

To resolve our identity crisis, we must be identified with Christ

"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"—2 Corinthians 3:17

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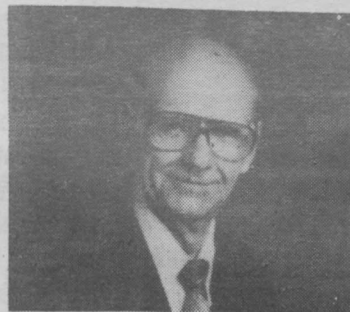
"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word,
it is because there is no light in them" -- Isaiah 8:20

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GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!

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We sing a familiar hymn: "Be not dismayed, what-e'er betide, God will take care of you" Yes,....God will take care of you, because the Lord is our refuge! Psalms 46:1-7, "(1) To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamo. God [is] our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (2) Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; (3) [Though] the waters thereof roar [and] be troubled, [though] the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. (4) [There is] a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy [place] of the tabernacles of the most High. (5) God [is] in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, [and that] right early. (6) The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. (7) The LORD of hosts [is] with us; the God of Jacob [is] our refuge. Selah." (Text verse is verse seven, "The Lord of hosts [is] with us; the God of Jacob [is] our refuge.") The New King James version says "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge, fortress and high tower. Selah (pause, and think calmly of that)!" The Lord of Angels, those which go forth, is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold, and high place.



storm. What might bring death, and disaster, causes the eagle to climb to new heights. God give us the ability to set "The Wings of Our Souls", so that we can ride above The Storms of Life. (Isaiah 40:31), "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint." Those who wait for the Lord, who expect, watch for, and have faith in the Lord shall change, and renew their strength, and power; they shall raise their wings, and ascend

near to God, as eagles rise toward the sun; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint, or become tired; they will rise to new heights in Christian experience, education, and training, (read Hebrews 12:1-3). "Tis the set of the soul that decides the goal, And not the storm or the strife."

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

GOD WALKS WITH YOU (2 Samuel 22:33), "God [is] my strength [and] power; and he maketh my way perfect". The Amplified Bible expresses it this way, "God is my strong fortress; He guides the blameless in His way and sets him free". This is a fact! God is on The Road of Life with you. You do not know what lies ahead, or awaits around the next corner. If you did you would not need faith in God; nor would you fear, esteem, honor, regard, respect, or worship him. It is faith

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A Sermon by Interim Pastor Jack C. Whitt



IS THERE A FAMINE IN OUR LAND?

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." (Amos 8:11). It would seem these words declared by the prophet, Amos have become a reality in our day and time. Famine is a word used to describe

widespread scarcity of food leading to starvation. However, the famine in this verse speaks of a widespread starvation for the words of the Lord. It speaks of spiritual starvation rather than physical starvation, and of a coming day when the Word of God will be sought after but will not be found. Verse 12 says: "And they

shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." These verses of course refer to God's judgment upon Israel for their sin of idolatry and whoredoms committed and yet I believe we can identify with much

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THE POLICY AND PROGRAM OF THIS PAPER

by T.P. Simmons

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article taken from the very first issue of TBE dated April 1, 1931. The Editor then, T.P. Simmons and associate editor, C.D. Cole. The sentiments and policy expressed regarding this first edition of TBE serves a purpose in reminding this editor [and I trust to all conscientious Baptist preachers and editors] to guard and contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. And I might say the solicitation made for new subscribers by Bro. Simmons, is valid today and for the same reasons given.

A Good Foundation For a Great Paper

It is fitting in this first issue of the The Baptist Examiner that we give an outline of the policy and program that we shall follow. All that read this issue are urged to give close attention to what we have to say; and if it is found that the policy and program of the paper are worthwhile, or such as to make it profitable to them in any way, they are urged to subscribe immediately. This paper solicits support either on the ground of its merit as a potentially effective medium for the propagation of the truth, or on the ground of its value to the individual. We solicit support on these grounds and these alone. Here are the ten planks in our platform:

1. This paper is a real Baptist paper.

There are many different kinds

of colors of "Baptists." Consequently, the name is not always as distinguishing as it should be. Therefore, for the sake of clearness the editor wishes to say that he belongs to the largest known group of "Baptists," which group was formerly known (in England) as Particular Baptists; later (in America) as Regular Baptists; still later as Missionary Baptists; and now generally as simply Baptists. But there are some that affiliate with this group who are Baptists only in name. For that reason we specify that this paper is a real Baptist paper. It will stand four square for those distinctive principles that have ever made Baptists a separate people, - viz., the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures; the complete separation of "church" and state, and religious liberty; baptism as immersion in water of a saved person by a duly authorized administrator; close communion; the democratic polity of New Testament churches under the headship of Christ; total depravity; the absolute sovereignty of God and unconditional election; and the eternal preservation and perseverance of every believer of New Testament churches from New Testament days to the coming of our Lord for His saints.

T.T. Eaton is quoted as saying: "Some say they are Baptists, but not a Baptist and a half. The only reason I am not a Baptist and a half is that there is only one of me. If I had another half, it would be Baptist too." The editor can truly say that these are his sentiments. Some say that they are Baptists, but not fool Baptists. The editor is what many call a fool Baptist. Some say they are Baptists, but not narrow Baptists. The editor is a narrow Baptist because the truth is always narrow. The truth is just one definite thing; not two or three things. Some say they are Baptists, but not fighting Baptists. The editor is a fighting Baptist because the scriptures command him to put on the whole armor of God and to fight the good fight of faith. They also command him to contend earnestly for the once delivered faith, and the Greek word for "contend earnestly" means to fight

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