 and "For this cause the woman ought to" v. 10. Now please contrast the "ought not" to the man in v. 7, and the "ought" to the woman in v. 10. Here you see that whatever the woman ought to do, the man ought not to do. Now in all seriousness, do you believe — can you believe, that this is referring to the hair? Do you mean that a man ought not to wear his hair to church? Listen to this verse. If a woman has obeyed this chapter in having hair on her head, then it is disobeying this chapter for a man to have hair on his head in the assembly. You say this is silly. Yes, your trying to get around the clear meaning of this chapter is just that silly and leads to just such absurd consequences. Why will people go to such absurd lengths to get around the Word of God instead of just obeying it? Well, if there are any more objections, I do not know what they are or could be, but I am sure they are easily answered.

Now, dear Christian women, please study this matter. Why will you disobey this verse? It costs so little in money, time, and effort to obey. It seems to me that this is one of the easiest commands in the Bible to obey. Does it not exhibit a rebellious spirit to try so hard to get around this verse, when it is so simple to obey it. You can't go wrong in wearing the hat. You may and you do go wrong in not wearing it. Please give this your prayerful study, with a heart that wants to know and do God's will for your life. I am sure that God will bless you in studying and obeying this portion of His Word.

I wish to say a word relative to my wife, Katie, in this respect. I thank God for her. She is a real blessing to me and a real help in my ministry. She saw this without difficulty and obeyed it immediately and continually. She wears her hat to the services wherever we might be. At home where all the women wear one, she has her hat, too. When we visit a place and she is the only woman there with a hat on, she still obeys God in this matter. I do appreciate her in this as in many other respects, although I know she does it for the Lord, and not just for me.

Christian women, there is no substitute for obedience, and nothing as wonderful as the rewards our Lord will one day bestow upon obedience. God bless you all!

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How can the blood-line remain pure in a man? Does Mother and Father both contribute to the blood? Could one keep identity of race when interracial marriage was involved?

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Frankly, this is more of a question for a doctor to answer rather than a preacher. I know very little about the blood in reference to keeping the blood-line pure.

The Scripture indicates that the blood line comes from the man. Jesus was born of a virgin, but His Father is God. The angel told Joseph concerning Mary and her unexpected pregnancy "...fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:20). He was sinless. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:21). We are told that sin and death come from Adam. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). Jesus, born of a woman but not man, was without sin. Therefore His blood came from His Father rather than Adam.

Therefore, our conclusion answers the last question. No, identity of race cannot be kept when interracial marriage is involved. This is true with black and white, yellow and white, red and white, black and yellow, yellow and red or any other type of mixture.

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In answer to the second question, it is a proven scientific fact that only the father contributes to the blood of a child. While the mother provides nutritive elements for the development and growth of the body of the unborn child, she does not contribute even one drop of her blood to the child.

This being true, the blood-line is passed from father to son. A daughter could not pass on the blood-line as she does not contribute to the blood of her children.

The fact that the blood-line is through the father rather than the mother shows the importance of the TRUTH of the virgin birth of Jesus. Jesus, not having a human father, did not inherit the sinful blood which all

the rest of us received through our blood-line back to Adam. God provided for the virgin birth of His Son when He created woman. He made her so that none of her blood would pass from her to her children. The Word of God tells us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, "was found with child of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 1:18). And, "...that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 1:20). From this we see that Jesus, not having sinful blood from His mother but sinless blood contributed by the Holy Spirit, could and did die to, "...save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

In answer to the last question, as the mother as well as the father contribute to the child in all things pertaining to the body except the blood, it would seem to me to be very difficult, if not impossible, to keep the identity of the race when interracial marriage was involved.

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Isaiah 55:9: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

This is a question, that I am afraid I will not be much help with. I do not believe that it is answered in the Word of God. Perhaps this question could be better answered by a doctor, than a preacher: so, I consulted a doctor, and will give you his answer shortly. First, I wish to make a comment about the blood-line remaining pure. This is the first question asked.

I feel that the only time the blood-line has been threatened, is found in Genesis chapter 6. I believe that fallen angels cohabited with human women, in order to try and corrupt the seed from which Christ was to come. We find God took care of this matter with the flood, thus destroying the corrupt blood-line. I hope this is what the question means by blood-line. I must admit, that I am having some difficulty understanding what the questioner is mostly concerned with; from the last question, I gather, that it has something to do with inter-racial marriage. I do not see how inter-racial marriage could corrupt the bloodline, for there is no difference in the blood of the different races.

The second question asks about the Father and Mother contributing to the blood. There are those who feel this may be an important question, relative to the blood of Christ. I am not one of them. I feel the incarnation of Christ is far too great a mystery, to be solved by trying to find out where His blood came from. I must confess, I do

not think, the question of where Christ's blood came from, has anything to do with His sinlessness. I know there are books out that strongly argue in favor of the blood coming from the Father, and this being necessary for the perfection of Christ, since He was the Child of The Holy Spirit (Dehaan; Chemistry of The Blood). There are also doctors that argue against this theory, I have read of several doctors, who insist the blood comes from the child himself. Since I have not been able to find a clear Bible answer to this question about where infants get their blood, then I leave this to your own opinion.

The third question deals with the identity of race, in the case of inter-racial marriage. Once again, I know of nothing in the Bible that deals directly with this question. I will say, that I feel the Bible condemns inter-racial marriages. The principle of this is set down often, in the Word of God. I personally, do not know that identity of race is all that important. Christ is not a respecter of persons when it comes to race. I suppose inter-racial marriages would cause some problems to the offspring. These problems, however, would be social, and not religious, and would not change their position before God. If a negro and a Caucasian have children, I do not know what race you would call them, except to say they are of the human race, therefore responsible to God; this is what is important.

I wish to add here concerning the second question. I don't know if this is relevant or not, but according to recent statistics, if the offspring of two parents is going to be a male; there is a 60% chance of the child having the same blood type as the father. If the child is a female, then there is a 60% chance the child will have the blood type of the mother. I do not see how, with reference to these statistics, that only one parent contributes to the blood.

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None of Adam's posterity has ever had pure blood in the sense of being curse-free, or in the sense of being absolutely germ free. The day Adam sinned he died spiritually, and physical death laid hold on him. His blood ceased to function perfectly, his flesh the life of which was in a blood system unable to sustain it, began its trek back to the dust from whence it came.

"God that made the world... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth..." (Acts 17:24-26). "One blood," Adam's blood, so it is, we poor earthlings share fully in Adam's

blood, and in the curse which passed upon it (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12). The moral and physical pedigree of every son of Adam has a fatal flaw in it, a flaw so terrible that only the sacrificial and sinless blood of Christ can remedy.

When people speak of keeping the "blood line pure," within the realm of fallen humanity, they must of necessity refer to ancestral honors or titles, and I fear that most, if not all, charts of genealogical royalty, when subjected to an unbiased scrutiny, will be found to curve. Jesus has proper parentage (He was Divinely conceived) from which He received "innocent blood" (Mt. 27:4), and He lived a sinless life which in every way qualified Him to be heir of David's throne.

"Does mother and father both contribute to the blood?" Medical science is divided on this question, but the evidence is weightier on the side of the negative. One thing we do know in this regard is, while Mary was blessed to contribute the body of Jesus, and He thereby became the seed of David, she had nothing whatsoever to do in parting to Him blood. Jesus was not tainted with the blood of sinful humanity, but Mary's virgin ovum was fertilized by the blood of God, and Jesus thereby became the Son of God.

Every offspring of an interracial marriage forfeits something which lessens its identity with either of its parents, and is a step toward the obliteration of distinction between the races.

By the late Mr. Hobbs

Please explain "The dead know not anything" (Eccl. 9:5).

Frankly, I don't have any problem with these passages. Some people, such as the "Jehovah's witnesses" so-called, try to see some things beyond what is said in such passages. This entire passage is talking about physical life and death. It is pointing out that once a person dies, he is physically gone. There are no longer any emotions or relations with living people. The body is placed in the grave, there to return to the dust from which it came, as Solomon said later in this book. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Eccl. 12:7). Verse 6 of Chapter 9 goes on to point this out. "Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun." Note please that this verse shows plainly that everything that is done in this life — actions, emotions, concerns, desires — is over. As David said in I Kings 2:2, "I go the way of all the earth..."

When a person dies, the body goes to the grave and the soul goes to whatever his destiny may be. We either go to be with the Lord or we go to Hades. Those who go to the Lord await the day that they will reunite with their glorified body and then live with and serve God for eternity. Those who go to Hades await the day that they will be united with an indestructible body to be cast into Gehenna. (the lake of fire). "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments..." (Luke 16:22, 23).

Please note the difference.

When we die our body is placed in the grave. All of our earthly feelings are no longer meaningful for this flesh. It no longer cares about the events of this life. Our soul and spirit continues, only with new and higher concepts (especially with the child of God). The chapter in question is dealing with the physical and nothing more.

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crackers or some type of bread that has leaven in it. The wine, which is the pure fruit of the vine, is free from leaven. It became this way by the process of fermentation. In fermentation the leaven is purged out or worked out leaving the fruit of the vine pure, free from that leaven. This then represents the pure sinless blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. When a Church uses grape juice they are using that which has leaven in it and leaven is a type of sin. There is natural leaven in the grape juice and until this leaven is purged out of the juice of the grape it cannot represent the blood of Christ.

The natural man is sinful, sinful by nature and sinful by practice. When he partakes of sin he becomes part with it and it becomes part and parcel with him. The only way he can be free from sin is for the blood of Christ to wash it from him. Thus his sins are purged out by the blood of Christ and His blood is pure. This could not and cannot be done any other way. Therefore, we must use in the Lord's supper that which represents the blood of Christ. The wine does this. And wine is only wine by the process of fermentation, except that which Christ made at the marriage in Cana (John 2:9).

The bread of the Lord's supper is to be unleavened bread. The night He was betrayed Christ took bread and when He had given thanks, broke it. The broken, unleavened bread is representative of the broken body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ's body was broken for sinners, sinners like unto ourselves, the elect of God.

Now, when the church uses other elements than the wine and unleavened bread, this is spiritual adultery. And a person who participates with such a church commits spiritual adultery. When two churches are joined together in this, they two become one. When a person partakes with churches that use leavened bread and leavened juice he becomes one with them. Does not the Scripture say: "one joined with an harlot is one with her." (I Cor. 6:16). Brethren, is not this spiritual adultery? We are taught in the Scripture to become a separate people and not join with every "ism" that comes along.

Finally, we are not to join up with, or associate with these man-made churches that have union meetings such as Easter sunrise services nor any other get-together meetings that honor days or man more than they honor God. One who does so is committing spiritual adultery. There is the old whore and her harlot daughters spoken of in Revelation 17:1-5, "and there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters; and upon her forehead was a name written."

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MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

When one is sympathetic with, wishes them well, meets with, attends their services or any other way, such a person sins with them and is partaker of their evil deeds. If we bid them God speed we are partaker with them in their sin. We are not to bid those who come to our house or church who teach false doctrine God speed. II John 10-11, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." We can certainly say that the old whore and her harlot daughters do not have the doctrines of Christ and of God, and if a person takes part with them, he or she is committing spiritual adultery. The same would be true with any other man-made church.

My prayer is that you will warn others of the danger of committing spiritual adultery. God will surely chastise those of His which take part with any of these idolatrous churches. May God bless you!

JUDGMENT

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people unto Himself, and I know that there is going to be a judgment day for the world, and that judgment day is the subject of my thoughts this day.

There are five things about the judgment day that are set forth in my text. First, the certainty of it; Secondly, the universality of it; Thirdly, the basis of it; Fourthly, the Administrator of it; and Fifthly, the issues of it.

I. First, The Certainty of It.

It is certain that there is to be a judgment day. "God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness" (Acts 17:31). Men who are living in sin laugh at it, but it is no laughing matter. They cannot laugh it away. In the days of Noah, men laughed at Noah's predictions that there was to be a flood, but the flood came and swept them all away. In the days of Lot, the men of Sodom and Gomorrah laughed at the idea that God would rain fire and brimstone out of heaven, and destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and the other cities of the plains; but the fire and brimstone fell, and those cities were blotted out. Again in the days of Jeremiah, the people of Jerusalem laughed at Jeremiah's predictions that Nebuchadnezzar would come, lay Jerusalem in the dust, and destroy their temple; but it came to pass just as God had said. All of God's predictions about judgments of individuals and nations in the past have come to pass just as God has said, in spite of all the false hopes that were held by the false prophets.

If we are to judge the future by the past and how else can we judge the future except by the past; there is no other way to judge it. God's predictions about the future with regard to judgment upon individuals and nations will come to pass to the very letter, in spite of all the false hopes held out by the false prophets — that is, by "liberal preachers" of our day and any

other day. It is absolutely certain that there will be a judgment day for the world. God has given us a guarantee of the judgment day, and that guarantee is the resurrection of Christ from the dead. As we read in the text, "God will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath raised from the dead" (Acts 17:31). The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a certain fact of history. It is not a theological myth. It is not a poet's dream. We could prove this to every fair-minded, thinking man beyond question. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. There is no time today to go into the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I simply want to say to you that the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it is impossible for an honest man to come to any other conclusion.

I read of two eminent lawyers, one name Littleton, and the other West. These two men were Deists: belief in the existence of a God on evidence of reason and nature only, with rejection of supernatural revelation believing in God separate and remote from the world and man. One day they were talking about their views, and finally one said to the other, "Well, we cannot maintain our position until we disprove two things; first, the reputed conversion of Saul of Tarsus, and secondly, the reputed resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Said Littleton to West, "I will write a book to prove that Saul of Tarsus was never converted in the way which the Acts of the Apostles record it." And said West to Littleton, "I will write a book to prove that Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead as the evangelists say." "Well, they wrote their books, and when they met afterwards West said to Littleton, "How have you got on?" "I have written my book," said Littleton, "but as I have studied the evidence from the legal standpoint, I have become convinced that Saul of Tarsus was converted in just the way the Acts of the Apostles says that he was, and I have become a Christian." "How have you got on?" "Well," said West, "I have sifted the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the legal standpoint, and I am satisfied that Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead just as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record it, I have written my book in defence of Christianity." And these two books can be seen in our libraries today. It is absolutely impossible for any man with a legal mind, and accustomed to sift evidence, to sit down and thoroughly investigate the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and come to any other conclusion than that Jesus rose from the dead. Well, that resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is a guarantee that a judgment day is coming. When Jesus Christ was upon the earth, He declared in John 5:22-23, "The Father judgeth no man, But hath committed all judgment unto the Son, that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him." Christ said these words, not the Apostle John! Christ Himself declared that there was a judgment day coming and that He would be the judge. Men hated Him for making this claim. Before they put Him to death He said, My Father will set His seal to the claim for which you

put Me to death. When the third day came, the breath of God swept through the sleeping clay, and God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, set His seal to Christ's claim, and said in accents that cannot be mistaken and that is a message to all ages, "There is a judgment day coming." The indisputable resurrection of Jesus Christ in the past points with unerring finger to a certain judgment in the future. If there is a man here today that flatters himself that there is to be no judgment day; if there is any man here that fancies that he can go on in sin, and never be called to account for it; if there is any man here that believes he can go on trampling under foot the Son of God, and not have to suffer for it, oh man, throw that hope away this day, for it is baseless. It is certain that there will be a day in which Jesus Christ will judge the world in righteousness.

II. THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE JUDGMENT.

"Because God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world." Note the universality of the judgment day. It will be a "no class" judgment. Every man and woman on the face of this earth will have to face the judge in that day. Of course all who have been born again will have been caught up to meet Him in the air. All the rest will have to face the judge in that day. Men often escape human courts. There is many a thief that has never been arrested, there is many a murderer that remains unhung; but when God sends His officers to gather the people for that judgment day, they will have to come and they will have to stay right there until their case is settled. Men often escape the preaching service. When the preaching becomes too pointed, they get up and go out, and thus they escape. You can't escape God that way. You will have to come there and you will have to stay there until your case is decided.

III. THE BASIS OF THE JUDGMENT.

Note the basis of the judgment. In 2 Corinthians 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." There are preachers who tell us that a man can die in sin, and afterward have another chance to repent, turn to God and be saved. The Bible does not hold any such hope or teaching. That kind of teaching contradicts the plain teaching of the Word of God, which says distinctly that "the deeds done in the body," in the life that now is, are to determine the issues of ETERNITY.

That drunkard, that woman that lives in sin, the man that professes to be a Christian but lives like the world, the man who makes gold his God, that man who oppresses his neighbour, that man that turns a deaf ear to the widow in need, that man that knows better and does not heed because it will hurt his business or politics; that man who lives like the devil, they will all come up with things that have been forgotten for years. There is a man who has things hidden from the world, they will be made known to the world; no sin can be hidden, for God will reveal it in that day. The whole world will know about it in that day of judgment, unless you repent and turn to Christ.

"The secret things" will be judged. "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men

by Jesus Christ" (Rom. 2:16). The secret things, the things done in the dark, the things done under the cover of the night, the things done that nobody saw but God; all will be brought to light in that day. Would you like to have your thoughts and fancies and desires and imaginations of your heart and mind of the last twenty-four hours photographed and thrown upon a screen before this audience now? The whole world will see those things in that day, not just twenty-four hours, but of those of your lifetime.

The Lord tells us again that the basis of judgment will be our words. "But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36). Our careless words reveal what we are at heart. Our studied speeches do not reveal what we are. Our idle words, that we drop accidentally, they are the best revelation of what there is in our hearts. Your impure words, your words of gossip and slander; you will give account thereof.

But the great basis of the judgment day will be what we do with Jesus Christ. "He that believeth in him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). God has sent One down into this world to be our Saviour. He has sent His only Son. The rejection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God appointed to be our Saviour, our King, and our Lord, is the most daring and damning of all sins. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). What did you do with Christ?

IV. THE JUDGE. Who is to be the judge in that day? Jesus Christ Himself.

"God hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead" Jesus Christ is to be the judge. That same Christ whom you are rejecting because you are dead, Christ is to be the judge. That same Christ you are robbing of the honor which is His due. He is to be judge. Look at all the people that have taken the glory and honor that belongs to Christ. I can imagine Pontius Pilate in that day who knew that Jesus Christ was innocent, and yet condemned Him to appease the Jewish mob.

V. The Issues of the Judgment Day. The issues of the judgment day, they are eternal. There will be either eternal joy, and life, and glory; or there will be eternal death, darkness, despair, and shame. Oh! men and women, I would that I had it in my power this day to picture to you that great judgment day when every man and woman in this audience would go out from here with the judgment day of Christ before them as a great reality; but that surpasses my power. There is the judgment throne; its blazing glory, its overwhelming splendor, I cannot describe. There is Christ upon the throne, His face shining with a glory above the glory of the noonday sun. There is Christ His eyes as a flame of fire. You will face Him someday and He will judge you. May God bless all of you!

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God has to say about what the men say.

I. Man says: "You must pray to God for forgiveness of sins." God says: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners" (John 9:31). God plainly says that He hears not the prayers of an unsaved man. How dare an unsaved man approach a thrice-Holy God's throne without an intercessor? How can an unsaved man, destitute of the Holy Spirit, unregenerate, dead in his trespasses and sins, pray to God? We read in Romans 8:26 that the "Spirit maketh intercession for us as we pray." It seems quite clear and evident that unless a man is born again by the Spirit of God, that he cannot pray to God. So, my friend, if you feel that you have met Jesus through prayer without faith, you have been deceived.

II. Man says: "You must be baptized to be saved." God says: "Justification is by faith." Now, there are a multitude of various false preachers and teachers who are advocates of the devil's doctrine of "Baptismal Regeneration." For their mis-proof, they quote familiar verses of Scripture, never explaining them in the context, but always out of context, distorting them to meet their heresy. In view of this, I would like to set clear the meaning of Titus 3:5, and Ephesians 5:26.

The Greek word translated in these two verses of Scripture is "louttron" meaning "laver, washing vessel." The laver is clearly taught in Exodus 30:17-21. The laver was made from mirrors used by women, (Exodus 38:8). The looking glass in Scripture is a symbol of the written Word of God. (See James 1:23, 24). The fact of looking into the Word of God is compared to looking into a glass, the glass plainly compared to the Word. The laver, made of the looking glass, is a symbol of the written Word of God.

The laver was filled with water and the priests were commanded to wash in it when performing the service of the tabernacle. As the laver was a symbol of the Word, to wash in the laver and apply water signifies to wash in and apply the Word of God. (See Eph. 5:25, 26). Just as there is a washing by water that cleanses so there is a washing in and application of, the Word of God that cleanses morally and Spiritually. (See John 15:3). There is a washing of water by the Word called the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5). "Washing" should be rendered "laver" and paraphrased: "According to His mercy He saved us by the laver of regeneration." The laver at the door of the tabernacle is the symbol of regeneration. No one could be admitted to that tabernacle except he wash in the laver. As it was impossible to enter into the tabernacle, except by washing in the laver, so it is impossible to enter into and become a living member of the church, except by and through regeneration.

Water, when spoken of in connection with the Spirit, signifies the Word in and under the operation of the Spirit. Renewing and regeneration are

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here in the same category. Regeneration is not only in and by the laver — the Word of God — it is by the operation of the Holy Ghost applying the Word. The Word is the instrument, the Holy Spirit, the agent (I Thess. 1:5). As you can clearly see, baptismal regeneration isn't taught here, nor anywhere else in the Bible. If you have been led to believe that you have met Jesus in the waters of baptism, friend, you have been deceived.

III. Man says: "Faith without works is dead." God says: "Justification by faith only" (Romans Chapter 4). The devil has always taught works for salvation. Whether it be for sins past, present or future, he has always taught that you must do your share. For this they usually run to the book of James, Chapter 2. Now for some of you readers who may not be familiar with Truth, you are probably thinking, "Okay there, Dave, If you seem to know so much about this, and can openly criticize another man's religion, explain it then!" Well, readers, that is just exactly what I will do.

James is referring to an evidence of what one proclaims, or demonstration of what one proclaims. For a very clear example, let's look at Exodus 2:3. This is the story of the birth of Moses. As you may know, there was a proclamation sent forth by the King of Egypt, that every male babe was to be cast into the river. The ultimate end would be a complete extermination of the children of Israel. This certainly wasn't going to be the devil's last effort in this ensuing mass murder of a nation. In the mean time, it is recorded that Moses's mother could no longer keep the child hid and was forced to abandon the child for fear that the king may hear the voice of a three month old babe and take matters into his own hands.

Her faith was so strong in believing the promises of God through Abraham, that she made an ark of bulrushes and water-proofed it, lay the babe Moses in it and set it down right in the very spot where Pharaoh had commanded the newborns to be cast, the Nile River! Now, this is evidence of what one proclaims. This is working faith. Jochebed believed in the promise that God had made to Abraham. Probably, through some direct communication with God, it was revealed that Moses was to be their deliverer, and that he must be spared. Imagine yourself for a moment, surrendering your three month old child! Not to think of what you were going to put him in and where you were going to place him! I wonder about our faith and how strong we are in this day and age of push-button electronics and whoozit entertainment? Nonetheless, Jochebed and Amram were manifesting their faith in God, and this is the type of working faith which James refers to. If you have been led to believe that you must be careful to maintain good works, for salvation, friend, you are deceived.

IV. Man says: "God loves everyone". God says: "Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated" (Romans 9:13). How many times have you listened to a false preacher on the radio, or read an article written by a false preacher and the first and last

things he has to say is that God loves everyone. To avoid the truth of Romans 9:13, they make light of it by saying that God only hated Esau's ways. I have been told by some, "how can He hate anyone? He would be unjust if He did." Friends, such is the God of the world. They have God pictured as a helpless, futile creature, who has tried to save man, but man won't let him. This is not the God of Scripture! Jacob was loved before he was born, consequently before he was capable of doing good; and Esau hated before he was born, consequently before he was capable of doing evil. This very Scripture proves uncontestedly the absolute Sovereignty of God! God's hate is a righteous hate, and God's love is a righteous love. All that God had willed to do in eternity past is righteous, holy, and God gets glory from all that He has willed to do. Friends, God will get glory when the sentence of eternal condemnation is pronounced upon those whom He did not elect in eternity and for whom Christ did not die, just as He gets glory from those He had elected and Christ did die for. God will receive glory from all things. Satan cannot so much as bat an eye, except God permits him to do so. It pleased God to spare Jacob and love Him, and it pleased him to hate Esau and consign his soul to hell for his sins.

V. Man says: "Christ died for all men". God says: "Christ died for the elect" (Eph. 1:4-7). There is no greater heresy being preached in this day and age, than a "Universal Atonement." With this damnable doctrine usually is mixed a host of other false doctrines upholding man and his greatness, and de-throning God. Nevertheless, God's truth will prevail regardless of what the Devil's Advocates proclaim. In eternity's past, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy did choose from the fallen race of mankind, a predetermined number of people to be saved from eternal condemnation, from the fires of hell; and sent His Son, Jesus Christ manifested in the flesh, to be their sacrifice. He wrote their names in a book, called "the book of life" (Rev. 20:15) and cannot and will not erase their names or the work of His precious Son which He did in their behalf.

Our text clearly substantiates this great Bible Truth. We were chosen to be His children, before the foundation of the world, and that we should be holy and without blame (for our sins) and able to stand before Him in love. We were predestinated to be adopted to His family by Jesus Christ. We have obtained redemption for our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. Now after reading this Scripture, how can anyone believe in a universal atonement? If Christ died for all mankind, why aren't they all saved? Luke 16:23 teaches that there is a living soul in hell, waiting to be resurrected with his body, only to suffer for eternity for his sins. Again, Revelation 20:15 says that whosoever was not found written in the book of life was to be cast alive into the lake of fire and brimstone which burneth forever. So much for the universal atonement heresy!

VI. Man says: "You can lose your salvation." God says: "Once saved, always saved." In I Peter 1:5, we read that we are kept "By the power of GOD." What we are kept from is falling from His love. There is no way

that we can separate ourselves from God. There is no way that God can separate His love from us. Once we have been brought to the state of being born again, we then take on a new Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and we become God's children. Just as my daughter is my daughter, and she will always be my daughter. No matter what she does in her lifetime, she will always be my daughter. There is nothing she can do to ever become anything else but my daughter. As God's children we will always be God's children, and He will love us regardless of what may befall us.

The idea that you can separate yourself from God's love stems from the Arminian doctrines of working for salvation in some shape or form. The unsaved man feels superior in his own intellect and feels that he isn't "that bad of a person." He feels that because he has the ability to choose between a glass of milk or a cup of coffee, that he is capable of determining his own destiny. Though man is ever striving to improve himself (this writer feels that man is moving in just the opposite direction), in his natural and spiritually dead life, cannot and will not come to God. Did you know that a man cannot even choose to become an Arminian except God permit him to do so? Did you know that every movement and every thought is controlled by God? Friends, most certainly if the very hairs of our head are numbered (Mt. 10:30), these things are so.

To sum up my article, I would like to add that if you have been led to believe that you have met Jesus through the preaching of any of the six points that I have cited which man says, friend, you have been deceived. Meeting Jesus is accomplished by God applying His gospel on your heart. When He does so, there is nothing you can do to resist His effectual calling, or reject His truth about His Son and His Work. Don't expect a bolt of lightning to come and hit you, because God works with the Holy Spirit, not lightning bolts. I remember when God first saved me, that I thought it a peculiar thing not to feel some emotional sensation. It took me a while to realize that God works quietly upon the hearts of men. This only demonstrates the moreso, His irresistible and efficacious grace.

It is my prayer that God will use the truth of this article to bring someone to the realization of their need for a Saviour. It is the greatest blessing and knowledge to know that Jesus Christ suffered for your personal sins. It is a blessing to know that our eternal state will be with God, serving Him throughout the endless ages. This world will soon pass away, and with it all of its entertainment, for it will all be purified when we come to live and serve God in the new heaven in the ages to come.

The other day I drove by that same false church I mentioned in the beginning of my article. And you know, someone must have stopped by and asked him "How he met Jesus," because he changed the sign! Maybe, it was one of God's saints! Thank you, and may God bless!

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broken" (John 10:35); and on another occasion, He told the people to "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me"

(John 5:39).

Now, all of this ground work (omitted by editor) is laid for a foundation. The Christian who does not have a healthy respect for the Word of God will not allow the Bible to direct his or her life. Let's face it — it is the Word of God — The Bible that tells us how to live our Christian life. We are living in a world that does not love God or His Word and could care less about what He expects of His own. And I am afraid that that spirit has rubbed off on too many of God's redeemed people.

The Scriptures are what God uses to reveal unto us the Lord Jesus Christ. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" — Rom. 10:17. Thus we are brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit as the Word of God is preached. Yes, the Spirit of God always uses the Word of God to convict the sinner of his spiritual need. Our Lord said, "Thy word is truth," and the Spirit of God uses THE TRUTH to bring sinful men unto salvation.

The issue before us is this, how does the Bible relate to us — God's Elect? First and most important so far as our relationship to God is concerned, it brought us unto eternal life. But now it is our path — our mirror, by which we walk in this strange land. By its pages, we are told what we should be doing and how we should be rightly related to our God and His true church.

Turn with me to the book of Acts, Chapter two and verse 37. Peter has just finished preaching and the folk have asked him, "What shall we do?" The Spirit of God used that day the words of His servant to convict the multitude of their lost fallen condition and they have cried out for help. My interest today is not the answer Peter gave in verse 38, but the results of their conversion as found in verses 41 through the end of the second chapter.

1. Verse 41 — "They... gladly received his word." My friend, the Bible teaches us that when we are born again of the incorruptible Word of God, we will receive God's messenger with a glad heart. The Bible is very clear on this matter. The believer will search out the things he hears and make sure that they are in agreement with the Grand Old Book of Books. They will accept the teachings of the Man of God and reject the words of the thief.

2. Verse 41b — "They...were baptized." To be rightly related to the Lord, one must be born again. If you are going to receive the truth, then you must do what God's Word says. Those who are born again are thus commanded to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Now we know from previous Bible study that our Lord gave to the church the authority to baptize new converts, therefore, our thought is this: if you are saved you must be obedient to the command of God and search out the true church and submit to believer's baptism. The Bible will do you no good if you are not willing to follow its orders. The first thing you should do, my friend, in your Christian life is be obedient to God's command.

3. Verse 41c and Verse 47 — They "were added" to the church. Many good folk believe that they can live their Christian life without the Lord's church. But the Bible teaches us that after being born again, they were baptized and added to the

Church. It is not a matter of what we want to do, but what does God's Word tell us to do. Not just any old church will do. God has not put His stamp of approval on just any old church, but His, the church that He founded. Forgive me, but the Word of God dictates what kind of a church our Lord founded. You and I ought to be a part of God's church and that is a part of our Christian Life.

4. Verse 42 — "They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine." I hear a lot these days about being in the center of God's will. But very few pastors have the nerve to preach what that really is. I am not trying to say that I have a corner on the truth of God's Word — but I am trying to say that if you want to grow in your Christian Life as Peter commands us, then you are going to have to do it God's way. You are not going to grow unless you have right doctrine. Many folk hate the Doctrines of Grace, and Church Truth even more. But, my friends, the Word of God says that they continued stedfastly in the doctrines of the apostles.

5. Verse 42 — "They continued in fellowship." Just as breathing is important to life, so attending the services of the house of God are important. My friend, you will never mature in your new found life unless you regularly attend the house of God when the doors are open. There you will be fed the Word of God and have the fellowship of God's dear saints.

6. Verse 42 — "They continued in the breaking of bread." This seems to have reference to the Lord's Supper. It is not just for any one, but rather for God's children. In as much as this is a natural activity on the part of those who have gladly received His Word, then it is assumed that they have not only followed the Lord in baptism, but are identified with that local church. The Lord's Supper is a church ordinance — therefore it is for her own members.

7. Verse 42 — "They continued in prayer." One of the reasons for christian fellowship is the time of prayer.

8. Verse 46 — "They continued daily with one accord." The early church was known for their unity and working together.

Keeping all of this in mind, one can begin to see the place of the Bible in the life of the Christian. If the believer is willing to follow the instructions of the Word of God, then the Bible can be helpful in his Christian life. Therefore we attend the house of God to hear the instructions of the Lord. Thus, the Bible was written for a number of reasons, so far as the believer is concerned. It will edify the believer, and give comfort when needed. The Bible makes life worth while and, thus, puts joy into our hearts; and, at the same time, brings about our sanctification. The Word of God not only supplies our needed guidance, but produces a blessed hope. Therefore, the Bible is able to make one wise, and, thus, keep us from sin.

All of this being so, there are a number of responses the believer should have for the Word of God. He ought to have awe for them, and thus treasure them for food for his soul. Because he loves the Word of God, he will obey Its every command. The best way I know to obey its every command is to hide the

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Bible in our heart. Then, when traveling or working, one can meditate on the Word, or study them in your own office or at home. But even more than all this, the believer will want to share them with other people.

What I have been trying to say is this: If the Word of God is dear to your heart, you will let it direct your ever step. You see — the selfish Christian who leaves the Bible out of his life, has very little Christian life.

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and not even considered much. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. In fact, the work of the Holy Spirit covers the entire field of the Christian life.

INDWELLING THE BELIEVER:

The first thing we must do is establish the fact that the Holy Spirit indwells the believer. There are some who are saying that the Holy Spirit is not in the individual believer, but only in the church. Our text tells us plainly that if a person does not have the Spirit he is not the Lord's. Again, we are told about this, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Gal. 4:6). Chapter 3 and verse 2 had already reminded us that we receive the Spirit by the hearing of faith. Jude talks about ungodly people as "...having not the Spirit" (vs. 19), and, of course, Ephesians reminds us that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30).

There can be no question but what the Holy Spirit enters into a believer when he is saved and remains there until he is taken to be with the Lord. When the Holy Spirit indwells a person He begins producing fruit in that person. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23). These fruits help the believer to live a proper Christian life. Let us now see some specific things that the Holy Spirit does for a child of God.

KNOWLEDGE OF WORD: Before we can live a Christian life that is pleasing to our Lord, we must know His Word and we cannot understand God's Word without the Holy Spirit. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:11-14).

Jesus told us plainly in John 16:13: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he

speak; and he will shew you things to come."

Not only does the Spirit teach us all truths, but He helps us to remember them when we need them. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

As we have seen in the last Scripture quoted, the Holy Spirit is called the Comforter. He not only teaches us the great and precious truths of God's Word, but He also works in us and with us in our daily activities. It is through the Spirit that we can worship properly. "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Phil. 3:3). He guides us into giving thanks for God's blessings. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:18-21). He helps us in prayer and our infirmities. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Rom. 8:26).

The Spirit guides us in various details of our life. For instance, Philip was directed by the Holy Spirit to go into the desert area and then to the chariot in which the Ethiopian Euhuch was reading the word, but not understanding it. (See Acts 8:26-40). Again, we are told that Paul and Silas wanted to go into Asia and Bithynia, but the Holy Spirit directed them away in Acts 16:6, 7. You see, we are led by the Spirit. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

SPECIAL CALL: The Holy Spirit calls men into special service. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus" (Acts 13:2-4). Through His power we are able to witness. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

QUICKENS: One of the final acts of the Holy Spirit is to quicken us when we are ready to leave this life and be taken to be with our Lord. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11).

CONCLUSION

As we think about all the things that the Holy Spirit does

in us, we must not close without thinking of some things we can do to Him. We should not, but we can, grieve the Spirit: "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30). We can also quench the Spirit: "Quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19).

What we should do is told us in Galatians 5:16: "This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." We are to be filled with the Spirit: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). We have the Spirit in us, but we should be filled with the Holy Spirit, so as to live our life as a child of God should!

PRAYER

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and success of the church on the day of Pentecost, and immediately thereafter, is in the fact they "continued stedfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Prayer services were a vital part of the early church's life. In Acts 4:23, after the apostles had been threatened "they went to their own company," which was the Church at Jerusalem, and reported what had taken place, and immediately "they lifted up their voices to God with one accord" (Acts 4:24). And "when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Vs. 31).

I trust we see, by this the great part prayer had in the lives of the saints of God and that it will motivate us to spend much time in prayer, both privately and as churches, for we are "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation," and are in a spiritual warfare in which we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). We are exhorted thereby "to put on the whole armour of God," and then in concluding this armour, Paul says, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Vs. 18), remembering the devil is out "seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8). Again, we can see the need for coming "boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16), and "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil 4:6).

Prayer is the lifeline or anchor which holds the child of God in time of need so he is not over anxious about anything. It brings in him a serenity and a peace that passeth all understanding (Vs. 7).

Daniel knew the value of prayer for he prayed three times a day, at least, even when he knew outwardly it meant temporary affliction. May we learn not only the secret of prayer, but also the success of prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b). We are

therefore to "continue in prayer" and "pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17). Surely, we need to cry out "Lord, teach us to pray", which the Lord did both by precept and by example. He taught both how to pray and how not to pray (Matt. 6:5-13). "I have prayed for you" is a worthy example. Can we say "I have prayed," both concerning our needs and the needs of others?

One of the most blessed thoughts in all of God's Word is to realize, "the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers" (I Pet. 3:12). The way into the holiest of all has been opened by our great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, and we have access to God. The veil has been rent in twain and every believer has this privilege (Heb. 10:19-23).

John on the Isle of Patmos was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." I believe this means he was in fellowship and communion with the Lord. He was in the spirit of worship, being on holy ground, and in waiting before the Lord, as well as expressing his need. Prayer therefore involves not only speaking, but in waiting on the Lord to hear what He has to say (Isa. 40:31). It is recognizing "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" and that "He shall supply all of your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:19).

Prayer therefore magnifies the God of all grace, whose grace is sufficient (I Pet. 5:10; II Cor. 12:9). It justly recognizes that God is "high and lifted up" and that "He does according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth" (Isa. 6:1, Dan. 4:35). "He is able" to save from the fiery furnace, or in the fiery furnace, or through the fiery furnace. It further involves not only our petitions, but also thanksgiving (Phil. 2:6). As we thank God, we are better prepared to make acceptable requests. Prayer must be in faith and in accordance with the will of God and His commandments (I John 5:14; 4:22). So, we need to hide God's Word in our hearts (Ps. 119:11) in order not to sin either in word or walk; otherwise, we will pray amiss (James 4:3).

If we are to have the right view of prayer, we need to study the prayers of the Word of God, for therein we have the explanation of prayer as well as worthy examples.

In concluding these brief remarks on prayer, may we say if we are to "walk in the Spirit," "walk in love," "walk worthy," and "walk in the light," we must give ourselves unto prayer.

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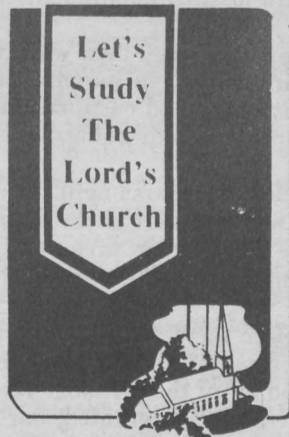
ANNOUNCEMENT

Elder Hubert L. Sapp has accepted a call to pastor the Clearview Missionary Baptist Church of Owensboro, Ky. The church is located about four miles east of 60 bypass on Highway 60. The church and pastor invite all to visit when they can.

Grace Baptist Church of Stanleyville, N.C. has a mission in Courtland, Va. This mission meets at the home of Frank Parrish, just outside of Courtland. His phone number is 804-653-2616. The mission has services Sunday at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. They invite any in this area to attend these services. They teach the same things taught in The Baptist Examiner. The church would like to have a good preacher to lead this mission in its work. Any interested preacher may contact Gene Kiger at 2872 Hermitage Dr., Winston Salem, N.C. or call 919-768-7282.

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Mr. Scroggie gives us an excellent commentary on Philemon. He gives us the historical occasion for the letter. This is always important for a complete understanding of any of the epistles. He gives us information and exhortation as to the practical lessons contained in this short epistle. He sets before us the glorious gospel illustrated and taught by this book. I recommend this as a valuable addition to any believer's library. The book sells for \$3.95. Order from our book store, and remember that the profit goes into the ministry.

We also have a new book, **HIDDEN PICTURES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT** by Mrs. Ada Habershon. While I am not overly enthusiastic about books by women authors, I do not know that the Scriptures would totally forbid such. We do sing many songs written by women and there are portions of the Scriptures giving us the words, songs, and statements of godly women. I suppose that my strong position that women be silent as to speaking in church, and that women cannot teach men in church authorized capacity, does not necessarily extend to women authoring books. Still I am a little reluctant as to this matter.

I will say that I think most preachers, as well as Bible

students, greatly neglect the study of the Old Testament. This is to their own spiritual impoverishment. For several years now I have found great delight and personal spiritual profit in studying the Old Testament and in seeking to apply its spiritual lessons to my own life. I feel that I have been able to translate this into my preaching and that this has been of spiritual blessing to my hearers.

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This book sets forth very many of the pictures and illustrations of Jesus and His saving gospel which are recorded in the Old Testament. It is written in a very plain and simple style. Many lessons of practical and devotional worth are set forth. The book will prove a blessing to those who read it and will add to one's appreciation of the whole of God's Word. It is a paperback of nearly 300 pages. The price is \$7.95. Order from our book store and remember that the profit goes into the ministry.

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by Roger Grace
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CHRIST'S INTERCESSION

Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne
my Surety stands,
My name is written
on His hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His merit and His love,
For His elect to plead;
His blood atoned for
that dear race,
And sprinkles now
the throne of grace.

The wounds my Master bears,
(Received on Calvary)
Still pour effectual prayers,
And strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive,"
they cry,
"That ransomed sinner
shall not die!"

The FATHER hears Him pray,
His dear Anointed One;
Nor can He turn away
The presence of His SON;
His SPIRIT answers
to the blood,
And tells me I am born of GOD.

By JESUS reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now
draw nigh,

And FATHER, ABBA,
FATHER, cry.

Taken from *Contemplations*
by Augustus Toplady

"GOD CHOOSES MY WAY"

Sometimes I walk in the valley,
Sometimes I walk in the sun;
God chooses the way that I should go,
'Til my work on earth is done.
He walks beside me and holds my hand
And I am content to walk as He planned;
For my Lord knows what is best for me
And will with-hold no good thing from me.
So if He sends sorrow, or joy, or pain,
'Tis for my good - His Word makes that plain;
For this is a part of His all-wise design.
To burn up the dross and the gold to refine.
And as I get closer to that heavenly day,
My Lord just grows dearer, the world fades away;
Brighter and brighter my path seems to grow,
And the sweet lights of heaven seem all aglow.
Oh, when I come down to the setting of sun,
And the work is all finished and the race all run,
'Twill be so sweet to see my Saviour's smile,
And to hear Him say, "Come and rest, my child."

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WE WERE

Way back when the earth was yet without form
And darkness encompassed the deep,
We were in His purpose as already born
With many appointments to keep.

Way back even then was known to our God
Our gender, our parents, our race,
Our births and eventual returning to sod;
Each bit of our beings was placed.

Before there was light we were to Thee
A wee tiny part of the Thine;
We went in our Savior to Calvary's tree
And nothing can our standing, hurt.

Before there were firmaments, oceans or days,
Our names to our Savior were known;
And all of the blessings for which we should pray
Were already granted, our own.

Before there was Adam in whom we would fall
Our Lord had established the dates
When He would release an effectual call
And nothing can make Him be late.

Before there were creatures, fishes or trees
We were in His purpose complete;
We were part of the Bride and destined to be
His children, His heirs and His sheep.