

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH TAKES A "CHANCE"!

(See Editor's Update for details)

"...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 not light in them"--Isaiah 8:20*

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CHRIST AND HIS SHEEP

By Bro. John R. Gilpin (1905-1974)



"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:27-29).

Perhaps Jesus never spoke greater words than these concerning Himself as the Good Shepherd. The little child as it goes to sleep, lisps a simple prayer,

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me,

Bless thy little lamb tonight."

The old gray-haired saint lies down to die, comforted because, "The Lord is my shepherd... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" (Psalm 23:1-4). And all in between these two extremes of life, the thought of Jesus as our tender Shepherd appeals to all.

No greater figure of speech could be used to describe the relation between Christ and the saved: He, our Shepherd, and we, the sheep of His pasture.

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First, let us notice the characteristics of a sheep. A sheep is helpless. Nature didn't endow

sheep with weapons of defense or of attack. A believing child of God is equally helpless. As Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me...without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:4,5).

Also, a sheep is gentle. There is nothing so tame and gentle as a sheep. Even a child will approach one without fear. This characteristic of gentleness should ever distinguish God's own. "Gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits" (James 3:17). "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22,23).

A sheep is dependent. This is noticeably the case in the Orient, for there the sheep must look to

the shepherd for protection and for guidance to and from the pasture. God's people ought thus to depend upon the Lord. The great Mueller of England said, "If you lose a door key, don't do anything to find it, until you pray." May God's sheep be cast back more upon God!

A sheep is ever characterized by a proneness to wander. If there is a single gap anywhere in the fence, he will get out. How sadly true this is of God's dear sheep!

"O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to thee! Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it;

Seal it for thy courts above."

A sheep is harmless. Who ever saw even a child that was afraid

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A Sermon by Elder Don Chance



DID MAN'S TRIP TO THE MOON PLEASE THE LORD?

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am giving this space to Bro. Don Chance who wrote the article to follow back in 1969. The article has been reprinted from the bound volume of that year. Though written 28 years ago, it is a timely message for our day.

Of a very recent date, July 20, 1969, man set foot on the very

mysterious and far away moon. This heavenly body has been to man from the beginning of time a mystery of all ages. He could stand and gaze at its ball-like figure in the sky and wonder at its material make-up and sustenance. "Moon, where did you come from?

How far away are you?

What mysteries surround you?"

These many more child-like questions have been upon the lips of mankind. But today part of these questions are about to be answered, which in turn will lead us into many other questions which will be just as pressing.

Man has always been after the

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THE ETHICS OF GOOD NEWS

By Elder Edward G. Graff



If a scientist discovered the cure for cancer, you would expect the discovery to be shared with the world. Why? Because, basic ethics requires that good news not be kept secret. **Good news must be told, it is only right!**

So it was in the days of Elisha, when the King of Syria laid siege to the city of Samaria. The food supply was cut off, and famine was in the city. (2 Kings 7:3-9), "And there was four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians; if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. Wherefore they arose and fled

in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." In verse nine one of the lepers says to the other three lepers, "We are not doing right, this is a day of good news, and we are silent. If we wait, some punishment of iniquity will come upon us for not reporting this good news. So, let us go and tell the king's household at once".

What was the good news? That the enemy had fled, and there is food laying everywhere in the camp of the enemy. These four leprous men stuffed themselves, and were tempted to remain silent about the good news. But then, the memory of Samaria, and its famished inhabitants came back to one of them, and he said, "We are not doing right". And because of this, these leprous men became evangelists, bearers of good news, and told others. Be like the lepers, and spread the Good News! Lepers, in the Bible, represent sinners, therefore I ask, Are you not all lepers?

Ultimately, evangelism is basically one starving person telling another starving person where to find food. There are many, many, spiritually starving people in this old evil, and profane

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conquest of adventure. First, it
was the existence of the ages.
Second, the existence of life, both
man and plant, became the main
question. Soon it became evident
that there was more to this old
world than just the land and the
oceans surrounding it. The cry
was, "Is it possible that the world
could be round and not flat?" "If
we go far enough, what will we
find?" Thus, you can see that man
has always been seeking
something throughout his entire
existence.

Today the question is "WHERE

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Editor's Update

By Interim Pastor Jack C. Whitt

Hello dear friends, once again I bring you greetings from
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Ashland, Ky. This is
our September edition of TBE. I do hope our readers will be
both pleased and blessed by the articles contained herein.

So what's this about? That is, the front-page headline in
large bold print: "Calvary Baptist Takes A 'Chance'!" Well,
you read right. It's true. Calvary has decided to take a
Chance. It is Don Chance, a preacher from Horseshoe Bay,
Texas. Brother Don and his wife Pearl, will most likely be
here in Ashland, Ky. by the time this edition is being read.
CBC voted to call Bro. Chance after his visit with us in July
during a 4 day series of meetings of which he preached during
that time. And so it is likely by the time this paper is received,
Bro. Chance will be the new pastor of CBC and also the new
editor of TBE.

We look forward to Bro. Chance being our Spiritual guide.
I personally feel that the Lord has brought us together. We
appreciate those who have been praying for our church and
the need that God has evidently now supplied. Many of our
readers are acquainted with Bro. Chance and some have
already expressed how pleased they are to know he is coming
to our church. Bro. Chance has a long background in many
facets of church work, including teaching, missionary work,
counseling and pastoring. He also has editing experience
and has written for TBE. Read the good article he wrote
back in 1969, featured in this issue. So, let me just put it this
way: We are glad for the "CHANCES" we are taking." We
do ask our readers to continue to pray for CBC and especially
our new pastor and his wife. We invite any of our readers to
come and meet the Chances. I'm sure Bro. Chance would
like the "chance" to meet all who might "chance" to come
our way. (Puns are unlimited with a name like he's got).

May I say, I have enjoyed the many friendships of those
who have corresponded with me during my tenure as
temporary pastor and editor. Words cannot express my
gratitude to many who have been an encouragement to me
through their letters and phone calls. I call upon all of you
to give support to Bro. Chance as he assumes the duties of
publishing a great paper that will continue to be a great help
to all who read it. After all, everyone deserves a chance.
Oops! There I go again.

Calvary Baptist Church is pleased to welcome 3 new
members to our fold: Vicki Barrett, William (Bill) and Phyllis
Bills.

DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

With the moon at a distance of
230,000 miles away, where do we
go from here? With virtually no
air, no plant life, where do we go
from here? These are only
questions that will "bug" scientists
of today. But I would like to pose
another question...

"DID IT PLEASE THE LORD?"

When I first posed this question
to some of my good brethren, I
was met with a flurry of words that
seemed to say, "Why, what kind
of question is that!" Beloved, I
ask not this question trying to
belittle my country, for I am an
American and proud of such an
heritage. I am not trying to make
light of the great minds who
believed in this great feat enough
to give their entire lives toward

this day. I ask it simply to
reverently bring to your attention
the Book of Prophecy which God
has left for our record and
learning.

I believe that we can stand upon
the threshold of time and look
back into history to a favored
people and see, as in a mirror,
ourselves. These people were a
peculiar people, a chosen people,
a blessed nation. If you will, turn
to Psalm 106 and read, and at the
same time ask, "Did it please the
Lord?"

In this great portion of Scripture,
I invite your attention to verses 13
and 21:

**"They soon forgot his works;
they waited not for his counsel."
"They forgot God their Saviour,
which had done great things in**

A GREAT SCIENTIST

Michael Faraday, one of the world's greatest scientists,
had a very ignorant pastor. Their little church house was on
one of London's most unattractive streets. There were not
more than forty members in the little bunch, and none of
them was in the class to which Faraday belonged. They
were utterly unable to appreciate anything he was doing.

Yet he never missed hearing the pastor on Sundays —
hearing him with pleasure and profit. His seat was never
empty, even on mid-week prayer meeting.

It is reported of him that on one occasion he delivered an
address to the leading scientific society of Great Britain which
swept the learned auditors off their feet. When he had
finished speaking, the Prince of Wales arose and offered a
resolution of congratulations and thanks to the great scholar,
and, while the building was rocking with applause, Faraday
suddenly vanished. He was hurrying through the streets to
keep from being late at the prayer meeting of his little church.
He sat at the feet of his unlearned pastor meekly to learn of
the Saviour whom they both adored. Any sort of sermon
exalting his Master was music to his ears.

Friends, if a great man could enjoy his pastor's message,
it looks like you could. Don't miss church unless it is
absolutely and positively necessary.

Egypt."

They were bound to the idol
worship of a golden calf. They
were set upon their own mode of
worship, "That which seemeth
good in the eyes of men." They
pushed aside the fact that they
were blessed with the very
presence of God Almighty. They
cried, "We'll not have Him to rule
over us." Yet, in His tender mercy,
God provided and sent His
prophets to warn the people, for
them to turn from their wicked
way. In much the same mercy,
God has sent His preachers to
warn the people to turn from their
wicked way.

Today I would take you down
through history, where at one time
the Christian nation was seated
around Palestine, and the
preaching went forth with many
souls being brought to God's
favor; but, "They soon forgot God
their Saviour." History also tells
us the Christians suffered through
the long period of time called the
Dark Ages. As this persecution
carried over into Europe,
preachers such as Gill, Spurgeon,
Thomas and a host of others saw
many come by the power of the
preached Word into the full
Sonship of the Father. Europe rose
to great heights, but because of the
black heart of man in his depravity
she ceased to be called "the
Christian nation."

**"They soon forgot God their
Saviour."**

Thus we find a few dedicated
men who, for the love of Christ in
them, sought out another land
where they could worship their
God according to His revealed
Word; and to this day the land we

stand upon is called the Christian
land. We have the support of the
greatest form of organized religion
that has ever existed, which brings
us back to the original question,
"Did it please the Lord?"

I have never doubted the plan and
providence of the Lord in the
workings of His hand. Although
not always understood, His ways
are best, and I believe that.

Yes, I believe that man's going
to the moon was in the providence
of God just as I believe that
Pharaoh was raised up to fulfill the
purpose of God and was sent to
hell because of his unbelief. I
believe that old Pilate was raised
up to condemn the blessed Son of
God, and by it the eyes of Israel
were blinded in unbelief. But by
the same measure, was God
pleased?

I draw your attention to one more
statement that was made during
the moon shot. The question was
asked, "Now that we have landed
on the moon, where do we go from
here?" The answer was much the
same as you will find in the hearts
of the people mentioned in
Genesis 11:1-4. The answer that
was heard by millions of people
over the television was, "Why, UP,
of course!"

"Did it please the Lord?"

As a warning to the people of this
land, I must say this, "I do not
believe that He could be pleased,
since never in the course of these
events was even His name
mentioned or even a reference
made to give God the glory. It
seemed as though, "They forgot
God their Saviour."

May God bless His faithful
followers!



The Baptist Examiner Bible Study Lesson

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"Study to shew
thyself approved
unto God..."
2 Tim. 2:15

Studies in Genesis No Trivial Lesson (Gen. 36)

"Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom" (v.1). The introductory verse of chapter 36 suggests several things about the content of this passage; most obvious is that we will study Esau's family.

With respect to the organization of Genesis the family records, or genealogies, are found at transition from the study of one generation to the next. Also, the family records of those outside the development of the nation of Israel and God's covenant with Abraham precede the detailed accounts of the family within. For example, Ishmael's descendants were listed in Genesis 25:12-18 prior to the study of Isaac and his sons, Esau and Jacob, from v. 19 of that chapter through chapter 35. Chapter 36 records the origin of the Edomites. The study of the sons of Jacob, especially Joseph, accounts for the remainder of Genesis.

The record begins with Esau's wives. "Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth" (v.2-3). The diligent reader may recall that previous mention to Esau's wives are made in Gen. 26:34 and 28:8-9. In referring to those verses, however, one recognizes an apparent conflict in the naming of his wives between the previous and current accounts.

Some information to consider is that in the earlier references, the focus was on the impact of Esau's selection of wives. The two Canaanite women that Esau married brought grief to the household of Isaac and Rebekah. Later, Esau married a daughter of Ishmael in an attempt to duplicate the blessing that Jacob received from Isaac as he sought a wife from Rebekah's family. In this chapter the focus is on the children

that came from Esau which suggests that any wife that did not bear children would not necessarily be mentioned, even if previously recorded. Also, we have already seen several times in Genesis that individuals bear multiple names (receive a new name), and in verse 1 we are reminded that Esau was also known as Edom, meaning "red", a name capturing the color of the stew for which he sold his birthright to Jacob. If we apply this explanation toward Esau's wife who was from Ishmael's family, she is called in Gen. 28:9 Mahalath, a name meaning "sickness", while in verse 3 of this chapter she is called Bashemath, meaning "fragrance". It is not unthinkable that Esau would have preferred to call her by the second name instead of the first.

Next, we are told of the sons that were born to these three wives: "And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel; And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah; these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan" (v. 4-5). As is mentioned later in this passage, Eliphaz was the first-born son of Esau.

"And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughter, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob... Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom" (v. 6-8). Esau was familiar with the region known as Seir at the time of Jacob's return from living in Padanaram (see chapters 32-33). At the end of chapter 35, Esau and Jacob were present to bury their father in Hebron. This suggests that Esau returned to Seir with his family sometime after the death of Isaac, because both brothers enjoyed prosperity beyond what Hebron could sustain.

Verses 9-14 identify Esau's grandsons. A son of Eliphaz noted

in verse 12 is Amalek. Verses 15-19 present Esau's grandsons as dukes, which suggests that they each led their respective tribal family. Verses 20-30 tell of the sons of Seir the Horite who lived in this land where Esau moved.

Verses 31-39 list a succession of kings that reigned in the land of Edom. Following the death of one king, a new king rises up from a different tribe and a different region. Verse 31 notes that these kings of Edom ruled prior to existence of any kings in Israel. One can refer to 1 Samuel 8 for the origin of kings in Israel, as the elders sought to be like the nations around them.

Verses 40-43 complete the chapter with a list of tribal leaders descended from Esau that were in the land of Edom, perhaps at the time of Hadar, the last king mentioned in verse 39.

In the Book

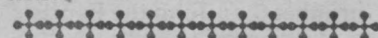
Perhaps in all the Scripture the portions which universally challenge the perseverance of the reader are the genealogies. This is especially true of this passage which presents the family of Esau. With general knowledge of the Bible and an understanding of our previous studies in Genesis, one knows that Jesus Christ entered into humanity through the family of Jacob (Israel), not of his twin brother Esau (Edom). The underlying problem with genealogies is in the substance of their very existence. They are lists. They contain names without faces, names without lives. In this isolation, names quickly turn into random collections of letters forming unfamiliar sounds.

Such it remains, for the tribes apart from Israel. While there are some familiar names, such as Amalek (v. 13) and Midian (a son of Abraham through Keturah referenced in v. 35), these are known primarily for opposing Israel. There are some connections that we can attempt to make. In verse 22, for example, Timna is mentioned as a daughter of the family of Seir. Timna is also the name given in verse 12 for the

concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's first-born, who was Amalek's mother. However, there can be uncertainty because of the reuse of names. In verse 2-25 we see an uncle and nephew that share the name Anah; they are distinguished by the nephew's discovery of mules in the wilderness. This can quickly become a frustrating activity.

Examining the genealogies of Christ (Matt. 1 and Luke 3) has a much different impact. While there still may be some unfamiliar names and some repetition of names, there are many listed whose lives as believers are recorded in the Bible. As we associate the lives of these people with their names in the lists, there is an awesome revelation of the interaction of people of faith through God's grace for His purpose.

This serves to remind that our focus should be neither to position nor achievement; ultimately, these are God's to distribute. He calls some to be kings, some to raise kings, and all to serve. Our concern should be faithful obedience in response to God's call. When the seventy disciples returned from their labor of the Lord's harvest, they rejoiced in the authority that they possessed in Christ. The Lord's response was "rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). Across the spectrum of human existence, there are innumerable opportunities to "make a name for yourself". The Preacher warns of the vanity of our labor when motivated by envy of others (see Eccles. 4:4). Often, we are tempted to forfeit our lives that we might become a name in this world. This is worthless view of eternity. It does not mean that the children of God are never placed in positions of power, fame, or authority in this world. However, if your name is etched in God's Book of Life, worry not if it is missing in man's book of lists.



SLIM GEMS

- Many a man who is proud of his right to say what he pleases, wishes he had the courage to do so.
- There is no record of a husband being shot by his wife while he was doing dishes.
- Some people get the point too soon, and therefore never learn anything.
- There should be more men laying brick, than throwing them.
- The man who thinks he has no faults, has at least one.
- A liar is hard not to believe when he says nice things about you.
- Have courage to let go the things not worth sticking to.
- A little boy prayed, "Lord if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a good time as it is."
- Love is the only service that power can't command or money buy.
- Everything in the household runs smoothly when love oils the machinery.



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How and when did the name "Baptist" come about?

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The name "Baptist" occurs around fifteen times in the Bible referring to the first New Testament preacher whose name was John. He immersed in water the converts to the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea." (Matt. 3, AV). A precedent was set in his ministry, that true Scriptural baptism would always be by immersion. Jesus started His church during His earthly ministry. That first church was composed of the disciples who had been baptized by John. They had New Testament, scriptural immersion at his hands. So then, this is the origin of the name "Baptist." Our churches were not always called by the Baptist name. In the New Testament they had various names such as "church of God," "disciples," "The church in their house," etc. Usually the church was designated by the name of the locality such as "The church of Antioch." Throughout the early centuries heretics split off from these true churches and formed their own religious orders. True churches continued to proclaim the gospel well as practice immersion. They were called by various names. Perhaps the most well known name was the Waldenses who were severely persecuted for rejecting the infant baptism of Rome. Around the third century these churches were called "Ana-baptists." It is a historical fact that the Ana-baptists flourished in the same locality as

the Waldenses had been. There was an intimate relation between the two groups. They preceded the Protestant reformation. Later the prefix "Ana" was dropped and hence you have the title "Baptist". So this name was given to us out of persecution for our stand on practicing the ordinance of immersion only. The Ana-baptists rejected all other baptisms of the Catholics and their Protestant daughters as being false, without authority. In this day and age the name it is getting harder to determine who the true Ana-baptists are. These kind of Baptists are still in existence. Jesus promised that "The gates of hell would not prevail against them." The vast majority of those who call themselves by the Baptist name today accept alien baptism. They accept anyone who has been immersed by any denomination. I say unto you, such churches are not really Baptist at all. They impugn the heritage of the Ana-baptists who gave their blood to preserve and defend the truth. I pray that God would open their eyes to see their grievous error! I am thankful that there are still true Baptists today who love the truth and venerate their great history, I am not ashamed to count myself among them.

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"This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist," (Luke 7:27-28a).

I want to say at the start of this question that I believe the church identified as Baptist was founded by the Lord Jesus while He was here on earth at sometime during His earthly ministry. It can be shown from Scripture (to those who will receive it) that the first church had everything necessary (including specific instructions on various subjects), to function as the local N.T. church.

There are many who say the Baptists churches can only be traced back to Roger Williams as its founder. Others will go back a little further to Anabaptists. Most call us a Protestant church of which today we have approximately 34 or 35 different kinds. All their assumptions are wrong. Only those Baptist churches holding to the "marks" and "principles" the Lord set down for a church can be identified as true local N.T. churches, or assemblies. Knowing the criticism that can come from a statement like this, I still make it: "Baptist doctrine is Bible doctrine, and Bible doctrine is Baptist doctrine".

John the son of Zacharias was the first to be called "Baptist". God gave him that name and commended him for carrying out His work. Many years ago I heard L.W. Carlin preach his message called, "John, Just Plain Old John". During that message, he gave anyone an offer who would, explain to him how John could be "the" Baptist, and not be "a" Baptist.

There were times when we were called by the other names; times when our enemies labeled us "Baptists" as a scornful title. However, for the first approximately 2 centuries most Christian communities were Baptist in doctrine and practice. Space does not allow a retelling of these times.

I believe that the name "Baptist" originated with our Lord calling John the "Baptist". Jesus called John that name in praise and commendation of his work as the forerunner. (Matt. 11:11) Often

times men would mention our Baptist name in preserved statements. Men like Zuinglius (a Swiss Reformer), Cardinal Hosius (Catholic scholar), Luther, and several others mention Baptists although in a derogatory way blaming them for trouble, when indeed, they were the troubled. The name "Baptist" is as old as the church that it identifies.

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This is probably the easiest question we've had in a long time. There will be, however, some who will not understand. A missionary recently put it this way, the Bible isn't hard to understand, it is hard to believe. That's the way it is with this answer, it's not hard to answer but it will be hard for some to accept.

Our Lord gave us the name when He was preparing for His ministry. **"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."** (Matt. 3:13). He walked a long distance to be baptized by the only person who had authority to baptize, John. Keep in mind his name was not **"John the Baptist, his name was John"** (Luke 1:63). He was called John the Baptist by God in the Bible in several passages. (See Matt. 3:1; 11:11,12; 14:2; 16:14; 17:13; Mark 6:24,25,28; 8:28; Luke 7:20, 28,33; 9:19). All of these verses uses the Greek word "Baptistace" which means a baptizer or Baptist. (The only other time he was called the Baptist that used a different Greek word was in Mark 6:14 which used the word "Baptizo" which means to make fully wet). The name "Baptist" means the baptizer and that's why God gave us that

name. The Baptist church is the only organization in the world that has the authority to baptize.

Jesus came to the only person that was sent by God to start and administer baptism as seen by Matt. 3:13 as used above. After He was baptized He then authorized the disciples to baptize. **"When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,** (though Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples,)" (John 4:1,2). While preparing to organize His church He authorized the disciples to baptize. After He started His church He gave the church the commission to baptize. (Matt. 28:18-20). Note: When the church held its first business meeting after Christ went back to heaven, and before Pentecost, the one to be elected to take Judas' place had to have the baptism of John, Acts 2:22.

To answer your question, the name Baptist came from God when He sent John to prepare the way and a people for Jesus.



A young man who had taken service with a well-to-do farmer, after a few weeks gave up his position. A friend asked him why he had left such a good place. Was the work too hard, or the hours too long? "No." Were the wages too low? "No." "Why then did you leave?" "I left," said the man, "because the house had no roof." That was the Scottish expression for a house and home without prayer.

HIS SHEEP

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of a sheep! God's people are thus exhorted to be harmless. **"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves"** (Matt. 10:16).

A sheep doesn't like filth. It is the cleanest domestic animal known. Although God's people have a proneness to wander and quickly go astray, they do not like filth, nor love sin. The world gets a wrong impression when it sees sinning church members wallowing in sin. They are not God's sheep; they are either the Devil's hogs that have rooted in under the fence, or the Devil's goats that have climbed over the top.

When Noah sent forth the raven and dove from the ark, the dove came back, since there was no food but rotting carcasses and no place for her to alight upon except on filth. The raven never came back. Those putrid carcasses floating in the water provided a place for his feet to stand and food for his stomach. Thus the nature of each manifested itself. There is a lot of old raven unconverted nature in our churches. God's sheep are like the dove; they don't like filth.

As a boy I grew up on a stock farm, where we raised lots of sheep and hogs. It was my business to get the hogs ready for the show circuit and fairs. The Devil always told me that there was no time like Sunday morning to do this, and usually I believed him. Accordingly, on Sunday morning, I gave Mr. Hog his weekly bath, trimmed his toenails so he would stand up well on his feet, and polished his bristles with oil until they shone in the sunlight. Then I would say, "Now, Mr. Hog, stay clean." Instead of walking around to the front porch and seating himself in an easy chair, he would make a beeline to an old mud slough back of the barn and would roll over on one side. As I watched, I would say, "Goodbye, 50 percent of my work is gone already." As if not content, he would roll over on the other side to finish his task of spoiling my morning's work. Why did he do it? Because he was a hog and it is a hog's nature to like filth. One day I saw a pet sheep wading across the old pond dam of this mud slough and when some dirt slipped beneath her, she fell in. She got out at once, looking very

much ashamed of herself for having soiled her pretty white wool. Why didn't she wallow there like the hog? It was her nature to be clean. In our churches, we have a lot of the old hog, unregenerate nature, which manifests itself, but they are not God's people. His people may fall in sin, like the sheep, but they will not wallow in it, like the hog.

A sheep is a useful animal. Each year it produces a crop of wool and mutton. God's dear sheep are useful also. The daily attitude of every believer should be, **"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"** (Acts 9:6).

I used to have an old gentleman in church of which I was pastor who was perfectly happy whenever I preached from either one of the texts: "Feed my sheep," or "By grace are ye saved." If I used them each Sunday morning and evening, this dear old soul would go into ecstatic jubilation. Now, those are good texts, but any text or subject used to an extreme will kill any church. One day I preached on "Missions" and at the close of the service he came to me with a look on his face as though he had been eating sauerkraut and drinking lemonade for the past six months, say, "O, Brother Gilpin, why didn't you feed the sheep?" Having heard that same plaintive note and having seen that rejected face often before, I said: "Look here, Brother, if I had a sheep as ornery as you, I'd send him to the stock yards tomorrow morning." Beloved, there are many church members just like that, good - but good for nothing. A genuine sheep is really useful in Christ's kingdom.

II

It is interesting to notice the mark of ownership which God's sheep carry. Every good farmer will mark his livestock or poultry with either an earmark or a foot mark. God's dear sheep carry His brand both in the ear and the foot.

First, there is the mark of the ear. Jesus said, **"My sheep hear my voice"** (John 10:27). God's sheep have a hearing ear. They will hear Christ and His Word. They are like Lazarus, who though dead for three days, responded to the voice of Jesus (John 11:43, 44). Any church member who is not willing to listen to God's Word and who will not accept His Word, thereby proves that He is not one of God's sheep. In fact one of God's sheep won't hear anything else but His Word. Whereas one may be satisfied with the "Discipline," or with the findings of the

"Presbyter," or with the teachings of his church fathers, the moment he is saved, he will have a taste then for nothing but the Word of God.

Not only do God's sheep carry a mark in the ear, they also carry a foot mark. They have more than a hearing ear; they have following feet as well. Jesus said, **"My sheep ...follow me"** (John 10:27). They may rebel or delay following some of Jesus' teachings, but if saved, eventually the "following foot" will manifest itself. Those who never follow Him, thus say to the world that they know not the Lord Jesus.

III

This text further declares that Christ knows His sheep. he says, "I know them." I am sure one way whereby He know His sheep is by their imperfections. A preacher friend traveling in Palestine said to a native shepherd, "Is it true that you actually know each sheep?" By way of answer the shepherd lifted his voice. No sooner had he done so than a sheep lifted his head from grazing to answer. He called again and another looked up, and on and on he called various ones of his flock. When asked how he could tell them apart he said, "This one has a squint; this one's toes are in a little; this one has a black spot; another, some wool off; and another has a piece out of the ear." Thus he remembered his sheep by the imperfections. Possibly Christ remembers us in like manner, for surely no one of His sheep is perfect.

Since He knows us then each of His sheep is secure. At the judgment, Christ will say to the lost, **"I never knew you."** (Matt. 7:23). If one of Christ's sheep could be lost then Christ would falsify at the judgment when He says, "I never knew you." In view of this spotless character of our Lord, then none of us can believe that He would thus speak. Therefore, only one conclusion remains: since He knows us, we are secure in Him. **"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."** (John 10:27-29). **"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor**

"...AND EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT..."



depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39).

Since He knows His sheep then all is well in the midst of danger. **"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"** (Rom. 8:28). **"Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep"** (Psa. 121:4). **"I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living"** (Psa. 142:4,5). "There's never a heartache and never a groan
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger, but there on His throne
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

Since He knows His sheep then heaven is our home and He will take us to it by and by. **"For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself"** (Phil. 3:20-21). What a blessed

future each of God's dear sheep has before him. How wonderful to know that the God who has provided saving Grace, keeping Grace, and protecting Grace will also provide dying Grace, when He makes ready to take us to heaven. Possibly the experience of no one better illustrates this than that of Roland Hill of Surrey Chapel, London, who when he lay dying raised himself and repeated a poem which he often quoted from his pulpit:

"And when I am to die, receive me I'll cry,
For Jesus has loved me, I can not tell why;
But this I do find, that we two are so joined,
He'll not be in glory and leave me behind."

In closing we ask, "Are you one of His sheep; are you sure of it?" I imagine that many of the hearts of my readers must answer in the negative, and say, "I wish I were a sheep." Then, if you sincerely wish to be one of His sheep, listen to His words, **"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved"** (John 10:9). There are no difficult walls to scale to get to God; there is only one step, a step of faith. There is only one door. **"Jesus said unto them, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but**

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world. But, you have found the camp full of spiritual food, what are you doing with this Good News? Are you like the four lepers, their own consciences telling them that some mischief would befall them if they did not spread the good news, if they thought only their own well-being? Selfish Christians can not expect to prosper, and if you are not spreading the Good News you are a **Selfish Christian**; and you are keeping all the food for yourself. Because of your selfish actions souls are starving! Hoarding brings, to others starvation; and to the hoarder judgment. You must understand that to be of use, to be compassionate, to receive the greater part of rest beyond measure, is when you share with others The Good News!

Now, I know, that some would say, "But, there is no famine!" But, Beloved of God, there is a great famine, a spiritual famine, which is caused by the lack of sharing the nourishment contained in The Word of God. The Gospel, which is The Good News, is not being proclaimed to the people! And again, I hear many saying, "I am not an evangelist!" But, understand this, and understand this very well: the woman at the well was not an evangelist, but she became one. John 4:25-30), "**The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. And upon this came his disciples, and marveled that he talked with the woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her: The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.**" This woman had a testimony, and she proceeded to confess Christ to the men of the city; and the men went to see Jesus, knowing full-well what kind of woman she had been, and many believed. This was evangelism, at its finest! Ultimately, evangelism is basically one starving person

telling another starving person where to find food.

Now, I want you to notice, this woman left her water jar to go out and tell others about the Messiah, The Anointed One of God! You may ask, "What was so important about her water jar?" Just the fact that it was the only thing of real value that she owned, besides being the only way for her to obtain water for all her needs. Water jars cost a great deal of money, of which she had very little. Yet, she left her water jar to proclaim that the Messiah had come. This woman was an evangelist in the real meaning of the word! An evangelist is a bearer of good new. Especially The Good News about the coming kingdom of God, and the salvation to be obtained through Jesus Christ, and all that relates to salvation. An evangelist heralds salvation through Christ, and you are to be evangelist, as the woman at the well, willing to leave your earthly possessions to proclaim Jesus Christ, and His Salvation! The ethics of Good News demands that you spread, to others, Jesus Christ, and His salvation! Are you an evangelist? Are you willing to leave all to spread the Good News? You do know that all Christians are to be evangelists, don't you? You're not ashamed of Jesus Christ, are you? Then spread the Good News!

Paul, writing to Timothy, said "Do not be ashamed", (2 Timothy 1:8), "**Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God**". Do not be embarrassed to testify for the Master, nor humiliated by those that suffer for Him. Use the power that comes from God, and join in the suffering that will come because you spread the Good News.

Yes! God will give you the power to testify about Him, and spread the Good News for Him. But, testifying, and spreading the Good News will bring suffering. Didn't the Lord Jesus Christ suffer for you? Christ was stripped, whipped, nailed to a Roman cross, and died. Didn't the early believers suffer for you? It was by their suffering, by their testifying, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ that has allowed salvation to come to you. Now! it is time for your to suffer, because of you testifying, and spreading the Good News of Jesus

Christ, so that others now, and in the future, can be saved! As David said, "Is there not a cause?"

You need to be ready to answer those that ask you about your hope in Christ. (1 Peter 3:15), "**But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear**" You are to honor Christ in your hearts, and let him be the Lord of your life. You are to always be ready to give a logical answer to anyone who asks you about your confident, and cheerful, expectation, with pleasure, of eternal salvation, but with mildness, and gentleness of spirit, and reverence (Isaiah 8:12-13). This means you must know the Word of God, and love Christ, your Saviour!

You have discovered the salvation that is found in Jesus
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One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village.
He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.
He then became an itinerant preacher.
He never held an office.
He never had a family or owned a house.
He didn't go to college.
He had no credential - but himself...

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man

on this earth as much as that...

FIVE FACTS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

Revealed in Romans 8:29,30

Fact #1, For whom He did foreknow - Before the foundation of the world, God determined who shall be the objects of His love. 1 Peter 1:2; Eph 1:4; Rev. 21:27.

Fact #2, He also did predestinate - Before the foundation of the world, God determined how the objects of His love shall be made to know their position. 1 Thess. 5:9; Eph. 1:5, 11; Phil. 2:13.

Fact #3, Them He also called - Before the foundation of the world, God determined when in their lives He would quicken them to spiritual life. Gal. 1:15, 16; Eph. 1:10, 13, 18.

Fact #4, Them He also justified - Before the foundation of the world, God determined by what means the object of His love would be reconciled to Himself. Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:6, Eph. 2:13.

Fact #5, Them He also glorified - Before the foundation of the world, God determined where the objects of His love should spend eternity. Rev. 21:24; Eph. 2:4-7, Col. 3:4.

Consider that these five facts were established in time, before the foundation of the world and they cannot be completely fulfilled until after this present world passes away, yet they are recorded in the Sacred Scriptures in the past tense, as though they had already been fulfilled. Such is the certainty of God's purpose for you.

We also notice, that, whereas, these facts have to do with your personal and eternal salvation, none of them depend upon you for their fulfillment, but were determined long before you ever existed and are according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace. Eph. 1:5,6.

One thing that is very evident, is, that you are not a Christian today because of some twist of fate, or because the odds happened to be in your favor, or that you are just plain lucky. You are a Christian today because of some very deliberate planning on God's part, that began before He created this world and shall continue long after this world is dissolved.

How may you know that these things pertain to you after all? Peter admonishes us to, "give diligence to make your calling and election sure." First of all, you will know that you have been quickened or made spiritually alive by God, if you have a spiritual appetite. Do you truly hunger after the things of God? Do you seek to know and understand the Word of God? Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in your life? Do you have love, joy and peace within your soul, long suffering, gentleness and goodness toward others and faith, meekness and temperance before God? Have you confessed that Jesus is Lord and do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? Do you recognize that only the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can cleanse you from all sin?

If you answer yes to these questions, this is evidence that God has wrought a miracle of grace in your heart and you have been born again.

These things are certain because they depend not on you, but on God the Father, who purposed your redemption, God the Son who accomplished your redemption and God the Holy Spirit who applies your redemption.

What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who shall be against us? Romans 8:31.

So, rejoice, because you names are written in Heaven. Luke 10:20.

-C.R.M.

PERSONAL HOLINESS

By A.W. Pink

"That opinion that personal holiness is unnecessary to final glorification is in direct opposition to every dictate of reason, to every declaration of Scripture" (Augustus Toplady).

By our fall in Adam we not only lost the favor of God but also the purity of our nature and therefore we need to be both reconciled to God and renewed in our inner man, for without personal holiness **"no man shall see the Lord"** (Heb. 12:14). **"As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner conversation** (behavior); **because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy"** (1 Pet. 1:15,16). God's nature is such that unless we be sanctified there can be no intercourse between Him and us. But can persons be sinful and holy at one and the same time? Genuine Christians discover so much carnality, filth, and vileness in themselves that they find it almost impossible to be assured they are holy. Nor is this difficulty solved, as in justification, by recognizing that though completely unholy in ourselves we are holy in Christ, for Scripture teaches that those who are sanctified by God are holy in themselves, though the evil nature has not been removed from them.

None but **"the pure in heart"** will ever **"see God"** (Matt. 5:8). There must be that renovation of soul whereby our minds, affections and wills are brought into harmony with God. There must be that impartial compliance with the revealed will of God and abstinence from evil which issues from faith and love. There must be that directing of all our actions to the glory of God, by Jesus Christ according to the Gospel. There must be a spirit of holiness working within the believer's heart so as to sanctify his outward actions if they are to be acceptable unto Him in whom "there is no darkness." True, there is perfect holiness in Christ for the believer, but there must also be a holy nature received from Him. There are some who appear to delight in the imputed obedience of Christ who make little or no concern about personal holiness. They have much to say about being arrayed in **"the garments of salvation and covered with the robe of righteousness"** (Isa. 61:10), who give no evidence that they **"are clothed with humility"** (1 Pet. 5:5) or that they have **"put on ... bowels of mercies, kindness,**

humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another" (Col. 3:12).

How many there are today who suppose that if they have trusted in Christ all is sure to be well with them at the last even though they are not personally holy. Under the pretense of honoring faith, Satan, as an angel of light, has deceived and is now deceiving multitudes of souls. When their "faith" is examined and tested, what is it worth? Nothing at all so far as insuring an entrance into Heaven is concerned: it is a powerless, lifeless, fruitless thing. The faith of God's elect is unto **"the knowledge of the truth which is after godliness"** (Titus 1:1). It is a faith which purifieth the heart (Acts 15:9) and it grieves over all impurity. It is a faith which produces an unquestioning obedience (Heb. 11:8). They therefore do but delude themselves who suppose they are daily drawing nearer to heaven while they are following those courses which lead only to Hell. He who thinks to come to the enjoyment of God without being personally holy, makes Him out to be an unholy God, and puts the highest indignity upon Him. The genuineness of saving faith is only proved as it bears the blossoms of experimental godliness and the fruits of true piety....

In Christ God has set before his people that standard of moral excellence which He requires them to aim and strive after. In His life we behold a glorious representation in our own nature of the walk of obedience which He demands of us. Christ conformed Himself to us by His abasing incarnation, how reasonable therefore it is that we should conform ourselves to Him in the way of obedience and sanctification. **"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"** (Phil. 2:5). He came as near to us as was possible for Him to do, how reasonable then is it that we should endeavor to come as near as it is possible for us to do. **"Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me"** (Matt. 11:29). If **"even Christ pleased not Himself"** (Rom. 15:3), how reasonable is it that we should be required to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him (Matt. 16:24), for without so

doing we cannot be his disciples (Luke 14:27). If we are to be conformed to Christ in glory how necessary that we first be conformed to Him in holiness: **"he that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked"** (1 John 2:6). **"Let ever one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity"** (2 Tim. 2:19): let him either put on the life of Christ or drop the name of Christ.

-The Saint's Perseverance, pp.68-70.



GOING TO BED TO RISE AGAIN

By Thomas Manton

"A man goes to bed willingly and cheerfully, because he knows he shall rise again the next morning, and be renewed in his strength. Confidence in the resurrection would make us go to the grave as cheerfully as we go to our beds; it would make us die more comfortably, and sleep more quietly, in the bosom of the Lord than we rest in our own beds."



THE ONLY RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE: The Holy Bible

I. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible.

- A. This means all of the words in the Bible were breathed out by God.
- B. This means all Scripture is equally inspired.
- C. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Matt. 4:4.

II. We believe in the infallibility of the Bible.

- A. This means the Bible is entirely true and totally trustworthy and wholly without error in all matters of religious faith and practice.
- B. Many churches claim to believe in the infallibility of the Bible while at the same time denying the verbal, plenary inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible.

III. We believe in the inerrancy of the Bible.

- A. This means the Bible is entirely true and totally trustworthy and wholly without error in all matters of which it speaks.
- B. Many churches claim to believe in the inerrancy of the Bible, but they actually believe in the inerrancy of the Bible only in the original autographs.

IV. We believe in the supreme and final authority of the Bible.

- A. This means the Bible is our final court of appeal for determining what to believe, what not to believe, how to behave, and how not to behave.
- B. Isa. 8:20; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

V. We believe in the sufficiency of the Bible.

- A. This means we do not need anything in addition to the Bible to teach us the truth about God, man, sin, salvation, Satan, the church, death, the afterlife, how man is to relate to God, how man is to relate to man, how man is to relate to the created world around him, and how man is to relate to himself.
- B. This means we do not need new revelation or other "holy" books (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 119; 19:7-14; Heb. 4:12-13; 2 Pet. 1:3-9).
- C. This means we do not need psychiatrists, social workers, and psychologists to help us with problem relationships.

Secular Counselors

1. Hold to a Darwinian view of man (product of animal ancestry).
2. Hold to a Freudian view of sin (medical model instead of moral model).
3. Hold to a Marxist view of history, religion, etc. (dialectic).
4. Hold to Margaret Mead's view of human sexuality (moral relativism).
5. Hold to John Dewey's view of individual autonomy (man-made rules).
6. Hold to a Humanistic view of life in general (atheism, agnosticism).
7. Have no real wisdom, knowledge, or understanding (produced by fear of Lord).

-submitted by John A. Kohler, III

EVANGELISM-One starving person telling another starving person where to find food.

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by me" (John 1:6). Today that door is open. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). In view of the fact that some day this door will be closed, then make your calling and election sure today.

In the hills of West Virginia, a miner attended some evangelist services and became deeply convicted. One night he started to talk to the evangelist after all had gone home, but he couldn't seem to grasp the Truth. At 10:30 the preacher proposed that the man go home, but return to talk about the matter the next night. The man said, "Sir, it must be settled tonight or never." At twelve o'clock the man jumped to his feet and cried, "I've got it!" "Got what?" asked the evangelist. "The peace that Jesus made," was his reply. He went down in the shaft at 6 o'clock the next morning to work. Two hours later, there was a terrible explosion and he was pinned into a corner by a huge piece of coal. One man put his ear against a crack in the coal and heard him say, "Thank God, it was settled last night!"

"It must be settled tonight.

I can no longer wait,
Peace with my God I now must have.

Tomorrow may be too late."
"Tomorrow's sun may never rise
To bless my long deluded sight,
This is the time. O, then be wise,
Thou wouldst be saved, then why not tonight?"

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Christ, and it is a **Breakdown of your basic integrity** to keep that discovery to yourselves, as well as the greatest of all selfishness. You have found the Remedy for sin, and the Cure for the guilty conscience, which is Jesus Christ. You have found the Nourishment of life, which is the Word of God - the Good News of Jesus Christ. You are obligated to share with others, because others have shared with you the Good News of Jesus Christ, and His salvation: Jesus Christ being the Remedy for sin, and the Cure for the guilty conscience.

The Love of Christ constraineth us

**To save a world from hell,
To preach and reach the uttermost,
And each lost sinner tell.** - Brandt

The Ethics of Good News demands that YOU proclaim, to others, Jesus Christ, and His salvation. **So proclaim the Good News!**

*...Earth has known
no better creed
Than a pure,
unselfish deed;...*

-Alfred Grant Walton

AWAY!

I heard once of a simple Christian who made no pretense at being a preacher, but who was asked to take a service in the absence of the regular preacher. Entering the pulpit, he said, "If I were a real preacher I might find one text sufficient, but seeing I am not used to this business, I will take three texts."

The first text was 1 John 1:7: "**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.**" After reading it carefully, he paused, looked at his audience over his glasses and quietly said, "That's my sins away."

Reading his second, "**Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God,**" (Phil. 4:6). He said, "That's my cares away."

Then turning to his third text, "**Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord,**" (1 Thes. 4:17). He looked again at his audience and said with a happy smile, "That's myself away." -Copied

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hear from you!*

**Letters to
the Editor**



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Dear Pastor Whitt & Calvary Baptist,

I grew up with TBE and do not want to be purged from the mailing list. I enjoy the paper even more now that it does not come so often....

We enjoy the paper and are very doctrinally similar. I liked the quote from Martin Luther about schools. We homeschool our children seven and ten years old because of the corrupt nature of public schools and it has been the best decision for our children academically, socially and spiritually.

J&S R., Hobbs, NM

Dear Brother,

I am sending my renewal subscription which should take me up to Oct. 99.

You have done a most commendable job with the Examiner and I admire you for your insight and stewardship with the resources which God has given you.

Elder T.R.S., Glennville, GA

Dear TBE,

... I do not know who subscribed to the Examiner for me, several years ago, but I have been blessed by the Lord through your interesting articles that are so Scriptural.

B.A.M., Eustis, FL

HE THAT ASKETH

By D.L. Moody

I heard of a wife who had an unconverted husband. She resolved that she would pray every day for twelve months for his conversion. Every day at twelve o'clock she went to her room alone and cried to God.

Her husband would not allow her to speak to him on the subject of religion, but she could speak to God on his behalf. It may be that you have a loved one, a friend or a neighbor who does not wish to be spoken to about his salvation. You can do as this woman did — pray to God about it.

The twelve months passed, and there was no sign of his yielding. She resolved to pray for six months longer, so every day she prayed for the conversion of her husband. The six months passed, and still there was no sign, no answer.

The question arose in her mind, "Can I give him up?" "No," she said, "I will pray for him as long as God gives me breath.

That very day, when he came home to dinner, instead of going into the dining room he went upstairs. She waited, and waited, and waited, but he did not come down to dinner. Finally she went to his room and found him on his knees crying to God to have mercy on him.

God convicted him of sin. He not only became a Christian, but the Word of God had free course, and was glorified in him. God used him mightily. Thus God answered the prayers of this Christian wife. She knocked, and knocked, until the answer came.