

## A NOTABLE PRISONER

by Fred C. Beard  
 Scripture reading:  
 Matt. 27:15-26  
 Mark 15:6-15  
 Luke 23:17-25  
 John 18:39-40



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"And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas." Matt. 27:16. On the day that my Lord Jesus was nailed to the cross, there to give up His life for His people, that they may live and enjoy that life free from the guilt and the debt of their sins; there also lived a man (Continued on Page 14, Col. 2)

## OUR SUFFICIENCY

by John R. Gilpin  
 "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God" (II Cor. 3:5).



John R. Gilpin

Beloved, I am more and more coming to realize how impotent and how helpless and powerless man is from day to day.

If you will turn to the New Testament, you will find the story of a woman who had an is- (Continued on Page 12, Col. 1)

by Moody Roberts  
 If you are a real student of Theology today, you will have no doubt learned about TULIP. Many would-be theologians like to make a sport of ridiculing TULIP. Along with this is also the denunciation of Calvinism or what men call Hyper-Calvinism. It seems that many of those who ridicule the most against "Hyper-Calvinism" do not themselves really know what that "ism" is. Hyper-Calvinism by definition of terms would mean more Calvin

## TULIP OR GRACE



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than Calvin. If we say that one is hyper-active, we mean that one is extremely over active. Now, how one can be extremely over Calvin is difficult to understand. Then of course some have pushed the sovereignty of God to the point of an excuse to avoid the command to evangelize the world. These precious doctrines should never be so used. They were never intended for that.

The doctrines of grace did not

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" -- Isaiah 8:20.

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## THE WOMAN'S HEADCOVERING

by J.C. Settmuir

In the last issue we considered 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 in view of the customs of Corinth. We discovered that Paul's directions about the head covering for both the men and women did not correspond to the customs of his times whether Jewish, Greek, or Roman. Consequently, we felt impelled to the conclusion that whatever Paul meant by the terms he used, they are applicable for all time. This moves the instruction of Paul out of the arena of custom and places them into that of command.

Next, we take up the question: Is the woman's hair her covering? Many believers are quick to admit that the Scripture in this place requires the woman to wear a veil. But they are also quick to argue that this covering which Paul requires is the woman's hair. They contend this is the meaning of verse 15. "But if a woman

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## 18 PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE UNIVERSAL, INVISIBLE CHURCH THEORY

by Nile Fisher

With all that may commend itself to this view, together with the number of Bible teachers who embrace it, it yet remains an interpretation carrying with it some of the gravest questions and paradoxes. There are some eighteen problems existing in the face of it.

1. The problem of etymology and usage of "ecclesia."

The terms "universal" and "invisible" are opposed to the original meaning of "ecclesia." There is the problem of the at-

tempt to unfold a supposed greater truth by the usage of a word in a limited and unprecedented sense.

2. The problem of history.

Earnack, in "History of Dogma," declares, "The expression, invisible church, is found for the first time in Hegessipus. Eusesius, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, Hiero, Cornelius, and Cyprian, all used the term, holy churches, and never the Catholic or Universal Church."

Again (Vol. 2, p. 83): "No one thought of the desperate idea of

an 'invisible church;' this notion would probably have brought about a lapse far more rapidly than the idea of the Holy Catholic Church."

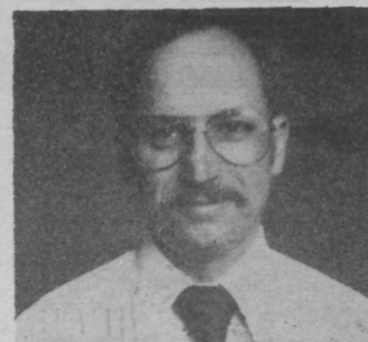
H. Boyce Taylor points out in his book, "Why Be A Baptist," p. 51-52, "...Hort in his book, 'The Christian Ekklesia' confesses the necessity of finding some other than etymological, grammatical or historical grounds by which to prove the idea of a universal church. He admitted that the use of the word ekklesia

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## THE GREAT TASK OF KEEPING THE HEART PART IX

TAKING THE HELMET OF SALVATION  
 Ephesians 6:17  
 BIBLE READING  
 Ephesians 4:11-16  
 by John Pruitt

The head is the most vulnerable part of the body. Special protection must be provided to prevent injury. The head is the controller of the rest of the body. If a



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deadly blow is delivered to the head, the rest of the body is dead also.

If a person does not have the helmet of salvation, the works that they do are dead also.

In order that we might stand against the wiles of Satan, withstand in the evil day, and stand

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor Joseph M. Wilson

## DON'T GIVE THE DEVIL AN INCH

"Neither give place to the devil" (Eph.4:27).

I am sure that we have all heard the saying, "Give him an inch, and he will take a mile." This saying has been applied in many situations. We can surely apply this to the devil. The devil will take all one will allow him to take.

The Bible has much to say about the devil and the believer's

dealings with him. The devil is totally wicked; there is not a redeeming quality about him; there is no good in him. The devil is totally the enemy of God's people. The truth is that the devil is totally the enemy of every man, saved or unsaved. The devil will do all the evil he can to the child of God.

I don't know for sure how smart the devil is. I would think

that he knows he cannot cause a saved person to lose his salvation, but I am not absolutely sure of this. At any rate, the devil will do all the hurt to the believer that he can. The Lord said to Peter, "Satan hath desired to have you," and I am sure that this is true as to every believer. Praise God that Jesus added, "But I

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