

WHAT HAPPENED TO AMERICA?

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"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

Upon this writing we do not ask, what happened to America, rather we will state a few things as to "what happened to America." America is not what she used to be nor will she ever



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be. Spiritually I believe that she is rapidly on her way to the bottom; I do not say "down" for even a child can see that she has been and is going "down." There are some definite causes bearing on her results. God is Sovereign and controls even the nations of this earth and their status of standing. So, as He says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." (Ps.9:17).

This nation has forgotten
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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

by John R. Gilpin
(Now in Glory)

Editor's Note: Brother Gilpin was the first and long time pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He was a long time editor of The Baptist Examiner. His ministry meant much to many. He was a great blessing to me in many ways. In this issue we are beginning a reprint of a series of articles he printed on the book of Revelation. I am



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sure that these will be a blessing to our readers.

(Read Revelation 1:1-8) I would like to say, first of all, that the name of this book is the Revelation. It is not, as most people say, the Revelations, but rather, the Revelation. I am satisfied that this is one of the most common mistakes that is made today relative to any portion of God's Book.

Now, it is true that in it, there are a lot of visions, but actually, the name of the book is the "Revelation."

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Until religion becomes a passion it is only a habit.

WHO ART THOU LORD?

by Velmer B. Paler
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"And he said, Who art thou Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks" (Acts 9:5).

I felt led for this to be the theme of my message. It is my prayer that the power of the Holy Spirit will lead your hearts to the saving knowledge of His Sovereign Grace. "Who art thou Lord?" What a question of a searching heart of an awakened soul. A question of all

questions from a guilty sinner that only the quickening Spirit of God can direct to the right answer from the Lord of lords.



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Here is the man fallen to the ground of human free will, pride and bitterness against God, persecuting the Church. But, the shining glory of God shone round about him, when he met the "stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." The persecutor fell down at his feet with his trembling lips, lifting up his voice and cried: "Who art thou, Lord?" Some would think that he was greater than that of Jesus of Nazareth. But, for a few seconds, how soon God

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A PHYSICIAN TELLS WHY ABORTION IS MURDER

Editors' Note: This article is in my opinion one of the best on the subject of abortion. It is written by a practicing physician who daily seeks to preserve life. The forceful straightforward style of writing gets your attention and emphasizes the tragedy going on in every state in our union with the blessings of federal law and U.S. Supreme Court sanction.

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I am a physician. I have been trained to protect and preserve life. Since medical school, I have delivered many babies, though the bulk of my training and practice as in pediatrics—the care of babies and children. As one who loves children (my wife and I have six), I speak today on behalf of children—children of all ages: Toddlers, babies and especially those little pre-born humans who today reside inside their mothers or who later will be received and

delivered (or murdered).

During the months leading to the Emancipation Proclamation, President Lincoln repeatedly discussed the matter with his cabinet. During one difficult discussion, he asked: "Gentlemen, how many legs does a sheep have?" Each man answered correctly, "Four, Mr. President." He proceeded, "Let's call his tail a leg. Now how many legs?" Each man replied, "Five, Mr. President."

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IMPORTANT WORDS TO PARENTS

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One of the saddest and most tragic features of our twentieth-century "civilization" is the awful prevalence of disobedience on the part of children to their parents during the days of childhood, and their lack of reverence and respect when they grow up. This is evidenced in many ways, and in general, alas, even in the families of professing Christians. In his extensive travels during the past thirty

years, the writer has sojourned in a great many homes. The piety and beauty of some of them remain as sacred and fragrant memories; but others of them have left the most painful impressions. Children who are self-willed or spoilt, not only bringing themselves into perpetual unhappiness, but inflict discomfort upon all who come into contact with them, and auger evil things for the days to come.

In the vast majority of cases the children are not nearly so

much to be blamed as the parents. Failure to honor father and mother, wherever it is found, is in large measure due to the parental departure from the Scriptural pattern. Nowadays the father considers he has fulfilled his obligations by providing food and raiment for his children, and by acting occasionally as a species of moral policeman. Too often the mother is content to be a domestic drudge, making

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SIN: THE SOURCE OF... PROBLEMS

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There are a diversity of problems at the average community college. ...college is not exempt from the existence of problems. One just has to be an observer in order to recognize the presence of iniquity on the campus at



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ECC. Ah, but how is one to determine what is sin — and what is not sin? Well, such a determination will be discussed later in this presentation.

The subtlety of sin is often one of its most dangerous characteristics. Therefore, one must be careful not to just glaze over the question of sin. At first glance, many biased individuals would categorize this proposition as absurd. But, I say again... sin is subtlety — just like the devil. So, one still stubbornly says that sin is no problem.

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MY FAITH ON TRIAL

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"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of



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your faith, even the salvation of your souls" (I Peter 1:7-9).

It is of the sure mercies of God that I shall ever be rendered justified; and how wonderful it is to have the witness of the Spirit within, that Jesus is my righteousness. Naturally, all men would like to say that they are abundantly thankful and how it humbles them to know that their salvation is by the sovereign grace of God. However, honesty compels

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A Sermon by Pastor Joseph M. Wilson

THE WORLD IS GETTING READY FOR THE ANTICHRIST

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming" (II Thess. 2:8). Read verses 1-12.

Let me first make a few comments on verses 1-8. A dear Post-trib friend once wrote to me that these verses (I think he emphasized verse 1) were an insurmountable road block to Pre-tribulationism. Personally, I think this roadblock is rather easily gotten over; in fact, I do not think it even exists. In fact, I think these verses clearly

establish the truth of the pre-tribulation coming of our Lord to rapture the saints. Verse 1 certainly refers to the rapture. "the day of Christ: in v. 2 and "that day" in v. 3 do not refer to the rapture, but to the tribulation. Paul uses the fact that the rapture had not occurred to prove that the tribulation was not already begun. The words "at hand" in v. 2 really mean "is present." The Thessalonians were not in danger of being deceived into believing that the rapture had occurred. They knew better than that. But some had attempted to tell them they

were already in the tribulation. Paul argues that the fact that the rapture had not occurred proved they were not then in the tribulation. The only way that the fact that the rapture had not occurred could prove they were not in the tribulation was if the rapture occurs before the tribulation. If the rapture occurs after the tribulation, then v. 1 loses its force as a proof that they were not in the tribulation.

There are other Pre-trib arguments in these verses. Verse 3 tells us that two things must take place before that day of the

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tribulation begins: 1. A falling away. 2. The revealing of the anti-christ. The more I study the matter, the more I am convinced that the "falling away" is a reference to the rapture of the saints. These words come from a Greek word meaning "departure." The details and nature of the departure must be furnished elsewhere than in the word by itself. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, I think, tells us that to which the word "departure" (falling away) refers. It is the rapture. I believe that the one who is restraining the antichrist from being revealed (v. 7) is the Holy Spirit as the indweller of true churches. When the rapture occurs, this restraint will be removed as true churches will cease upon the earth, and the antichrist will be revealed. To me this is another proof of the Pre-trib rapture. I certainly do not see any obstacle in these verses to the Pre-trib position. Neither do I see any proof for Post-trib therein.

The antichrist is coming. The antichrist is coming. He is on his way. He is going to reign over the earth. I believe that the world is being conditioned to receive him. If I were planning to introduce a certain political program, I would seek beforehand to condition the people to receive such. I believe that the devil, as the god of this age, is doing this very thing. Things are now going on in every department of world thinking, behavior, and activity which are preparing the world to readily receive the antichrist and his reign. I believe that we can look at Biblical prophecy, look at the world about us, compare the two, and clearly see that the

world is getting ready for the antichrist.

The Bible has much to say about the antichrist, especially in Daniel and Revelation. I John 2:18 tells us, "...ye have heard that antichrist shall come..." Truly, we have heard this repeatedly. I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but it seems to me that we surely must be drawing near to the coming reign of the antichrist. Jesus said in John 5:43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye received me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." I believe that the Jewish nation is ready to receive an antichrist who will come in his own name. One will come, and will promise peace, freedom, and protection to Israel, will promise this in his own person and name; and Israel will receive him — the antichrist.



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Let us look at many things that indicate that the world is getting ready to receive the antichrist. I am totally convinced that the antichrist will come to power in the revived Roman empire. Surely, Daniel 2 and 7; and Revelation 13 and 17 teaches us that there will be a revival of the Roman empire. Daniel 2 gives us a prophecy of world history from that day until the setting up of the reign of Jesus Christ. It is there revealed that the Medo Persian empire would follow the Babylonian which was then in existence. That the Grecian empire would follow that. That the Roman empire would follow the Grecian. It was revealed that the Roman empire would become divided into two parts. It was revealed that the Roman Empire would finally exist in the form of a ten kingdom empire, and that in the days of this form, the God of heaven would set up a kingdom. A careful study of the chapters in Daniel and Revelation mentioned above will show that there will never be a world empire following the Roman until the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. It is also revealed that the Roman Empire will be revived in the latter days in the form of a ten kingdom empire. The antichrist will come to power in this political set up. He will take over eventually the total rule over the ten kingdom empire. Then, with the defeat of Russia in the middle of the tribulation period, the antichrist will rule over the whole earth for three and one half years. Christ will come at that time, defeat antichrist and his armies, and set up His Millennial reign.

The point I want to make is that this revived Roman empire in the form of a ten kingdom empire is ready for the making. The situation in Europe is such that it would take only a very short time for the forming of a United Nations of Europe (or whatever it might be called). With the rise of communistic power, and the failure of the

United States to successfully defend others from communistic aggression, the nations of Europe will be forced to form an alliance of some kind in order to set up a balance of power against communism. Ten nations will unite for this. This will be the revived Roman empire in which antichrist will come to power. The stage is set for this to take place at any time. The beginning stages of such have already taken place.

Next, I call your attention to the Roman Catholic Church. There was a time when some men thought that this organization had received its death blow in the Protestant reformation. I have read such remarks by misinformed Baptist preachers. The truth is that the Roman Catholic Church has seen great revival — not a spiritual revival, how could she? — but a revival of political power, and this in our life time. This coming to greater power is in full harmony with Biblical prophecy. The 17th chapter of Revelation speaks of this church as, "the great whore." It is hard for me to see how anyone can read this chapter and not see that it is talking about the Roman Catholic Church. The marks of identification are clear, unmistakable, and many. The antichrist will ride to world wide power in conjunction with this church. When the antichrist comes to world wide power in the middle of the tribulation period, he and his cohorts will totally destroy the Roman Catholic Church. The situation just now is such as to have this religious and political organization ready for her role in the first part of the tribulation.

The world is rapidly moving toward that "one world" situation that will exist in the reign of antichrist. God's program for this age is that of nationalism. God established nations, and God is opposed to a dissolving of national distinctions in a one world political organization. God has ordained a one world situation, but it is to be set up at the coming of our Lord to establish His kingdom. Following the flood, God told men to scatter abroad upon the earth. Nimrod led in a rebellion against this command of God and sought to get up the first "League of Nations." God defeated this attempt and scattered the people over the face of the earth. Any program or effort to unite the nations of earth under one government is contrary to the Word of God. What do we see today as to this? We see patriotism dying out. Men do not have that love of country today as in days gone by. The world of today, especially the young people, is being conditioned to accept a "one world" government. We are being told how much better it would be to have one government, one religion, one economy, etc. We are told that this would eliminate many of earth's troubles of today. In this respect, the world is getting ready for the antichrist.

Look at the increased intruding of government in the private lives of men. The government is seeking to know and control every phase of human life. This will be true in the reign of antichrist. He will control the armed power of the world. He will control the economy through his "mark of the beast" system. He will insist on one religion — the worship of himself — for all the world. The government is interfering with,

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FROM THE EDITOR

"...I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:15).

I receive many religious papers across my desk. Some of them are very good. The one to which I refer in this article is mainly a good paper. I quote the following, "There are some universal benefits of Christ's death. He paid a price sufficient for the whole world, (including the redemption of the material creation (Rom. 8:19-22). Also, in His life and death, Christ met every demand of God's holy law and thus removed every legal obstacle to the sinner coming before God... The Bible teaches an atonement that is infinitely unlimited in its value, quality, and power but is limited in its application to irresponsible infants, the material creation, and penitent, believing sinners." This quote is from an article which is evidently designed to defend the Limited Atonement.

I wish my brethren who believe in a limited atonement would give serious attention to a statement such as the above. I fear that many who profess to believe the limited atonement would agree with the quoted statement. However, the above statement is not consistent with the doctrine of a limited atonement. Brethren, God laid the guilt of the sins of the elect on Jesus Christ. God punished Christ for those sins. God will eternally save all those whose sins were thus laid on Christ. Now, that is the Biblical atonement. When we try to add more than that to it, we really dilute the atonement. I find that many who professedly believe in a limited atonement just are not satisfied with what I have said. They feel that they must, in one way or another, extend the death of Christ beyond its true meaning as a payment for the sins of the elect.

The quotation given above tells us of a redemption of material creation. I do not for a moment believe that Jesus shed His blood for earth, trees, rocks, etc. The atonement of Christ is a satisfaction for the sins of those for whom Christ died. Please tell me what sins were committed by material creation. Why, we must re-define sin if we are going to teach a blood redemption of material creation. Sin is limited to moral beings. Sticks, stones, trees, and animals are not guilty of sin before God. We act foolishly when we are not satisfied with the Biblical doctrine of an atonement for the sins of the elect and try to extend it beyond that.

The quote speaks of Christ's death as being sufficient for the whole world. Whatever is meant by this, it goes beyond and contrary to the teaching of the Bible. It surely borders on the sufficiency — efficiency theory of the atonement. In fact, I know no other name to call such a theory. Now, if the writer means to limit "the whole world" to the elect of God, well and good. But from the tenor of his quotation, he does not mean this. He is widening the scope of the atonement beyond the elect of God. My brother, we need to stick closely to the Biblical teaching of the nature of the atonement and cease trying to go beyond that. God imputed the guilt of the sins of the elect to Christ. Christ satisfied the claims of God's justice, His holiness, and His law relative to those sins. This secures and guarantees the salvation of all those for whom Christ died. God did not impute the guilt of the sins of the non elect to Christ. Christ did not die for those sins. Therefore, assuredly and beyond controversy, the death of Christ is not sufficient for the salvation of those for whom He did not die, whose sins He did not atone for. How utterly contradictory to the nature of the atonement is this "sufficient for the whole world" theory!

The quotation speaks of Christ meeting every demand of God's holy law and thus removing every legal obstacle to the sinner coming before God. I assume that the writer means every legal obstacle to the sinner's salvation. Christ did not meet the demands of God's holy law for the sins of the non-elect. Those sins remain as obstacles — legal obstacles — to the non-elect ever being saved. It is very foolish and totally contradictory to the Biblical atonement of Christ speak of every legal obstacle being removed. I assure you that, if Christ met every demand of God's holy law, and removed every legal obstacle to every man's salvation — I assure you that the Holy Spirit would go forth in saving power to every individual. The death of Christ secures and guarantees that the Holy Spirit will work in effectual, irresistible, and saving power in every one for whom Christ died.

The quoted article says that the death of Christ is infinitely unlimited in its value... but is limited in its application. Brethren, beware. Be careful. Study these things. This quotation is teaching an unlimited atonement with a limited application. Every Arminian in the world can and will agree with such a doctrine. The Arminian believes that the atonement of Christ is unlimited in its value. He believes that it is limited in its application, being applied only to those who believe. The Arminian would disagree with the writer of the above, if the writer said that the application was by the effectual work of the Holy Spirit — which I am sure he does. But the Arminian will not disagree with the doctrine of an atonement that is unlimited in value, but limited in application. Brethren, I have read widely on this subject. I assure you that the difference between the Arminian and many who call themselves believers in a limited atonement is not in the atonement itself, but in its application and/or its purpose.

I hope the writer of the article quoted here does not really believe what his words say. I feel sure that he is a believer in a limited atonement — or is he? I warn our sovereign grace brethren — of which the writer of the quotation discussed here is one — beware of loose language relative to the atonement. Beware of efforts to stretch the atonement beyond its true and Biblical nature. The atonement is limited in its nature, in its purpose, and in its application. Many seek to have it unlimited in its nature (infinitely unlimited in value), but limited in purpose and/or application. Brethren, many who profess to believe in a limited atonement really believe in an unlimited atonement with a limited purpose and/or application. I ask the reader to read again the quotation being reviewed in this article and see if this is not what the author is really teaching.

I urge my sovereign grace brethren to give very careful, prolonged, and prayerful thought to the language they use relative to the atonement, and to be sure they are not teaching error relative thereto. Comments welcomed.

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intruding into, and seeking control of every part of the individual's life in a way never thought of before. All this is getting the world ready for the antichrist.

Now, let us look at the "mark of the beast" in Revelation 13:16-18. We are being conditioned to live by "our number." We have credit cards and social security numbers. How much information about each of us is stored in some computer and can be called to a screen in a moment of time? How very simple it will be for the antichrist to install his "mark of the beast" program. Why, just give everyone a number — the number of the beast followed by a personal number, say social security. Store all available information about each person in a vast computer bank. Put this number in invisible numbers on the forehead or right hand of each individual. Then, whatever transactions of any kind are performed by that individual, can be recorded by passing a light (or whatever) over that number. This information could all be fed into a giant computer bank. In this way, the antichrist could monitor and control the economy of the world — and he will. He could also use this to monitor the total life of each individual. Brother, what are we headed for? How close are we to it? How much would have to be changed or accomplished to bring all this about? Are we not, day by day, being conditioned for this very thing? When men refuse to take this mark upon them, they will be killed. If any should escape in some way, they would be unable to buy or sell, and would soon perish. If any man takes this mark — multitudes will — it is "hell for sure." No man, with that mark upon him, can ever be saved. Praise God that the rapture will occur before this awful time, and all saved until that time will be caught up to be with the Lord — will not be here to face this horrible time.

The failure of all man made peace programs is getting the world ready for the antichrist. The world cries for peace. They do not want the peace that God gives, they do not want peace under the rule of God's Christ; but they do want peace from war and blood shed. Men are voted into political office on the basis of their promises of peace on earth. Many of them labor with all their might to produce such. Many, many plans have been devised by man to bring peace on earth. All have failed. All will fail. Men are about ready to give up any hope of ever having peace. One is coming on the scene of world history. He is going to have a plan for peace. It is going to look like a workable plan. He will be a great orator. He will convince the world that he can bring peace. The world is ready and waiting for such a man. The antichrist will be that man.

In Revelation 6:2, he is pictured as riding a white horse, having a crown, having a bow; but no arrow is seen. This shows him with his peace program by which he will deceive the world. The rider on this white horse is the antichrist, yes he is. The true Christ will come forth riding a white horse, not now, but in Revelation 19:11. A dear lady in my church suggested that the bow and no arrow represents disarmament. Well it

may. It may be that disarmament will be the antichrist's peace program — and are we not getting ready to receive such a program? In Daniel 8:25, we read of the antichrist that he, "...by peace shall destroy many..." His peace program will get him a hearing and acceptance. Lack of peace — along with men's rejection of the Prince of Peace — is getting the world ready to receive the antichrist.

Along with his peace program, the antichrist will have a prosperity program. Oh, the economic situation of this world! Who has the answer? It surely looks like we are on the verge of economic collapse — and we are. It will surely come. See Revelation 6:5-6. Politicians are at a standstill on this problem. Each answer men come up with proves to be a failure. It takes a brave, or a foolhardy, man to go into the lion's den of the economic situation of our day. What does this world desire? Peace and prosperity. What do the politicians promise when seeking election? Peace and prosperity. But do they deliver? Can they deliver? My friend, we are in an impossible situation. There is no real answer thereto except the coming of our Lord. But the antichrist will have a prosperity program. He will have a plan to settle the economy crisis. He will be a great orator. He will convince the multitudes that his plan will work. He will be received as the "saviour" of the world. For awhile it may look like the peace and prosperity programs of the antichrist are working, but oh, the horror that is ahead for this world when men realize the utter failure of the program of antichrist. Under the second horseman of Revelation 6, the peace plan of antichrist will totally fail; and under the third horseman, his prosperity program will collapse. But the world is ready to receive the man who can convince them he has the answer. The world is getting ready to receive the antichrist.

Now let us look at the religious situation. Men, in the main, are not serious about religion any more — at least not true religion. The move in the present situation is to tolerate any religion except the true; to make little differences between the religions, and smile condescendingly upon all of them. The move in religion today is towards "humanism." Yes, "humanism" is a religion, a false religion, a religion that damns the soul forever. The religion of the antichrist will be "humanism." He — a human — will be the god that men must worship. Brother, "humanism" has invaded our world and has well nigh taken control. The schools and religions of this world are largely dominated by the philosophy of "humanism." All this looking to man, deifying man, exalting man, is getting the world ready to receive the antichrist. Jesus Christ is the God-man of Christianity and the only Saviour of men. The antichrist will be the man-god of the religion of the tribulation. Look at the world's idolization of its sports heroes, its false religious leaders, its political heroes — look at these and tell me that the world is not getting ready for the worship of man — for the worship of the antichrist.

Look at the moral situation in the world today. This one thing is enough to establish the thesis of this article. The Bible tells us of great wickedness that will

come in the last days. Read I Timothy 3:1-8. The Bible has so much to say of the increasing and well nigh unrestrained wickedness of the last days. Well, what do we see in the world about us? Those of us who have passed the half-century milestone of life can bear witness to the rapidly accelerating wickedness of these days. When we were younger, we never dreamed that we would live to see the open, unashamed, defended public wickedness that we see on every hand today. Things are so different now from when we were children. There was some decency then. There were standards then. But now, where have decency and moral standards gone? Things go on publicly now, and the law protects and defends the going on of such, that were either non-existent when I was a boy, or were hidden in the back alleys and dark gutters where such belong. The moral condition of the world today is proof positive that the world is getting ready for the antichrist.

Look at the spiritual situation. True churches are small, few, far apart, and hated and ridiculed by the world. The truth — where is the truth? There is truly a famine of hearing of God's Word today. More than any other kind of mail I receive, are those multiplied letters that ask me if I know of a church preaching the truth in such and such an area. More often than not, I have to sadly reply in the negative. There are large cities, and likely whole states where there is not one true church really preaching the whole counsel of God.

Look at God's true people. Oh, I hang my head in shame as I write this, for so often I must plead guilty. The Bible tells us that the love of many shall wax cold. They are truly saved. They have some love. But it is not like it ought to be, not like it used to be. Where are the services our forefathers told us of? Where is the power of God in church services of today? Is there a moving of the Spirit in our midst? Do we feel the mighty power of God in our services? Where are the tears — tears of joy, tears of repentance, tears of a burden for lost souls — where are they? Are God's people getting closer to the Lord? Are souls being saved in our services? Oh, our love is waxed cold — our love is waxed cold.

Brethren, look these things over again. I have not exaggerated. I have not misrepresented the situation. I don't believe any will argue that I have. Are not all these things indications that the world is getting ready for the antichrist? Does not the total of all these things indicate that the antichrist is near — even at the door?

But, wait a minute. I am not through yet. The picture so far has been all dark. However, I have some good news to bring. I have something bright and glorious to place against this dark background. There are two "therefore's" I want to bring before I close this message. The first one is that we are not to be dismayed by this exceedingly dark picture. We are not to even imagine that these terrible things indicate that God is defeated. These things are not a defeat of God, but are part of His Word and part of His eternal purpose. God purposed these things. He foretold these things. These things show us the authority and infallibility of God's Word. So let us not

despair. Let us praise God that His Word is coming to pass and His purpose is being fulfilled even by the sinful deeds of wicked men — even by the devil as he is getting the world ready to receive the antichrist.

I have even better news. The antichrist may be at the door, but the true Christ is closer than that. Before the antichrist can be revealed on the stage of world history, before he begins his reign of terror such as the world has never seen — before the horrors of the tribulation begin — the true Christ will come in the air and rapture His saints to be with Him. When we see these things begin to come to pass — and we do see this — we are to lift up our heads for our redemption — the final culmination and completion thereof — draweth nigh. See Luke 21:28.

Let me illustrate. We are at a school play. The curtain is down. We see and hear movement behind the curtain. They are getting the stage set for the play to begin. All is quiet. The stage is set. We wait in anticipation. The curtain goes up, and the play begins. We are here in this world. The stage is being set for the reign of the antichrist. It seems that all is in place. It is about time for that reign to begin. But there is one more thing — the rapture. The Lord must and will come in the air and catch all the previously saved up to meet Him in the air. He will take them to the Father's house. He will hide them in their chambers until the indignation be over. Then He will return with them to the earth to set up His millennial reign in which they will wonderfully share. Praise God for the rapture. Praise God for the Pre-trib rapture. Praise God that we will not be here during that awful tribulation period. We are not looking for the antichrist. We are looking for the true Christ. But we see from prophecy and history that the world is nearly (it seems to us completely) ready for the antichrist. It looks like the antichrist is soon coming. It looks like he is very near. But, if this be true, how much nearer is the true Christ and the glad and glad-some rapture of the saints. May the Lord bless you all.

Oh, I wish my Post-trib friends would receive this and turn out that cold, dreary, strange doctrine they have received; and welcome again the warm and blessed truth that most of them once held of a Pre-trib rapture. However, should they persist in their error, I still desire their fellowship, for we believe much of the truth alike.

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me to say, surely, that is not the reality of my everyday experience. I find that I am exceedingly insensitive, atrociously callous, and I am guilty of all manner of vileness in all aspects — thought, word, and deed. Nonetheless, Jesus bore my sin debt and became a curse, so that in the eyes of the almighty God, these barbarous contradictions are cast into a lake of forgetfulness and are extended as far as the east is from the west. The obvious reason for the absence of contrition and Spiritual humility, is due to the fact that hitherto, I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear and as of yet, my eye hath not seen Thee. For that cause, these

greater Spiritual manifestations are at a depreciating low ebb and need to be fanned before they are kindled into the flames of consecrated love and contrite devotion. Still the assurance runs exceedingly high, for the promises are as sure as their Author.

"Firm as His throne His promise stands, and He can well secure;

What I have committed to His hands, until the decisive hour."

My justification was not mentioned, for all knew I had been redeemed; it was my faith they were investigating and oh, how my conscience screamed. Avoiding the issue could not my countenance stay, for the Judge in all of His splendor said, "Son, your faith is on trial today."

A deathly silence filled the room and my body did quake. Like the old heathen King Belshazzar, I was wrought with fear. "Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another" (Daniel 5:6).

I knew the witnesses were not opposed to me. However, because of their holy and marvelous constitution, I knew they must and would declare the truth. There was one egotistical vulture that tried to make his way into our midst. I was relieved when I saw them deny him entrance. He was rebuked sharply and was emphatically told, "The man's justification before God is not in question, for that is as pure as Christ the Lord. It is his faith applied we now inspect; but of his righteous standing, the God of Heaven has vouchsafed to protect."

The first witness spoke not a word, they just called his name, and I hung my head in self-disgust, nagging, cutting, heart-breaking pain. The first witness called, they called him Love. I remember the question; it went like this, "Does this servant's faith work?" Love rebuked me not, but to the Scriptures he went; and my frame and my bones, like a falling timber, made a crashing descent. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love" (Gal. 5:6). Love spoke again and the words were true. He said, "Very seldom has this man been in my company when he has exercised the motions of his faith." Then he quoted Jesus, the Master and my King; it grieved me to the core. I feared that my heart would sing never no more. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34-35). Love was asked if I was without guile and if my affection was void of hypocrisy. Love's answer was taken from the Apostle Paul. By now my arrogant stature to me appeared minutely small. "Let love be without dissimulation... Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:9-10).

I thought to myself, truly to question him more was vain, for every answer that he must give would ultimately be the same.

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The Baptist Examiner Forum I

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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What is the difference between preaching and teaching?

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This question is mostly about terminology. What one might interpret to be teaching another may not.

Actually there is a fine line between the two. I, personally, have always felt that all preaching is teaching in some way or another, but all teaching is not preaching.

Some are given a special gift to teach but not to preach. Some preachers cannot teach in the full sense of the word. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11).

As I said earlier that I believe that all preaching is teaching. (By all preaching I am, of course, talking about God called and God led preaching). Preaching is an in-depth study of some subject, text or topic; which is a form of teaching.

There is a great deal of difference between the two. A man who has the gift to teach may not have been called of God to preach. Remember, a preacher is God called. He not only preaches (and teaches), but he is a servant of God to take the Gospel to the lost, teach the saved and serve as overseer of the church. A teacher does not do this.

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I Timothy 3:2: "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;"

I could take the dictionary and read the two different definitions to you for teach and preach. I doubt if this would fully answer your question. Besides you can look up and read the definitions yourself.

Preachers insist there is a difference in teaching and preaching. I am among those preachers that believe there is a definite difference. I will admit that this difference is easier to claim than it is to explain. I do know that there is a very real difference in the way I teach Sunday School and the way I preach during the church service. Let me try and explain the difference.

First of all, teaching is something that anyone can do while preaching is reserved for those called by God. If there

were no other difference, this one would suffice. The Bible teaches that the aged women are to be teachers of good things. We know from the Bible that though women can teach, they cannot preach. Teaching is defined in the main as instruction. Preaching involves much more than instruction. Teaching is only one aspect of preaching. One cannot be a good preacher without having some ability to teach others. The pastor must also have a desire to teach. He must be willing to study himself, and then impart what he has learned to others.

Let me now say a few words about preaching. I will mention that the God-called preacher loves to preach. There is nothing he would rather be doing. There is no occupation he would rather have than that of being a preacher. As I said earlier, teaching is a part of preaching; but it is only a small part. Preaching involves much more than just teaching others. Preaching involves exhorting, rebuking, warning, urging, building up, tearing down, the giving of the Gospel, as well as many other things. I hope this will help you understand the difference in teaching and preaching. This difference from a voice point of view is hard to explain, but to the preacher there is a very real difference. May God bless you all.

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To be sure, there is a difference between preaching and teaching. Today, in many Christian circles the semantics of both words are often ignored to the place where they are used interchangeably. Thus, some men preach and call it teaching, while some others teach and believe it to be preaching. I not only believe that there is a difference between the two activities, but I believe that they have specific application to the lost and to the saved as we shall point out. I also must say here that I believe that the two activities are not two separate offices, although other elders in an assembly may teach or preach other than the pastor. An elder who holds the office of pastor is to rule and oversee the assembly where God places him in addition to being the chief preacher and teacher in that assembly.

I believe that preaching is principally to the lost. It is the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is to "announce," "declare," or "bring" the good news, or glad tidings of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord to all people without discrimination. It is the means used by the local assembly in fulfilling the first

part of the commission given to it in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach (disciple) all nations." It is the means used by God in speaking to the lost. Romans 10:13, 14 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Preaching is the means that God uses in bringing about the salvation of the elect; "them that believe." Hence, I believe that every preacher called of God is to do just that, "preach" at every opportunity to the lost. We read in I Corinthians 1:21, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

In contradistinction to preaching, it is my belief that teaching is primarily to the saved. To teach is to "give instruction," "to train," or "to inform". It is chiefly instruction, or the imparting of knowledge which presupposes that the one teaching has the required knowledge, as well as the ability to impart it. I believe it is an activity toward the saved for two reasons. First of all, it is not possible to teach the "lost" spiritual things for they are blinded spiritually and are unable to receive and act upon them. I Corinthians 2:14 says, "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." The Spirit of God is the primary teacher and He teaches only the saved. Secondly, it is the natural order for the saved to be taught after being baptized into the local assembly. It is the third part of the commission of the assembly; "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you;" (Matt. 28:20a). It should also be pointed out that teaching is one of the duties of a pastor as the Lord places him in a church. Ephesians 4:11 says, "And he gave some... pastors and teachers;" This is needful, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry." (Eph. 4:12a).

Both activities are to be exercised with great care. Paul warns as to preaching the gospel; that a perverted, or another gospel will nullify the Lord's death. Galatians 1:8 says, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Also, properly teaching the saved is to result in spiritual maturity and the continued propagation of that teaching to others. II Timothy 2:2 says, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." May God bless

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The word "preach" as used in the Bible means to proclaim, to expound, to publish the Word of God. The word "teach" means to give instruction and training in the Word, to guide in the study, to provide with knowledge.

From these two definitions we see that the meaning of these two words is very similar. If there is a difference, it is very slight. A man called of God to preach must be "apt to teach" (I Tim. 2:24). Also he is instructed to "preach the word" (II Tim. 4:2). We generally think of preaching as the proclaiming of the Word, while teaching is also a proclaiming of the Word, it is more a detailed study of that Word.

In teacher training classes we were taught that the teacher must begin instruction on the level of knowledge of the pupil. This should also be true of preaching. A few examples from the Bible show the men of God at that time used this method as well as doing teaching in their preaching. When "Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35), did he not answer the eunuch's question, "Of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?" (Acts 8:34)?

The apostle Paul, in his sermon to the Jews at Antioch in Pisidia began his sermon by reviewing their history from the time when, "God of this people chose our fathers," down to king David. He then tells them that Jesus is that promised Seed of David, then proceeds to preach concerning the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. (Acts 13:17-39).

Paul, in his sermon to the Athenians on Mars' hill used a different approach. He began his sermon by telling them that the unknown god which they ignorantly worshipped was the, "God that made the world and all things therein," and, "in him we live, and move, and have our being;" He then concluded by telling them of the One whom God had raised from the dead (Acts 17:20-31).

We see from these examples that while these men were proclaiming (preaching) the Word, they also were teaching. A teacher of the Word, while giving instruction in the Word is by necessity expounding the Word. I believe that while there may be a difference between preaching and teaching, they cannot be separated.

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Love's witness was not for my part. Surely, this in and of itself should have broken my stoney heart. But, no doubt the most corrective blast of all was when Love quoted my brother John as to my love toward God. "We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth

not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:19-20).

I have heard it said many times, by myself as well as others, when speaking of other Christians, "I love him in the Lord." Perhaps the case is not the same with them, but with me those words are shallow, for verbal expressions convey nothing but noise if they be not sanctified by the Spirit. "And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (I John 4:21).

The next witness is another one who is so vastly misrepresented. He is often rendered as proof of salvation, but for this he was never intended. Yet without him, it can truly be said, "If he is not there, our faith is dead." The witness named Works took the stand. It knew now without dispute, he would witness against me in terms of rebuke. He, like Love, spoke not his own, but rather referred to the Word, that two-edged sword that cuts so deep. I felt like a hollow gourd. He made mention of what the Apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father" (I Thess. 1:2-3). He did not stop there, although that would have been enough; but he quoted at length, James, and this edict was rough. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works; and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble (although he likened me not as one). "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (Here I breathed a sigh of relief; I'm alive because I heard what he said).

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? (If I have any pride it should surely now dissipate, for he rendered the great lady Rahab a harlot, but with regard to me, he stayed his comments. He ended his discourse with a worthy blast and my future now lay in the hands of Jesus who, through mercy, will take my part and stand fast). For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:17-26).

The next witness, so admirable, stood as a holy thrust. His stature was admirable and most compelling. He was introduced by the name of Trust. I knew his approach would be the same as the witnesses that had gone before, for they speak

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The Baptist Examiner Forum II

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What do you think about one donating his organs to be used upon his death?

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The donating of organs upon death is usually done with the idea of helping another person. It is extremely difficult to counsel against such action when there is no violation of scripture involved. As with anything that is new, I am certain that there will always be positive and negative reactions to this situation. My immediate reaction when these types of donations began was negative. It is now my opinion that this procedure, when properly motivated, is beneficial. To know or be aware of someone that needs an eye or a kidney, and to have them find a donor must be most satisfying. I guess there is only one reservation that I have in this area, and that is about heart transplants. I do not know if the quality of life that results from these transplants makes the procedure acceptable.

There is another area of donating that needs, I believe, to be mentioned. That is the donating while one is still alive. There still exists, today, a great number of people that could be helped with transplants. People with a serious disease or defect that could be corrected with a transplant. The practice of donating and transplanting of organs is very new as far as the medical field is concerned. I believe God has given the physician and surgeon the knowledge and skills to perform these types of operations. I find that a way to reach a decision on questions such as these is to place myself or my loved ones in this situation. When we do this, our perspective may be changed, or we may see with new vision the needs of those around us. If one of my family members were in such a position, it would take little time to reach a decision on my part. Beware of those that would criticize until they have stood in the same place.

There is one caution to the donation of organs upon death. It is my understanding that when this type of donation is made, that the body is subject to cremation. One must make proper arrangements for burial of the body.

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If it is certain that a person is dead I suppose it will be alright to donate his organs. I am thinking of a king that was sick unto death. One might say that he was on his death bed. He was

told by the prophet of God to set his house in order that he was going to die. From all human understanding this king had come to his time to die, but he prayed and the Lord added fifteen years to his life. He had come to what we would think to the end of the way, but the Lord had other things and more years in store for him.

If the doctor does not make an error in pronouncing the death of a person, I suppose it would be a good thing for one to donate his organs at death.

I am personally acquainted with a young man who had kidney disease in both kidneys. Even with much treatment he steadily grew worse. His brother decided to give him one of his kidneys. This reception of a good kidney from his brother was the means of him regaining his health. If one can give some vital organ while they live, why not at death? Yes I think it would be well and good to donate one's organs at death.

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What do I think? Well, a few years ago I would have been against it. Now I see nothing wrong with it. One argument might be, what will happen at the rapture if one's eyes, heart, kidney, liver or what ever has been transplanted into someone else's body? Another question might be. What if some one has been eaten by those piranha which can strip the meat from a body in a matter of minutes. Or a body that has been burned into ashes? What about parts of bodies that have been severed into pieces in war and have been shipped back here to be buried while some parts remain lost? What will happen to them at the rapture?

Beloved, our sovereign, omniscient God knows where every bit of His creation is, and will bring all these parts of man back together again where ever they may be. He will make that body whole again, and if saved, He will make it into a perfect glorified body. However, if he died a lost person, he will be raised one thousand seven years after the rapture with a whole body to be judged and cast into the lake of fire which is the second death.

What I am getting at is this, there's nothing wrong as far as I can see with one giving his or her organs to be used by some one else. This is an act of love in a selfish world. A friend of mine had a kidney failure and had to be placed on a dialysis machine twice a week to have his blood filtered. I went with him one day to see how this was done. They insert a needle in a vein in the arm with a tube going into a machine. This machine filters his blood for four long hours.

The patient gets very tired and sometimes very sick. This is a necessary torture.

After a period of time this friend's brother donated one of his kidneys to him. This kidney lasted for four years and the body rejected it, then he had to go back on the dialysis machine for awhile until they found out that his daughter's kidney would do for a transplant. She donated one of her kidneys and it has served him for two years now and hopefully by the grace of God it will last as long as the rest of his body. I knew another fellow who had almost lost his sight. There seemed to be no hope for him until some one suggested a transplant of the retina in his eyes. This was done and he could see again. He continued to preach the Gospel again until his death.

Now to be honest with you, I do not believe that any transplant will prolong life; but rather make it possible for one to live out his life without pain and difficulty.

The reason that I say this is because the Bible teaches that man has a time to be born, and a time to die. Ecclesiastes 3:2 says, "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Job 7:1 says, "Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?" and again in Job 14:5 "Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass."

I hope this has answered your question, and will help you in some way.

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"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as in the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" (I Cor. 15:47-50). This flesh will pass away.

There is much revealed in the Bible as to the care of this flesh, while we are still alive. We are to be holy, we are not to yield our members unto sin. Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and we are not our own. We are to care for our health, and not abuse it with things that are known to be harmful. We should eat right and get the proper amounts of exercise and rest. But this flesh will be changed, and what we do

to it now has no effect on our resurrected body. I personally see nothing wrong with the donation of organs. We are exhorted to be charitable, to be willing to give and receive nothing in return. Christ taught this. Matthew 5:42. "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn thou not away." I give blood on a regular basis, and until I find this practice contrary to God's word, or I become ineligible; I will continue to do so. One of our organs could save the life of a loved-one. In many cases someone next of kin is needed to donate an organ (such as a kidney) while they are still alive in order to save the life of a brother or sister. No, I see nothing wrong with this practice, as a matter of fact, I commend it.

May God bless you.

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not their own language, but the words of the One they adore. He was asked if of him I ever partook. He said, "Yes, he has on occasion, most honorable Judge, for he has nowhere else to look." He quoted David, a favorite of mine, and his works brought my heart up, for I was well assured by now that only Jesus, and He alone, was my salvation. "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust..." (Psa. 40:4). But he had no sooner given me glee, when he brought me down again with a declaration of Jeremiah, who quoted Jehovah God. "Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord" (Jere. 17:5). However, he directed my thoughts back to the Lord and to this I must confess, that the faith that the Lord has given me is strong enough for more faith to request, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (Jere. 17:7).

One more question they asked of him in regard to temporal calamities. He said I waived a good bit, murmured greatly, and my heart was not truly fixed. "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord" (Psa. 112:7).

Another witness they needed not, for as you can see, the verdict is clear; but he was asked to take the stand anyway and I was overwhelmed with fear. Obedience was his name and we are barely acquainted; for the things he said revealed to me, had it not been for Christ Jesus, I would have fainted.

Obedience as asked if he knew knew me and if any actions of purity I had done. He said, "I am well acquainted with his Father, this is His adopted son." He likened me unto the prodigal, he said, who has not yet made his return; but when the Master does His work, humility, the child will learn. Obedience said I was a bit precarious and made external duties my lot; but inward purity that flows from above, he said I had no doubt forgot. He too went to the sword, the cutter's edge, as I started to bawl; and the stinging indictment flamed like the coals, as it strapped me to the wall. "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of

rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou has rejected the word of the Lord..." (I Sam. 15:22-23). He didn't finish the last verse; Oh praise God for that! For if he had, I would have been like Saul, left sitting where he sat — rejected.

He made reference to David with regard to external works, showing that the form was of no value unless the heart was touched by God, and then they would of necessity, flow from love. "For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise... Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar" (Psa. 51:16, 17, 19).

Obedience could see that I was distraught, and that my agony was more than I could bear; but he went a step further and quoted Jesus, no doubt to clear the air. "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psa. 40:6-8).

He said I was self-centered and wrapped up in my own; and such irreverence, the Almighty will not condone. My service was sparing and as empty as the shell. He said if it had not been for Jesus Christ, I would spend eternity in hell. He went to the book of Romans to confirm what he said; and I put into my shaking hands, my sick and filthy head. "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" (Rom. 12:1-2). He smiled at me and winked his eye, as he was requested to leave the stand. He sent a ray of affection in my direction, to comfort this tormented man.

A look of awe infiltrated the room and everyone did rise, for the next witness was Jesus Christ, truly Heaven's Prize. They asked Him no questions; I really didn't think they would, for all the evil and degradation that is mine, has been turned for the purpose of good. In His person, He has paid the debt, the price set down for me. He was struck to the heart, the whole of His life was sacrificed on Calvary. He said not a word with regard to salvation, nor did He seek to justify my part; for it was quite well understood, that I was the love of His heart. Miserable, wretched, and guilty as sin, I asked for mercy much; that I might be taught to serve Him acceptably; and be immersed with the Master's touch. I beseeched Him to have pity,

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QUESTION: — What Hebrew exile married the queen of Egypt's sister?

ANSWER: — Hadad, First Kings 11:19. "And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen."

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for all that was said was true, I told Him I had but one strong desire, and that is that I might learn to love You.

To try and describe Him is not possible, for I only saw Him through tears; and to communicate the smallest portion of His excellence, would take me a million years.

He arose and started to walk away to return back to His place; He tilted His head, smiled at me, and said, "Son, where is your faith?" It was now over and I was pardoned you see; for Jesus took my part, and I am free.

What is stated about the trial you know did not actually take place; but it is enough to instruct me, that I am truly saved by grace!

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God. Oh yes, they are religious — they are worshippers, but they want not, "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Here are a few Biblical admonishments that this nation needs in order to have the thrice Holy God again smile upon our land.

I. "There were Sodomites in the land."

God in His Word set forth quite plainly what his will was towards sodomites (homosexuals). In Israel's day they were to be killed and destroyed from society lest their ungodliness spread to others. Our Old Testament is given that we might know the God of Heaven. So as His will is shown there; it has never changed in our day. "If a man also lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them" (Lev. 20:13). This sin and these sinners are not to go unapprehended — let alone the way this government takes the compelled tax-dollar from the Christian and gives it by the millions to the homosexual, sodomite. Whether it be a nation or individuals, you will not ignore the Holy One of heaven and walk on unpunished. There may be some who do not think that the deadly disease of AIDS is a "recompence of their error which was meet." I (Rom. 1:27) but my friend, it is just that.

Adultery and fornication (the same thing) not only run rampant anymore in our nation — it is advocated by some school teachers to the youth. It is no longer punished, preached against or considered the hell-bent sin that it is; but is smiled upon by a society whose moral codes were hatched out of the slime pits of Hell-E-Wood, and fed into your living room via television.

Across our nation there used to be states who had adultery laws, and they weren't on the books for fun. When I was a youth I recall my folks talking about a man who caught another man committing adultery with his wife and this man took his gun and the law into his own hands, and I asked, "How did he get by with this act that he did," and my folks said, "Son, that's the unwritten law." Well, it wasn't really "unwritten." The law Book of all ages, the Law Book that will be opened to judge every individual says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Ex. 20:14). Also, "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Lev. 20:10). Every public school teacher, every junior high school and senior high school student in America should be required to memorize that verse of Scripture and perhaps the moral fiber of the next generation might be a little different texture than this one. Perhaps their unregenerate minds might reflect back these teachings. And of course the nice thing is that we are paying their salary and the program with our tax dollar.

The men that we are putting into our national (state as well) offices to do a job rightfully, are in many cases guilty of this sin and even grosser ones. However, you men may think that you will not be held accountable — but on the authority of God's Word, one day you are going to receive your just reward. There is much more sin than that of sodomy and adultery that has swept our land; however, I feel that one is quite able to understand the picture.

II. The women out of their place.

God's Word says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Ps. 33:12). The nation who follows God's Word is the nation God will bless. Many of our nation's women have moved from their God created, God ordained place. The woman's place is in the home. You women need to memorize this verse of eternal Scripture, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:3-5). This is a very easy to understand passage. Our nation fell when its women left nation fell when its women left the home to go down town to husband) and took on another head (her boss) Now when the boss says stay late after hours,

her headship (husband) has nothing to say but submits his wife to another headship above him. (Please obtain a copy of the booklet by Wm. Doyle Thomas, "God Has Ordained Headship"). Our families fell when daddy wasn't at the headship and mama a "keeper at home."

Our women out of place brought about women-lib and the E.R.A. — these, as well as the others, are a work for Satan and a work of Satan. A woman and a man were not created equal in some ways, some abilities, and some responsibilities. The eternal God our Creator never intended them to be equal in every way. The man is to be the head over the woman and she is to be submissive to him in the food. Listen to what God Almighty has to say on the issue, "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:11-12). Also, "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" (Eph. 5:24-25). "Likewise ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands;" (I Pet. 3:1). The women of today do not have equal rights, they have superior rights. They can legally commit murder through abortion and we taxpayers again pay the bill for the murder and the building of more murder factory buildings and facilities (abortion clinics). You might think that the wrath of God is not going to fall, but my friend it is just up ahead. In the town just over next to ours the judge(?) jailed two women for walking on the street in front of the killer clinic with a sign stating what they believed concerning abortion. You know that is perverting of justice to an American citizen under the 1st and 13th amendment rights of the Constitution of the United States. Boy! This nation is truly headed for hell!

Today the women want to be preachers — now it's not for me to say who can, and who can't. It's the Creators place, and it is quite plain in His Word that He has not intended for the women to preach but to be in silence. Again let us hear what God says on the subject at hand, "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church" (I Cor. 14:34-35). (Have you noticed as the years pass how some of our Baptist papers even have women sermanetts in them telling the preachers what to do?) "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man;" (I Cor. 11:3). Women want to be in the political offices. In the town where we live we have a woman mayor; we have a woman judge(?). The Lord Jesus Christ told us that these were judgments from Him, when women will rule over us and children would be our oppressors. "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom they hide it not. Woe unto

their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves." (Isa. 3:9). "Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:11-12). "Moreover the Lord saith, because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: therefore the Lord will smite..." (Isa. 3:16-17a). God never made a woman the head of anything! Shame on you men(?).

III. God's churches and ministries curtailed.

When a nation despises the institution that the eternal God started and commissioned to do His work; then you start "treading on thin ice." When Jesus Christ was here on earth He started a church and gave her, her marching orders to carry out, to His good will and pleasure. When one despises the church, one despises the Bride of Christ. One despises that institution that Jesus Christ paid for with His very blood. (read Acts 20:28). The one He bought, the one He came to die for, the one He loves. If you want trouble just go around slapping a man's bride. You may be able to get away with it if you are bigger than he is — however, you'll never be bigger than Jesus Christ. So when a nation starts doing what Louisville, Nebraska did to Pastor Sylvene and Faith Baptist Church there, you mark it down, your blessings are going to be on a downward plunge. Do you know who feeds you, America? Did you ever hear the little cliché, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you"? Do you know why America has been the number one for these many, many years? — Because of the freedom of God's church and the respect that this nation had for God's church and her ministers. Brother, those days are gone, and the results are coming. That is what He meant when He said, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). Friend, that's a promise!

I wasn't going to tell this account, but somewhere back in the crowd I hear someone saying, "Now I don't really think it's all that bad." About seventeen years ago I started preaching on the streets of America. I was concerned about America (It's made up of American souls). So in taking the Gospel across these United States and preaching from Alaska to Mexico, as the outreach arm ministry of a Baptist church in Pensacola, Fla. I became the president of The Street Preachers of America, working the streets every day, preaching and handing out Bible tracts by the thousands (as we did previously on weekends while going to Bible college and this was before we were missionaries for a short while in Canada and before starting this missionary church work here in Idaho). The years of evangelism went on and so did my jail record. Court cases in different states one after another and at one time, three in different states at the same time. We were jailed for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are not jail-

ed for narcotics, drunkenness, adultery, foul language, meanness, cruelty, disobedience to our nation's law, rioting or ten thousand other sins that this nation allows to go on unchecked. We were jailed for preaching and nothing else! Oh yes, if you check the records in Greer, South Carolina or Pensacola, Florida or Ft. Walton Beach, Florida or Atmore, Alabama or Craig, Colorado or the others you will find that it is usually stated — disturbance of the peace. The Eternal Word says, "There is no peace saith my God to the wicked." (Isa. 57:21). The Gospel bothers lost people's peace. They want quietly to go to hell. My Friend, America does not want the Gospel preached on her streets. (Now maybe the fellow talking in the background might know that I'm not sitting in a plush parsonage speaking on some unknown subject or maybe ask the brother who was trying to hold services in his house in Colorado Springs, Colorado, or Brother Timothy Works in Redlands, California, who tried holding meetings in his home.) (Incidentally, Brothers, that is a violation of your 13th amendment to the Constitution for a city to say they passed a town ordinance and it's a valid law — not so.) Check your Bible and see how many New Testament churches were started in a home. Go ahead, check it out. America — it is sheer hypocrisy to fly any motto that reads, "In God We Trust." I sure hope someone out there doesn't say, "He's just an anti-American," for there is not time for me to list all the recommendations and awards I received before, during, and after my military service for this United States.

Preachers have a job far higher than that of the commander in chief, who is our President. We also have a calling into that battle for our now Commander in Chief, even Jesus Christ the Righteous, which is so far above the Presidency of the United States that they are in no comparison.

We support the persecuted Russian Baptists through Brother Georgi Vins, and America in some respects is not far behind the U.S.S.R. in their attitude towards God's church and His ministers.

IV. Sabbath Desecration.

Sabbath means rest. To desecrate it, means work. It is just that plain. Hear again the words of that All Powerful One, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is; and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Ex. 20:8-11). (Read Isa. 58:13-14).

This nation delights in using the Lord's Day for its pleasure and you name it. The end result of this practice is being seen in the ungodly, immoral generation we now have.

You, your family, your neighbors, your relatives, your friends, your kids, and everyone else needs to be in God's house, on God's day, hearing God's

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message, to God's people from God's man. Don't feed me the line that you are a Christian; you just don't go to church. Like the brother said, if you don't have enough Christianity to take you to church what makes you think you have enough to take you to heaven?

We could go on endlessly; however, I feel that the picture is quite plain. The future is yours, I've tried to be faithful in warning you as I should, (Ezek. 33:1-6). The results will be in accordance with your action. America, my prayer is for you — This warning is to you. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17). Amen.

"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha." (I Cor. 16:22). Amen and Amen.

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brought him down.

"Who art thou Lord?" We hear His name from the Catholics — thinking Christ in term of that "Alter Christus," (other Christ) we hear His name among Jehovah's (false) Witnesses: a little god; to the Mormons: Christ the brother of Satan; and from the Iglesia Ni Manalo: (The Church of Manalo in the Phil.) Christ is not God, but only human. His name confused by the unbelieving company. Here is the champion of religion; a Pharisee of Pharisees; a keen observant of the law, and rabbi of divinity asked: "Who art thou Lord?" Without delay, the answer from the Lord cleared the quickened ears and heard Him say: "I am Jesus..." Yes, He is Jesus the Lord of all. Now, consider the six satisfying answers of this question: "Who art thou Lord?"

First of all, **HE IS CHRIST THE SCRIPTURE REVEALS.** Any unbiased student of the Bible, cannot help but acknowledge the fact that Jesus is the main theme throughout the Scriptures. Directly or symbolically, every book of the Bible points to Christ. "These are the words which I spake unto you... that all things must be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Lk. 24:44).

The presence of Christ is revealed in the Old Testament from the book of Genesis, He is called the Great Creator; in Exodus, He is the Great Deliverer: "the spiritual Rock... and that Rock was Christ." Job, the old patriarch wrote concerning Him. Listen, all the angels of heaven shout for joy of that Christ who is the Word of God. In the book of Judges, He is revealed he Greatest Judge. Psalmist David saw Him and sang, "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry..." (Ps. 2:12). The great prophet Isaiah trembled when he saw the glory of Christ. Daniel and all the prophets speak concerning Him that He is Christ the Messiah.

The Person of Christ is the center of the New Testament. Every page of the New Testament is the breath of His name. John three sixteen is the very heart of the Bible. Take away the name of Christ from the Bible and the Bible is an ordinary Book. Christian, Rejoice! The name of Christ cannot be erased

in this Book. Herod sought to kill Him, the Jews would crucify Him, and the stone of His grave cannot stop Him. By the power of His resurrection, it declares the validity of our faith and that the whole Scripture is vindicated to every believer.

The Power of Christ in the gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." (Rom. 1:16). "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39). Oh my friend, are you searching and longing for Christ to satisfy your soul? "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10:8, 9). "Who art thou Lord?"

And now secondly, **He is Christ the seed of the woman.** I believe that Christ was born of a virgin. If you deny the verbal, plenary, innerrant, inspiration of the Bible, you deny also the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isa. 9:14). The virgin birth of Jesus Christ is without parallel in human history. Why is this doctrine the most important?

Because, it represents Christ — God and man. It was by His virgin birth that God became man. If Mary were not a virgin, then Jesus was conceived by a human father. If that is the case, Christ would have inherited the sin nature from His father. Then He cannot destroy sin, and cannot be a Saviour at all; He cannot raise Himself from the dead; and He is not God at all. How can I believe His virgin birth since it is impossible? "For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Lk. 1:37).

His virgin birth is the perfect righteous Man without sin. He never had a sin nature, and was able to live a perfect life in order to die in our place.

His virgin birth is the reality of His deity. "The seed of the woman..." is a biological miracle. There is no seed of the woman. "And without controversy great is the mystery... God was manifest in the flesh..." (I Tim. 3:16). "Who art thou Lord?"

Then thirdly, **HE IS CHRIST THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.** In the centuries since Christ came, millions have acknowledged Him as their Lord and have given Him their undivided loyalty.

He is the excellent Son of God. People in the time of Christ wondered who Christ was. Others have said that He was John the Baptist, some have said that He is Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. One day Jesus turned His face before His disciples and said: "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter, under the revelation of the Holy Spirit stood up and said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:15, 16).

He is the eternal Son of God. On another occasion Jesus Christ demonstrated His power. He saw Nathaniel under the fig tree of pride, not knowing that God effectually purposed from His heart to save Nathaniel, and you can see Philip witnessed to him and brought him to the feet

of the Master. Nathaniel, from the depth of his heart proclaimed Him "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God." (John 1:49).

He is the exalted Son of the living God. When Jesus was taken up to a place called Golgotha, where He was nailed to a cross, the spectators jeered and taunted the divine sufferer; "He saved others; himself he cannot save." Little did they realize that they were voicing the crux of the Gospel. It was to save his very elect when He sacrificed His life. At His death soldiers came to Him and pierced His side and out flowed blood and water. The Roman centurion who had been standing by, that eventful day, exclaimed: "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). "Who art thou Lord?"

Then fourthly, **HE IS CHRIST THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.** Salvation is a blessing of the God of grace, peculiar to His own elect. The ungodly as a rule, do not believe that they have any need of salvation. Therefore, they do not desire and seek after it. The believer knew that he was born in sin; he acknowledged that he destroyed himself by personal sin. Being guilty of sin, he needed a Saviour and sought for it and he found it.

Atoning Saviour. Atonement is reconciliation and reconciliation is redemption. Christ has redeemed all penitent souls. He has redeemed all believing souls. By His atoning work on the cross, He redeemed the elect. His atonement was not for every one. No Sir! I cannot conceive that Christ shed His blood in vain. Christ's death was the effectual atoning grace that redeemed the ruined, depraved and helpless sinner.

Able Saviour. "Salvation of the righteous is of the Lord;" (Psalm 37:39). Before the fall of man, God decreed Himself by which the fallen man should be restored. He took counsel with no one and none instructed Him; He alone made the plan of redemption in the eternity past. Christ is the full purchase price of our salvation and the Holy Spirit, who is the great item in the provision of salvation, dwells within us under the preaching of His Word, we have been born again; and that faith and repentance wrought in our soul; to believe Christ and to depart from iniquity; and thus, we are saved, not according to our mind and will but according to the gift and purpose of the Sovereign God of grace.

Accomplished Saving. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6). A believer in Christ is always being saved. The time he becomes a believer until the last seconds of his life on earth; until he reaches the bosom of God. His whole life is encompassed within the divine circle of salvation. "Who art thou Lord?"

Our fifth answer, **He is Christ the Great Shepherd of the Church.** Paul's humble inquiry was ignorant with unbelief. "...how that beyond measure... persecuted the Church of God... and ravaged it," he opened his mouth and said, "Who art thou Lord?" Suddenly the divine revelation and power that influenced the quickened heart and mind cleared the ears of Paul: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Yes, He is Jesus Christ the Lord of the Church.

The Church - Christ is the founder. He said, "I will build my church..." It must not be the thought that His Church was built upon Peter. No Sir! Peter himself said, "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but... the chief Shepherd..." (I Pet. 5: 3, 4).

The center of Bible Doctrines. A true Baptist Church is "...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (I Tim. 3:15). When I went into His church, then I understood its precepts, I was brought close to God, I was challenged and I was instructed. This is the kind of church God wants you to be. If you're not saved, the ministry of the church will lead you face to face to God. Bible preaching and Bible doctrine is here presented. Christ is the center of the church. "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Amen." (Eph. 3:21).

Chosen To Be The Bride of Christ. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it," (Eph. 5:25). A true Baptist Church believes and teaches that the Bible reveals Christ's church as His Bride while here on earth. He and His church are now engaged to be married; that in preparation of this future wedding the church must be true, faithful, and chaste as a bride, awaiting this great event. The local church with Scriptural identification in origin, doctrine, and practice, is the bride of Christ. "I will be with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20). "Who art thou Lord?"

And now lastly, **HE IS CHRIST THE SOON COMING KING.** Charles Spurgeon said: "Perhaps I shall be awakened by... the greatest of all cries — **THE LORD IS COMING!** What a check, what a bridle, what a spur, such thoughts as these should be in us."

Our Hearts Desire. The prophetic signs herald the advent of Christ. "...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven... In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel." (II Thes. 1:7, 8). Here the blood of martyrs cry out for vengeance. The cup of iniquity is full. Christ must come and come soon.

Our Hope. In a world as chaotic as ours, Christ's coming offers the only hope. "Looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" (Titus 2:13). Every prophecy made in the Old Testament about Christ has been fulfilled — except one. He is coming. The Bible refers to Christ's return to this planet earth no less than 2,500 times, and practically every book in it speaks of it. The second coming of Christ is one of the most fundamental doctrines of the Baptist faith. Christ would come again, not in a humble manger, not to bear the cross of shame, not to be scorned and shunned. That happened once and for all two thousand years ago. When He makes His second entry into this planet He will come as the mighty Judge who will decide the fate of every man.

The hour has come. Jesus said, "Occupy till I come." We wait for the event according to His promise, by living, by serving,

by loving, by hoping and by preserving. Church! God has given us the responsibility. Let us be busy in serving Him, getting people saved into His sheepfold. As a preacher of the gospel, I must preach the return of Christ because the thought of the second coming changed my whole ministry, giving me a passion for preaching. I firmly believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ. Let us support missions and by any means according to the great mandate from the Lord of the Church. "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..." (Matt. 28: 19, 20).

As we heed His command, we march triumphantly reaching forth to Zion and crown Him Lord of Lords. "Who art thou Lord?"

All hail the power of Jesus name

Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every Baptist pray this prayer "Even so Lord Jesus come" God bless you all.

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Then why do we have a Student Code of Conduct and Responsibility? After all, laws are made to be enforced upon those who rebel against them. The Word of Almighty God is in harmony with some of the rules of behavior at ... College. For example, the Student Code of Conduct and Responsibility specifically forbids the act of cheating, the act of stealing, the act of drug abuse, the act of gambling, etc. Now, why would such a code be established except there be a problem in each respective area? And by the way, the aforementioned restrictions are expressly forbidden in the Word of God — specifically, the law of God. As a matter of fact it is a sin to disobey the commandments of the Lord! Consequently, the less sin that is practiced — the lesser amount of problems that will exist.

In addition to my observations of cheating, drug abuse, foul language, disrespect, arrogance, hatred, etc. — other students and teachers have discovered the very same problems. We are in agreement that sin is the source of the complexity of ... problems. Now that it has been established that sin is the very center of our concern — let's note some examples. The spiritual downfall of ... College was begun through the encouragement of sin and the discouragement of holiness. Hence, we will examine the consequences of sin, and we will examine the consequences of holiness.

There is such a thing as being encouraged through example. One can encourage sin by implying that it is all right to sin. Such implications have been made by students and teachers alike. Also, this form of enticement has been performed in the setting of the classroom. We will cite specific examples without

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the mention of names, so that there will be no embarrassment brought upon the offenders for the time being.

There was an instructor in the summer semester of 1985; he had a very filthy communication problem. Out of his mouth came promptings to commit fornication, adultery, and all sorts of vile things. This teacher is supposed to be an authority figure; this teacher was not setting a good example. Consequently, some of the ignorant students participated in these discussions. This is just one of the many similar situations which occur on the campus of ... College.

Furthermore, the discouragement of holiness is displayed in our midst. There is, of course, a connection between the encouragement to sin and the discouragement to be holy. However, specific incidents involving the criticism of righteous people are what is at stake here.

In particular, there was another teacher in the summer semester who had the audacity to stereotype Christians as unhappy hypocrites! Most of the time the Christians are the ones who are encouraging holiness and discouraging sin. Moreover, this instructor would point out the majority of the time — the faults of Christians. Unfair representation of the saints of God motivate students to make light of a Christian's advice to obey the Bible; thereupon, sin results.

What are the consequences of such behavior? The Holy Word of God says in Romans 6:23, "the wages of sin is death..." and death brings with it corruption... destruction, the death of body, soul, and spirit occur. This slow and subtle process is like a parasite that slowly sucks the life out of a person. The labor of sin produces destructive problems for individual students and teachers. In like manner, the work of sin gives the fruit of corruption to the institution... College. Isn't ... primarily interested in the well-being of the community of which we are a part?

In contrast, what are the consequences of holiness? The results of holiness is life everlasting! Likewise, harmony is multiplied with the obeying of the commandments of God. Thus, a more perfect harmony with the Student Code of Conduct and Responsibility; then — the beginning of the solution of ... source problem — sin is possible. Yes, holiness is the perfect solution to ... problems; but, how can this be achieved?

In order to carry out the solution to the sin at ... College — one must have holiness. Where do you get holiness? Why from the Holy One, of course. I speak of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the only One who can save a person from his sins. Once a person has the imputed righteousness or holiness of Christ — he is saved! However, one thing is needed before one can receive this great gift of holiness — the preaching of the gospel of Christ. Heed the Holy Scriptures — "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Rom. 1:16). Hence, the preaching of the gospel of Christ is the means by which God saves people from

their sins. Thus, step number one — preach the gospel. Specifically, expose the reality that everyone has sinned, and that sin demands punishment — either the individual will be punished in the flames of an eternal hell, or Christ has been punished in place of that individual on the cruel cross of Calvary where He suffered and bled and died. Then the Lord was buried, and in His own power He rose again — being victorious over death, hell, and the grave. Now, step number two is simply wait upon the Lord and pray the Lord will save that individual.

In closing, I would like to say that a true Christian will be striving to be holy. A Christian's actions will not always be holy, but the Holy Spirit will enable that Christian to be somewhat holy — whereas the unsaved person has not the unction from the Holy One. Consequently, the sin problem at ... College can be better solved through holiness — and that is done through the preaching of the gospel. Let us consider the serious sin problem we have — lest it get out of hand. After all, "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" (1 Cor. 5:6).

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Mr. Lincoln retorted, "Nope, still only four. Just because we call it a leg doesn't make it one."

Mr. Lincoln's wit and wisdom speak to our present day confusion about abortion. Let me explain.

Abortion is murder. Each abortion snuffs out an innocent human life. Tragically, doctors have deceived the American public. Referring to unborn babies as "fetus," "embryo" or "zygote" may be scientifically correct, but does not change the fact: These little ones are little human beings. Though called "parasite," "blob," or "tissue," give each wee creature about 266 days after conception and see what emerges from his mother's womb. It will be a human baby, not a zebra, a trout, a frog or an orangutan.

Remember Mr. Lincoln. Don't be deceived by folks (even doctors) who call a tail a leg or humans anything but humans. When a human egg and a human sperm unite, the resulting individual is simply human. Given time, nutrition and protection, he or she will grow to maturity. Calling abortion a "termination" or "evacuating the uterus" doesn't change its reality as murder-slaughtering a human being with premeditated malice.

Some Comments Comical

Were it not tragic, some abortion comments could be comical. A previous guest writer on this page, Dr. Harrison, said the unborn baby is "a parasite without feeling, thought, or experience...the fetus simply does not have the things required to feel pain..."

But nerves are in place by six to eight weeks after conception. The chemicals necessary to send messages over nerve pathways to the brain are present by 12 weeks. Ask yourself — if you were stuck, pinched, grabbed, cut or crushed, how would you react? You likely would squirm, thrash, try to escape or fight. Your blood pressure would go up; your pulse would speed up. That's how preborn babies res-

pond. Before being cut to pieces, sucked apart, chemically killed or otherwise abused (to death), these little humans struggle, seeking to escape the destruction. In my opinion, abortionists have forfeited the privilege to be called "physicians," for they have abandoned the responsibility of acting like physicians.

What about rape? What about incest? These horrors defy descriptive condemnation. They represent the least human and most selfish acts imaginable — along with murder — and they deserve swift and severe punishment. A woman or girl abused by rape or incest should be seen promptly, evaluated with compassion and treated appropriately to prevent conception. Should pregnancy occur, the tragedy should not be compounded by another crime: Murdering the baby.

Rape and incest deserve one further note: They (thank God) represent a relatively uncommon cause of pregnancy — and figure in less than 2 per cent of abortions. The other 98 percent are done for the sake of convenience (not that of the baby). Abortion represents the most common surgical procedure performed in America today. Enough human lives are snuffed out each day to populate Mena, De Queen, or Fordyce. Each week, abortionists slaughter a group of babies equal in number to the population of Springdale or El Dorado.

One more tragedy — often delayed and overlooked — concerns the mother of the aborted baby. I have cared for and counseled such women — women who find it difficult to live with an awakened conscience. Though duped, squelched or ignored, a conscience awakened to reality may produce guilt, grief and pain. Even with the reality of forgiveness, the scars may produce long-standing consequences.

One last 'leg-tail' deserves comment. Can you remember folks saying, "Don't push your morality on me!" when foes of abortion challenge its practice. Most folk appreciate our society's restrictions on rape, robbery, assault and murder — and those restrictions are based on morality, as is every aspect of our lives, whether collectively or individually.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, I'm convinced that moral absolutes exist. My convictions as a Christian and as a physician include the sanctity of human life. If each individual human (including unborn babies) does not have worth, if we do not acknowledge our responsibility to care for the unwanted and the defenseless, we will find our collective path ending at the ovens of Auschwitz, the Gulags of Siberia, or the Abortion Chambers of America.

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herself a slave of her children instead of training them to be useful, performing many a task which her daughters should do, in order to allow them freedom for the frivolities of a giddy set. The consequence has been that the home which ought to be — for its orderliness, its sanctity, and its reign of love — a miniature heaven on earth, has degenerated into "a filling station for the day and a parking place for the night" as someone has tersely expressed it.

Parents must govern

themselves: Before outlining the duties of parent toward their barins let it be pointed out that they cannot properly discipline their children unless they have first learned to govern themselves. How can they expect to subdue self-will in their little ones and check the rise of an angry temper, if their own passions are allowed free reign? The character of parents is to a very large degree reproduced in their offspring; "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, beget a son in his own likeness, after his image..." (Gen. 5:3). The parent must himself or herself be in subjection to God if they may lawfully expect obedience from their little ones. This principle is enforced in Scripture again and again: "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" (Rom. 2:21). Of the bishop or pastor it is written that he must be, "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" (1 Tim. 3:4, 5). And if a man or woman know not how to rule their own spirit (Proverbs 25:28), how shall they care for their offspring.

A solemn task, yet a privilege: God has entrusted to parents the most solemn and yet a most precious privilege. It is not too much to say that in their hands are deposited the hope and blessing, or else the curse and plague of the next generation. Their families are the nurseries of both church and state, and according to the cultivating of them now, such will be their fruitfulness hereafter. How prayerfully and carefully should they discharge their trust. Most assuredly God will require an account of the children from the parent's hands, for they are His, and only lent to their care and keeping. The task assigned to you is no easy one, especially in these superlatively evil days. Nevertheless, if trustfully and earnestly sought, the grace of God will be found sufficient here as elsewhere. The Scriptures supply us with rules to go by, with promises to lay hold of, and, we may add, with fearful warnings lest we treat the matter lightly.

Parents' first duty is that of instruction: We have space to mention but four of the principle duties devolving on parents. First, to instruct their children. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6, 7). This work is far too important to allocate unto others: parents, and not Sunday School teachers, are Divinely required to educate their little ones. Nor is this to be an occasional or sporadic thing, but one that is to have constant attention. The glorious character of God, the requirements of His Holy Law, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the wondrous gift of His Son, and the fearful doom which is the certain portion of all who despise and reject Him, are to be brought repeatedly before the minds of the little ones. "They are too young to understand such things" is the Devil's argument to deter you from discharging your duty. "And ye fathers, provoke

not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). It is to be noted that the "fathers" are here specifically addressed, and this for two reasons; because they are the head of the family and its government is especially committed to them, and because they are prone to transfer this duty unto their wives. This instruction is to be given by reading to them the Holy Scriptures and enlarging upon those things most agreeable to the young is not nearly as effective as when it is diversified by questions and answers. If they know they will be questioned on what you read, they will listen more closely: the formulating of answers teaches them to think for themselves. Such a method is also found to make the memory more retentive, for answering definite questions fixes more specific ideas in the mind. Observe how often Christ asked His disciples questions.

Parents must set a good example: Second, good instruction is to be accompanied by good example. That teaching which issues only from the lips is not at all likely to sink any deeper than the ears. Children are particularly quick to detect inconsistencies, and despise hypocrisy. It is at this point parents need to be most on their faces before God, daily seeking from Him that grace which they so sorely need and which He alone can supply. What care they need to take lest they say or do anything before their children which would tend to corrupt their minds to be evil consequence for them to follow. How they need to be constantly on their guard against anything which might render them mean and contemptible in the eyes of those who should respect and revere them! The parent is not only to instruct his children in the ways of holiness, but is himself to walk before them in those ways, and show by his practice and demeanor what a pleasant and profitable thing it is to be regulated by the Divine Law.

In a Christian home the supreme aim should be household piety — the honoring of God at all times — everything else being subordinated thereto. In the matter of family life, neither husband nor wife can throw on the other all the responsibility for the religious character of the home. The mother is most certainly required to supplement the efforts of the father, for the children enjoy far more of her company than they do of his. If there is a tendency in fathers to be too strict and severe, others are prone to be too lax and lenient. Women need to be much on their guard against anything which would weaken their husband's authority: when he has forbidden a thing, she must not give her consent to it. It is striking to note that the exhortation of Ephesians 6:4 is preceded by "...be filled with the Spirit;" (5:18), while the parallel exhortation in Colossians 3:21 is preceded by "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." (verse 16), showing that parents cannot possibly discharge their duties unless they are filled with the Spirit and the Word.

Children must be disciplined: Third, instruction and example is to be enforced by correction and discipline. This means, first of all, the exercise of authority — the proper reign of law. Of the father of the faithful, God said, "For I know him, that he will

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command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19). Ponder this carefully, Christian fathers. Abraham did more than proffer good advice; he enforced law and order in his household. The rules he administered had for their design the keeping of the "way of the Lord"—that which was right in His sight. And this duty was performed by the patriarch in order that the blessing of God might rest on his family. No family can be properly brought up without household laws, which include reward and punishment, and these are especially important in early childhood, when as yet moral character is unformed and moral motives are not understood or appreciated.

Rules should be simple, clear, reasonable and flexible like the Ten Commandments—a few great moral rules, instead of a multitude of petty restrictions. One way of needlessly provoking children to wrath is to hamper them with a thousand trifling restrictions and minute regulations that are capricious and are due to a fastidious temper in the parent. It is of vital importance for the child's future good that he or she be brought into subjection at an early age; an untrained child means a lawless adult—our prisons are crowded with those who were allowed to have their own way during their minority. The least offence of a child against the rulers of the home ought not to pass without due correction, for if it finds leniency in one direction or toward one offence, it will expect the same toward others, and then disobedience will become more frequent till the parent has no control save that of brute force.

The teaching of Scripture is crystal clear on this point. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15; and cf. 23:13, 14). Therefore God has said: He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." (Proverbs 13:24). And again, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." (Proverbs 19:18). Let not a foolish fondness stay thee; certainly God loves His children with a much deeper parental affection than you can love yours, yet He tells us, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten..." (Rev. 3:19 and cf. Hebrews 12:6). "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15). Such severity must be used in their early years, before age and obstinacy have hardened the child against the fear and smart of correction. Spare the rod, and you spoil the child; use it not on him, and you lay up one for your own back.

It should hardly need pointing out that the above Scriptures are far from inculcating that a reign of terror is to mark the home life. Children can be governed and punished sowing their temper by unreasonable demands, or provoking their wrath by smiting them to vent your own rage. The parent is to

punish a disobedient child not because he is angry, but because he is right—because God requires it, and the welfare of the child demands it. Never make a threat which you have no intention of executing, nor a promise you do not mean to perform. Remember that for your children to be well informed is good, but for them to be well controlled is better.

Pay close attention to the unconscious influences of a child's surroundings. Study to make home attractive: not by producing carnal and worldly things, but by noble ideas, by inculcating a spirit of unselfishness, by genial and happy fellowship. Separate the little ones from evil associates. Watch carefully the periodicals and books which come into the home, the occasional guests which sit at the table, and the companionships your children form. Parents carelessly let people have free access to their children who undermine their authority, overturn their ideals, and sow seeds of frivolity and iniquity before they are aware. Never let your child spend a night among strangers. So train your girls that they will be useful and helpful members of their generation, and your boys that they will be industrious and self-supporting.

Parents should pray without ceasing for their children: Fourth, the last and most important duty, respecting both the temporal and spiritual good of your children, is fervent supplication to God for them, for without this all the rest will be inefficacious. Means are unavailing unless the Lord blesses them. The throne of Grace is to be implored that your efforts to bring up your children for God may be crowned with success. True, there must be a humble submission to His sovereign will, a bowing before the truth of election. On the other hand, it is the privilege of faith to lay hold of the Divine promises and to remember that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Of holy Job it is recorded concerning his sons and daughters that he "...rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all..." (Job 1:5). A prayerful atmosphere should pervade the home and be breathed by all who share it.

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between Genesis and Revelation.

There is quite a contrast and similarity between the first book of the Bible and the last. Several years ago, I began to study these two books, and it was amazing and at the same time most interesting and spiritually stimulating as I noted the contrast and the similarity between them. I would like to mention twenty-five points of similarity and contrast.

1. Genesis presents man in innocence and follows with him in sin. Revelation pictures man in sin and follows with him in innocence.

2. Genesis shows how the Devil turned the Paradise of Eden into a desert. Revelation shows how Jesus will eventually turn this desert back into a Paradise.

3. Genesis foretold the bruising of the serpent. Revelation tells how this will take place.

4. In Genesis we have the

beginning of time (Gen. 1:1). In Revelation we have the end of time (Rev. 10:6).

5. In Genesis man lost his dominion over the earth. In Revelation, through Christ, man will reign over the earth.

6. In Genesis we see the first paradise lost. In Revelation we see the second paradise restored.

7. In Genesis the sentence of death is pronounced (Gen. 2:17). In Revelation, death is abolished (Rev. 21:4).

8. In Genesis the first bride is taken from the wounded side of the first man, Adam. In Revelation the second bride is taken from the wounded side of the second Adam (Jesus).

9. In Genesis man is driven out of the tree of life. In Revelation man regains the tree of life.

10. In Genesis the first marriage was performed by God in the presence of angels. In Revelation the marriage of the Lamb is performed by God, in the presence of angels.

11. In Genesis the serpent entered the world. In Revelation he is cast out of the world.

12. In Genesis a curse is pronounced upon the human family. In Revelation there is no curse.

13. In Genesis by the disobedience of one man many were made sinners. In Revelation, by the obedience of one man, many are made righteous.

14. In Genesis, God clothed man in skins, typifying the blood of Christ. In Revelation, God clothed man in fine linen made white by the blood of the Lamb.

15. In Genesis, the first Adam is defeated. In Revelation, the second Adam is victorious.

16. In Genesis, man weeps his first tears. In Revelation, God wipes all tears from their eyes.

17. In Genesis, man suffers in pain. In Revelation, there is no more pain.

18. In Genesis, the heel of Christ is bruised by Satan. In Revelation, the heel of Christ crushes the head of Satan.

19. In Genesis, we have the first family. In Revelation, we have the whole family of Heaven.

20. In Genesis, man descended from life to death. In Revelation, man ascends from death to life.

21. In Genesis, the first two chapters, we have no sin, no sorrow, no pain, no tears, and no death. In Revelation, the last two chapters, we have no sin, no sorrow, no pain, no tears, no death.

22. In Genesis, we see the rainbow of the covenant on the cloud of judgment. In Revelation, we have the complete rainbow round about the throne, the covenant fulfilled.

23. In Genesis, the Devil added to God's Word. In Revelation, the plagues of the Bible are added to the man who adds to God's Word.

24. In Genesis, the earth is destroyed by the universal judgment of the flood. In Revelation, earth is destroyed by the universal judgment of fire.

25. In Genesis, the book ends "in a coffin," which is the curse of mankind. In Revelation, we are told of a resurrection, the hope of mankind.

I have taken time to give you these twenty-five points of similarity and contrast between the first book of the Bible and the last book. I think that when this is published in The Baptist Examiner, that if you will read them carefully, you will find that there is a veritable gold

mine of Scriptural wealth that is wrapped up in these twenty-five statements by the way of contrast and similarity.

II. The Introduction.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Rev. 1:1-3).

These three verses formed John's introduction to the book. The very first words of the book gives us its name. In the Greek, it is "Apocalupsis"; when it was translated into the Latin tongue, we get the word "Revelatio"; and when it was through translated into English, we get the name, "The Revelation."

The word "revelation" literally means, "a drawing back of the veil." It is highly conspicuous to me that the very thing that Daniel was told to shut up and conceal, John, on the Isle of Patmos, was told to reveal and to show to the world. I say then, this book of Revelation is truly a revelation, or a drawing back of the veil, so that you and I might get a look into the future, to know what is coming to pass in the days that are before us.

You will notice in your Bible at the top of the page at the beginning of the book of Revelation, that it says it is the Revelation of St. John the Divine, but in the very first verse of the book it says contrariwise, for the Bible declares that it is the revelation of Jesus Christ. I would remind you that the book of Revelation was written by the Apostle John, but it is not the revelation of the apostle John. It is actually the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The person who says that he is not interested in the study of the book of Revelation certainly is missing a tremendous blessing in view of the fact that the book of Revelation was written to reveal Jesus Christ. Beloved, I am interested in learning everything that I can about Jesus Christ, and the man who has never studied the book of Revelation has certainly missed a wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus. In the last part of this first chapter of the book of Revelation, you will find the most marvelous pen picture of the Lord Jesus we have in all the Word of God. To be sure, in the Gospels we have a picture of Jesus in His humiliation, but in the book of Revelation, we have a picture of Jesus in His lordly kingship as He exists today. We see Him in this book of Revelation, not as the lowly Nazarene, but as the lordly Nazarene, which He is today. So I would remind you that this book of Revelation was written to give to us a pen picture or a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself.

I want you to notice also that this book, like all the balance of the Bible, is inspired of God. Listen; "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:" (Rev. 1:1).

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You will notice, beloved, that it says that this book was given of God. This book of Revelation is an inspired book.

I would remind you that I do not put a question mark about any portion of the Word of God, but rather, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, I look upon it and I consider it as the Word of God. I don't say that this Bible contains the Word of God, for if I were to do so, that might indicate that it also contains something else. I do not say that it contains the Word of God, but I say that it is the Word of God, and every bit of it from Genesis through Revelation is inspired of God. We read: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (II Tim. 3:16). "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21).

I say then, beloved, this book of Revelation, like all of the balance of the Book, is the inspired Word of God.

Notice also that everything that is written in this book of Revelation is going to come to pass. We read: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass..." (Rev. 1:1).

There isn't one thing in this Bible but what is going to come to pass. Now there are a number of things in this book of Revelation that appear to us as being very, very far-fetched; it appears that they would never come to pass. For example, in Revelation 17 and 18, we will have the picture of the old whore and her harlot daughters. I will say in advance of giving you the interpretation, that the old whore represents Roman Catholicism and the harlot daughters represent the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. When you read Revelation 17 and 18, you have the picture of the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters, or in other words, the destruction of Roman Catholicism and all the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome.

Now, beloved, there isn't anything farther from our conception than this. In fact, it is hardly possible for us to believe that this could ever take place. It has gotten to the place that if Cardinal Spellman or any other leading Catholic even sneezes, he gets his picture in almost every paper in the country. It is a fact, beloved, that every time they make a few new cardinals and dress them up in scarlet robes there is a battery of photographers on hand ready to take pictures of them and to give them world-wide publicity. I say, beloved, nothing could be farther from the truth now than what it says here within the Word of God, and yet, though it looks like it could never take place, I insist on the fact that ultimately Rome and all the Protestant churches are going to be destroyed, for this revelation was given to us to show us the things that must come to pass. Though it looks far off in the future, and though it appears

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very remote that Rome will ever be destroyed, I tell you, beloved, it is bound to come to pass, for God said that it is one of the things which is a "must" with Him.

I want to call your attention to something else which seems just as far-fetched, and that is the chaining of Satan and his ultimate destruction in Hell. Every place that we go, we rub elbows with sin and we brush shoulders with Satan. Everywhere we find evidence of the Devil. In fact, you can't move any place in this world but what you come in contact with the Devil and his adversaries. The Word of God tells us that the Devil is ultimately going to be cast forever into Hell, but before this takes place, he will be chained and cast into Hell for a thousand years. After the thousand years are up, he is given a little liberty, and he comes forth from Hell, but he isn't changed one particle. He is the same old Devil as he was when he caused trouble in the Garden of Eden — the very first time that trouble entered the human family. When he comes forth from Hell after the thousand years, his very first act is to rise up in rebellion against Almighty God, and then he is going to be cast ultimately and finally into Hell, never to get out again.

I say, beloved, it doesn't look like that is going to take place. It doesn't look like that is going to come to pass. It looks like it is mighty far-fetched, but it is going to come to pass, for this first verse in Revelation says that it must come to pass.

There is something else that is given to us in the book of Revelation which must come to pass, and that is the battle of Armageddon. If you will read in the book of Revelation, you will find that God talks about a battle — a battle that we choose to call the battle of Armageddon. It is described more than once in the book of Revelation, but especially in the last part of the nineteenth chapter. It tells us that when the battle is fought, the blood is going to flow up to the horses' bridles. Now, beloved, can you imagine a battle so intense and so severe that when it is fought there will be enough people killed that the blood will flow as deep as the horses' bridles? I say, beloved, it doesn't seem but remotely possible that that will ever come to pass, but I know it will come to pass because it is one of the "musts" in the book of Revelation. God says that what is in this book are things that must come to pass. We read: "And he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein."

So far as this is concerned, I would remind you that not only the whole book of Revelation but all the Bible will bring a blessing to your soul every time that you read it, or hear it read, or when you obey its precepts.

In view of the fact that we have a three-fold blessing con-

cerning this book of Revelation, then every person ought to be a stickler for the whole Bible. There isn't a portion of this Bible but what you ought to be a stickler for, and especially this book of Revelation.

Every once in a while I meet up with someone who speaks of the Bible as though it were last year's almanac. Individuals will speak about the Bible, and refer to certain portions of it, as "essentials" and the balance of it as being non-essential.

Several years ago, a man who was head of a nationally known life insurance company spoke in Cincinnati to a group of preachers. He said that he thought preachers ought to leave alone the non-essentials of the Bible and just contend for the essentials. Now, beloved, will you tell me how you are going to draw a line of demarcation between the essentials and the non-essentials of the Bible? If it were not essential, God would not have put it in the Book. You can be certain of one thing, every word of this Bible is an essential for the purpose for which it was written.

I will go further in that respect and say that there is not a word in this Bible but what you and I ought to be willing to die for. It is all essential. Not one bit of it, in any wise at all, is to be relegated as something that isn't worthwhile. Ah, my brother, you and I ought not only be a stickler for the book of Revelation, but we ought to be a stickler for the entirety of the Word of God.

III. The Salutation.

"John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come: and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne" (Rev. 1:4).

As was customary, John signed his name in the beginning. Did you ever get a letter wherein the individual signed his name before he started writing? To be sure, the style that is taught in schools, and that which is used today in business and social correspondence, is to sign your name at the end of the letter. Would you believe me when I tell you that is a style that has been in vogue only in the last one hundred years? Prior to that time, an individual in writing a letter, always signed his letter first, so that when you opened it you knew from whom the letter came.

Never in my life have I received but one letter that was written on that basis. Several years ago, when I was just a boy preacher, I received a letter from an old Baptist preacher, 92 years old. He started his letter out by saying, "From, Elder So-and-So, to Brother John R. Gilpin." Well, beloved, that is how John wrote this book of Revelation. He signed his name first, and then tells us to whom he is writing. He is writing to the seven churches of Asia, which are discussed in Revelation 2 and 3.

You will notice that when John addressed this letter to these seven churches he was writing to Baptist churches. I needn't remind you that the only kind of church that they had in that day was a Baptist church. In fact, that was the only kind of a church that he could have written to. He couldn't have written to a Campbellite church, because the world never saw a Campbellite until the year 1827. He could not have written to a

Holy Roller church, for such came into existence even after the days of Alexander Campbell. He couldn't have written to a Methodist or an Episcopalian or a Presbyterian or a Lutheran church, because not a one of these came into existence until fully fifteen hundred years after the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. I say, beloved, when John wrote this book of Revelation, he wrote it to seven Baptist churches of Asia.

Baptist people ought to be interested in the book of Revelation. I can understand why it is that the Methodists wouldn't have any use for Revelation. I can understand why the Holy Rollers and the Campbellites wouldn't have any use for it. I can understand why all these modern heretics wouldn't be interested in the book of Revelation, but, beloved, Baptists ought to have a special interest, because this book was written to Baptist churches.

In fact, the whole of the New Testament was written to Baptist churches. I believe that the Bible is a Baptist Book from beginning to end, and I say concerning the New Testament especially, that it was written by Baptists, was written to Baptists, and was written in order to make Baptists, and especially is this true of this book of Revelation.

In the salutation, John said, "Grace be unto you, and peace." I wonder why he didn't say, "Peace be unto you, and grace." Beloved, it is obvious that the order is very, very important. You have to have the grace of God before you can have the peace of God. No man can be at peace with God until first of all he has experienced the grace of God. Therefore, when John wrote to these seven churches, he said, "Grace be unto you, and peace" — grace, God's gift, and peace, the outgrowth of that grace.

When John wrote to these seven churches, he salutes them in the name of the Triune God, for he said: "From him which is, and which was, and which is to come: and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:4, 5).

Notice, "From him which is, and which was" is God the Father, and "from the seven Spirits which are before his throne" is reference to the Holy Spirit, and then "from Jesus Christ" is reference to the Son. When John saluted these churches, he saluted them in the name of the Triune God — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Somebody will say, "I just can't understand the Trinity." Beloved, if you could, you would be just as big as God. If you could understand this and all the other great doctrines of God's Word fully and completely, you would be just as big as God Himself. But, beloved, whether you can understand it or not, it is in the Bible. God is three in one — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On the day that Jesus was baptized, the Son was there in person, the Father spoke from the skies,

and the Holy Spirit came down and rested upon the Lord Jesus Christ, so there were all three — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — at the baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All the way through the Bible we find the Trinity. To be sure, we don't find the word "Trinity" in the Bible, but we find the presence of the Trinity throughout every book of the Word of God.

If you read Isaiah 6, you will find that Isaiah had a vision of the Lord, high and lifted up in the temple, and that the seraphim bowed in the presence of the Lord and cried, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." If you will study it carefully, I think that you will come to the same conclusion as I have, that each of those "holies" was directed to one of the three persons of the Trinity.

I tell you, beloved, when John saluted these churches, he saluted them in the name of the Triune God.

In the New England section of America, Unitarianism is rampant and has taken over the religious life of that section. Baptist churches by the hundreds have succumbed to Unitarianism. What is true there is fast coming to pass in the southern part of the United States. There are but few churches today but what are being affected by those individuals who believe in an Unitarian God, and who deny that God is a Trinity. Whenever you meet such an individual, remind him of Revelation 1:4 when John salutes Baptist churches in the name of a Triune God.

IV. Notice also that John reminds these churches what this Triune God has done for them: "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:5-8).

First of all, he said, "Unto him that loved us." Beloved, I wonder if you realize in any measure the vastness of the love of God. I have wondered many times just how little we comprehend God's love. I think it was the love of God which caused Jesus Christ to come down to this world. When we see Him as He unloosed the golden sandals in Heaven, and as He laid aside the golden crown and announced to the awe-stricken angels His purpose in coming to this earth — this can only be understood in the light of God's love. As I see Him there in Bethlehem as a babe, God in man, the very God of very God, I say surely it is God's picture of love.

When I see Him as He grows to manhood and begins to preach and travels innumerable miles across the deserts of Judea and Palestine — when I hear those numberless sermons and when I see Him work those miracles in behalf of humanity to instruct them concerning

God, I say, beloved, it is nothing but God's picture of His love.

When I see Him in Gethsemane, as great drops of bloody perspiration fall from His brow — when I see Him as He goes to Pilate's judgment hall, and as He wears a crown of thorns upon a head that should have worn the most lustrous diadem that was ever placed upon the brow of any mortal — when I see His back as it bleeds from the scourging through which He has passed, and when I see Him as He wears a purple robe and as they salute Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews," I say, beloved, it is but a picture of how God loves us.

Stand ye yonder at Calvary and see Him who was nailed to the cross. He was God. He had the power of the Almighty coursing within His body. When they said, "If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself." He could have done it if He had wanted to. Jesus only clutched the nails of that cross a little tighter and hung there on that cross to die for our sins, that we might know the love of God.

John reminded these seven churches of this one fact, that God loved them.

Brother, sister, you and I need to know this truth, that God loves us. You and I need to realize what He has done for us. He has loved us — not with a human love, but with an everlasting love He has loved us.

In Ephesians 3, Paul prays that we might comprehend the length, the breadth, the depth and the height of the love of God.

Beloved, how long is the love of God? Go back beyond creation, and back, and back to eternity past, and then out, and out, and out to eternity to come. Beloved, there you have the length of God's love.

How wide and how broad is God's love? It is broad enough that it comprehends individuals of every class, every color, every language, and every tongue of all the nations of all the earth. You and I could never love that way. We just naturally make distinctions between classes and nations and individuals. But God's love is so broad that it comprehends the elect of God of all the nations of the world.

How deep and how high is His love? Beloved, the love of God is so deep that it goes down beneath your sin, and it is high enough that it picks you up and sets your feet on the Rock of Ages, and ultimately will transplant you yonder to Heaven.

No wonder Paul prayed that we might be able to comprehend the love of God. I can't comprehend it. On the night that I staggered into the arms of God, I tried to fathom the love of God, but I found it was too deep. I tried to take the wings of faith and circumscribe it, but I found that its circumference was too great. I tried to comprehend its meaning, but I found that it was too great for my finite understanding. Beloved, you and I will never know nor understand fully the love of God until that day when God shall wipe away the filmy mist of doubt and fear from our eyes, and then we will understand the love of God.

John also tells these Baptists that they had been washed. Listen: "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

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When a door slams behind you look for the one God is opening before you.

REVELATION

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John reminds these people that they are a washed people and that their sins have been washed away — not in the river, and not in the baptism, but washed away in the blood of the Lamb.

Beloved, whenever anyone tells you that you are saved by baptism — that your sins have been remitted because you have been baptized, remind him that while that may be the doctrine of his church, the doctrine of Baptist churches from the day of John, down to this day, is that Baptists have had their sins washed away in the blood of the Lamb. Others may be satisfied with a pool, and others may be satisfied with an ordinance, but, beloved, Baptists have to go back to the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Could there be anything sweeter than to know this truth, that we have been washed from our sins in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Oh, beloved, some people may be satisfied to be a member of a lodge; some people may be satisfied to be a member of a Protestant church; some people may be satisfied to go along with the ritualism of Catholicism; but, beloved, I am made to rejoice because I am a member of a church that John reminded in the first century that they were a blood-bought people.

John also reminded them that they were kings and priests. Listen; "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 1:6).

If you are saved, you are a king and a priest.

I suppose anyone would like to say that he is the son of the governor, or of the president, or of a king. Let me tell you something, beloved, I am a king. I am a priest. I am a son of God — who is King of kings and Lord of lords. He has made me to be a king. I haven't come into my kingship yet. I don't have a kingdom and I don't know what part of this earth I am going to reign over, but I am more of a king than the eldest son of any king within this world. The crown prince may die before he becomes king. Many things may happen that might prevent him from becoming king, but, beloved, there isn't anything that can keep me from reigning here within this world.

Not only am I a king, but I am a priest.

Every man who buttons his collar hind-part-before is just 2,000 years too late. The day that Jesus Christ hung upon the Cross, an unseen hand of God reached down out of the skies and rent that veil of the temple from top to bottom, signifying henceforth that the way was open into the holy of holies and that no man needed a priest to come to God, but rather, Jesus Christ was our High Priest, and each of us are believer priests under Him. In the Old Testament, a man needed a priest to come to God, but since the day of the Cross of Jesus, the priest has been unnecessary. I tell you, beloved, a Catholic priest is 2,000 years too late, for each believer is his own priest now.

What a responsibility is ours today! If you are a king, you ought to live like a king. If you are a priest, you ought to act like a priest.

Back in the days of King Louis of France, they took him and his beautiful wife, Queen

Marie Antionette to the guillotine and cut their heads off. Then they went to get the young prince who would become king at his father's death, to do likewise with him. When they started to the guillotine with him, someone said, "If we kill him, we will only send his little soul to Heaven." Instead of killing him, they put him in the hands of old vile "Meg," to let her make him fit for Hell. She took of his princely clothes and clothed him in rags. She fed him with garbage, and the people would torment him. Sometimes his tormentors would go too far and he would shake his curly head and clench his dimpled fists and stomp his foot and say, "I will not do it; I cannot do it; I was born to be a king, and I must not defile myself."

Beloved, you and I were born to be kings. May God help us then, to remember our position under God. May we live lives of purity before Him.

Then finally, John reminded these Baptists that Jesus is coming again. We read: "Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1:7).

Thank God! Are you ready for His coming?

WHY TEENS GO WRONG

by Jeff Williams

Teens do not go wrong spontaneously because they are teens. Rather, as children reach the teenage years, parents begin to reap what they have sown in earlier years of training. Rude, disrespectful teenage slobbers merely reflect inadequate earlier training.

The root cause of most teen problems is, very simply, parental failure. It is easy to pass the buck and blame society, schools, T.V., your child's associates, etc. — but God holds the parents morally accountable for the proper training of the young. (I Samuel 2 and 3; Deuteronomy 6:4-9). Who helps to make up and influence "society"? Who votes for the school board? The parents. Who alone has the power to unplug the idiot box and limit their children's associates? The parents. Proper rearing of children must include four elements for success to be guaranteed: love, example, training, and discipline.

It is obvious that many parents have little love for their children. Oh, they usually have affection and emotions towards them, but love does what is best for the one loved, even when it is inconvenient or tiring. How much you truly love your children is not shown by lavishing material comforts on them (thereby encouraging ingratitude, wastefulness, etc.), or by martyrdom-complex bleating about "how much I've done for you kids;" but rather by how much time you spend with your children day by day.

Surveys show that most growing children do not even receive as much as five minutes of undivided attention and conversation from their parents per day — and then parents wonder why they "can't communicate" with them when they become teens!

Parental example is sadly missing in most homes. Many lead empty, selfish lives with wishy-washy ethics and sloppy moral practices, then resent seeing these traits reflected

in their children. Don't lecture your child on the evils of pot until you stop pickling your head with alcohol! Don't preach at teens about smoking if you are a nicotine addict yourself. Don't send them to church and Sunday School — bring them. Be active in a genuine church that actively encourages and enforces Biblical morals and standards (rather than ignoring them or tearing them down). Nothing turns teens off to God more than "a social club" religion in which parents merely "play church" one hour a week (or less) with a group of fellow hypocrites.

Children also need careful training. It is not automatic for children to apologize, to keep their rooms tidy, to forgive, to answer the phone courteously, to finish unpleasant tasks they start, etc. These things (and 1,000 others) must be taught — consistently, patiently, repeatedly, and lovingly, starting very early in life.

Finally, discipline is very much lacking today. Never apologize for firm, consistent, loving discipline and training (backed up by your example), even if all the children, relatives, and neighbors agree that you are a fun-depriving, anachronistic fossil. Definite limits, curfews, and rules are critical for teens, along with specific punishments for violations which are swift and certain as well as fair and just. In many homes, the "discipline" is totally chaotic and inane — the code of what's accepted, what isn't, and what the penalties are changes with every whim or temperamental outburst of the unstable, silly, immature, disorganized parents. It's a wonder alcoholism and depression aren't higher than they are among the unfortunate children subjected to the lousy leadership of such unstable "adults."

Teenagers are not adults. They like to think they are, but their experience, judgment, and firmness of moral character are not yet as developed as their capabilities and their temptations. The empty, vapid philosophies and self-centered behavior and morals adopted by many teens in our day show that most do, indeed, need far more direction and guidance — in love, in example, in training, in discipline — than they are presently getting.

A growing threat to the family is the constant erosion by many different adversaries of proper, Biblical training of children.

A tract from Gospel Mission, Box M, Choteau, MT 59422.

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mr. President,

For a good number of years I have followed your progress in politics, and have listened to your radio broadcasts. I had long felt that you would do well as President of this great nation. In looking at things from a human standpoint, rather than entirely spiritual, Mr. President, I do believe that aside from the Gospel, you are the last hope for saving this nation as a free nation, yet I realize that the oppositions you suffer in seeking to do your God-given task are many. Mr. President, you pro-

A GODLY MOTHER'S ADVICE

Mrs. Mary Winslow, mother of the eminent Rev. Dr. Octavius Winslow, was converted as a young wife and mother. You may read about her conversion in the January issue. Here is her loving advice to her children, being part of a letter written in 1828.

My Dearest Children,

...Forget not my old exhortation, "Pray without ceasing." Go to Him for all you need. You cannot come too often. Bring to Him your little cares as well as your great ones... Pray much for a tender conscience, a conscience susceptible of the least sin... "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Wherever you are, at home or by the wayside, lift up your heart to the precious Saviour...

Never look within for comfort; you will find nothing there but what is calculated to humble you. But look to Jesus. And yet it is needful that you examine your hearts from day to day, that you may be well acquainted with all your spiritual diseases, and forget not that Christ is the Physician...

Avoid trifling, lukewarm professors. They are the bane of the church of Christ... A few more years, and we shall have done with all things here below, and eternity, with all its realities, will burst upon your view. Oh, then live for eternity...

May God keep you, guide and instruct you in every good word and work, and carry you in His tender bosom, are the unceasing prayers, night and day of

Your affectionate mother,
Mary Winslow.

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baby may never read this letter, but nevertheless I must at least try; I must let you know that there are many out here who are ashamed at the way our nation has gone.

Sodomites ("Gays") dance in our streets and spread their diseases throughout our nation while they demand government assistance to help combat their illnesses which they have brought upon themselves through their wickedness. Men and women demand the right to kill their children by abortion because they cannot contain their adulterous ways. We continually read of the murderers that plead "temporary insanity" (such as your own attempted murderer) so that they may, in a short time, be released from institutions to seek out and kill others again to satisfy their thirst for blood. We boast as a nation of our pride and power, yet we have a government that cannot control its masses without appeasing their whims, all in the name of "rights."

We, as a nation, Mr. President, are surely headed for a fall! We boast of our "religions," yet we are steeped in the stench of idolatry. America has become a sleeping giant which is blind to nearly all sense of common decency, morality, integrity, discipline, and godliness. Where is the sense of justice, truth, and purity? Why are these so important matters utterly forsaken in order that we may appease the rights of those who demand indulgence in corruption all in the name of freedom. Common sense and logic alone, Mr. President, tell us that we have gone far beyond reasoning in the interpretation of the Constitution. Our founding fathers would be appalled if they could see what we have come to; at least some of them. Why bother to proclaim this the year of the Bible (1984) if we do not at all give heed to its teachings and profound lessons written for our learning? I write, Mr. President, while I still have the freedom, for I believe that if we continue in the path we have now entered, we shall no longer be free. The Lord is still Lord; His judgments, as He, never change. He did not smile on

Sodom, are we foolish enough to believe He smiles on America? Mr. President, your age and experience alone should tell you of the danger America is in. How then, in light of these things, will you use your God-given power? Injustice and apathy prevail over our land like clouds of gross darkness that threaten a severe storm, yet why cannot our leaders heed the warnings? Thank you for your time and consideration, Mr. President.

Most sincerely and respectfully yours, Bob Belanger.

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APPRECIATED LETTERS

Dear Bro. Wilson,

Enclosed is a check to help with the publication of T.B.E. I never knew who sent me the first subscription to the paper, some thirty years ago, but I have been so thankful to whoever it was. How I love each message on the doctrine of election. God bless you all.

Mrs. Merle K. Hall
Knob Noster, Mo.

Dear Friends,

We are moving back to Tennessee, and would like our paper mailed to this new address... We really enjoy this paper and would like to continue getting it wherever we are. Our prayer is that this work will help many people.

John & Janell Welch
Cumberland City, Tenn.

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APPRECIATED LETTERS

Dear Bro. Wilson,

Higher prices have hit us all. I guess your paper suffers too. I will send a little offering to help out. I enjoy the many different writers and subjects. Keep up the good work. Sincerely yours.

Herschall Estes
Owenton, Ky.

Dear Bro. Wilson,

I want to ask you if it is alright to send my tithe to a church like you are pastor of. I do not have a church of my own. I get more sound Bible doctrine and teaching from your paper, than I do at the churches I can get to. I can't get out to go visiting for a church, as age has slowed me down. I'll be 91 this July. Pray for me that the Lord will use me in the time I have left for His honor and praise. May the Lord bless and keep you and the Church is my prayer.

Lola S. Latt
Dale City, Fl.

by Herb Evans
"...nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God" (2 Cor. 4:2).

We have observed that in almost every contention for the truth or supposed truth, well meaning but overzealous contenders for the faith will (consciously or unconsciously) grasp at almost anything to combat their adversaries. Such irresponsibility and immaturity often works against the truth rather than for it. It also works against those who are responsibly trying to defend the truth. We need to police ourselves.

How far should a person go to defend scriptural truth? May he lie or use under the table methods to maintain a strategic edge in his encounters with error and unbelief. Jehovah's Witnesses say yes; we say, "NO!" In our judgment, the following carnal weapons should

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not be found in the Christian arsenal.

Sophistry

Sophistry is dishonest argument, i.e., the Catholic argument for justifying prayer to Mary; "You do realize that Mary loves Christ and that Christ loves Mary... don't you?" "And don't you think that Christ will grant His mother anything that she wishes?" "So doesn't it make sense to petition her to go to Christ with our requests?" What is wrong here is that although it may sound good, it is totally unscriptural (1 Tim. 2:5).

The Jehovah's Witness smuggly asks, "You don't think a loving God would throw people into literal fire, do you?" We usually respond, "Would a loving God allow them to rot in a cancer ward?"

All this is about as valid as, "A cow is an animal; a dog is an animal; things equal to the same things are equal to each other; therefore a cow is a dog." Invalid reasoning! Dishonest argument!

Big Lie and Bully Tactics

The big lie technique shocks it subjects into submission to a religious proposition by shouting loudly and forcefully an almost unbelievable declaration with utmost authority. The hearers, not having a refuting authority reason that someone would not dare to be so bold to utter such a thing except it be true, not realizing that there exist such "gutsy" individuals who are so bold to offer opinions as truth and do so without so much as a blush. An extension of this technique is the "Bully Tactic". It presents its arguments in a rapid, high pressure discourse demanding instant assent without giving hearers time to think and often reviles, rails on, or insults the hearer or others to bring about that assent. In other words, capture the will by passing up the mind. Such are the methods of old time Pentecostal preachers and various cults.

Pat Answers

Often, well intentioned but immature believers will parrot or invent "pat" answers (a

favorite of the cults). Simplistic pat answers appeal to immature zealots, because they enjoy having "an" answer more than they do in expounding truth. Studying someone's pat answers is easier than studying the Scriptures; but it often results in error, inability to genuinely defend a scriptural position, and "hero worship" are the source of such answers.

Dispensating Scriptures Away

There is hardly a doctrine that does not have its problem texts. Often, believers must rightly divide the word dispensationally in order to solve such texts. However, some have gone beyond the truth, handling the word arbitrarily and capriciously. Instead of rightly dividing the word of truth, they have disposed of the word of truth. We need to be careful with this.

Self Appointed Absolutes

Fundamental Baptists are a people with absolutes and rightly so. Such absolutes serve to clear the muddy water concerning vital doctrines and convictions. However, some within our ranks have decided to go beyond what is clear, plain, and tradi-

tionally accepted advocating poorly thought out theories and inconsistent convictions. Such self appointed absolutes are often presented vehemently without any substantiating scripture and sometimes are coupled with the "Big Lie" technique and "Bully Tactics" in order to implement them. The more ardent promoters of self appointed absolutes become incensed when their theories or authority is disagreed or challenged. Such authorities, usually very dynamic, make merchandise of newly converted, unstudied, immature, and gullible Christians. They tend to feast on the scripturally ignorant.

When ones own ideas, experiences, or temptations become absolutes; we are in trouble. The Bereans were more noble, because they searched the scriptures whether the things they were being told were so. We should do the same with "all" speculative doctrines and convictions whether they be ours or others', not "handling the word of God deceitfully"!

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IMPRESSIONS OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S BIBLE CONFERENCE

This was the best conference I have ever attended. I have been revived, praise God. I thank God for His church and I enjoyed the fellowship very much. I thank my God for all blessings. Amen.

Russell Shoemaker
Greencastle, Pa.

It was a good-spirited conference, good fellowship, good preaching and also good food. I enjoyed every minute of it. May God bless you and Calvary Baptist Church. We love you all and appreciate all the work you are doing.

Pauline Shelton
Westfield, N.C.

"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand..." (Psalm 84:10). "So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever..." (Psalm 79:13). I am very thankful that I was able to come to this conference. What joy we had together in the God of our salvation, Jesus Christ. I

made many new friends and rejoiced with these and the others in attendance over the wonderful sermons and great singing. It will be a cherished memory I won't forget. Thank you Calvary Baptist Church, and to God be the glory.

Unsigned

I came to the Calvary Baptist Church Conference seeking a spiritual uplifting and a sovereign grace Baptist single man. I found Jesus exalted, God glorified and my soul filled to overflowing. The other will be forthcoming if the Lord is pleased to.

Marilyn Osborne
Mansfield, Ohio

The conference was a blessing to me. The preaching of God's Word was outstanding. Each speaker was a blessing and encouragement and uplifting experience. The food was very good and plentiful. Everything was well organized. The fellowship was great. I thank Calvary Baptist Church for being such a wonderful host and kind, especially her pastor and Katie.

Herbert Cole
Stanleyville, N.C.

AN APPRECIATION

Bill Dudley was a friend of mine for many years. We had much and good fellowship during those years. I count it a special honor to have been used of the Lord in leading him into the accepting of Church Truth. Upon learning these truths, Bill was baptized into the membership of Grace Baptist Church of Stanleyville, N.C. Bill did not live long after this. It was a blessing to me to write him and to visit him during his last sickness. It was an honor to me to be asked to preach his funeral. I look forward to continuing our fellowship in heaven. Bill had the best library of any of my preacher friends. Bill's widow, Peggy Dudley, donated a large portion of that library to

the library of Calvary Baptist Church. Those books are now in our library here. They are a valuable addition thereto. They are here to be used, hopefully, by many in the years ahead. God willing. We are happy to loan books from our library to any who request such, providing they take good care of them and return them after a proper length of time. These books from Bill's library are donated to our library in memory of Bill Dudley. We do deeply appreciate this donation from Sister Peggy Dudley, and we thank her therefor from the depths of our heart. Surely, in the years ahead, many will be spiritually blessed and enriched by these books.

THE PATH

There's nothing in life that could ever be; as wonderful Father just to walk with thee.

Thy hand in mine that won't let go; and pulls me up when I get low.

Down the path our hearts in tone; He kicks aside each stumbling stone.

The day grows long as on we walk; but lonely not, with Him I talk.

He tells me of the things to be; and all the wonders I shall see.

And ask not much for me to do; but keep my faith till I get through.

I wonder when He'll stop to rest; but on He walks so effortless.

This path is rough my feet grow sore; He picks me up and smiles once more.

You cannot rest and go my way; I'll make you walk I heard Him say.

The night drew round t'was hard to see; the narrow path in front of me.

Oh Lord, I cried, My steps may stray; and I'll get lost along the way.

He drew me near and turned to say; I've lost not one nor will today.

So on and on into the night; we walked and talked with great delight.

Then to my eyes I saw a light; beyond a bend within our sight.

And as we rounded my eyes beheld; a golden city where people dwelled.

My joy unbounded, I heard Him say; we're home dear child you're here to stay.

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