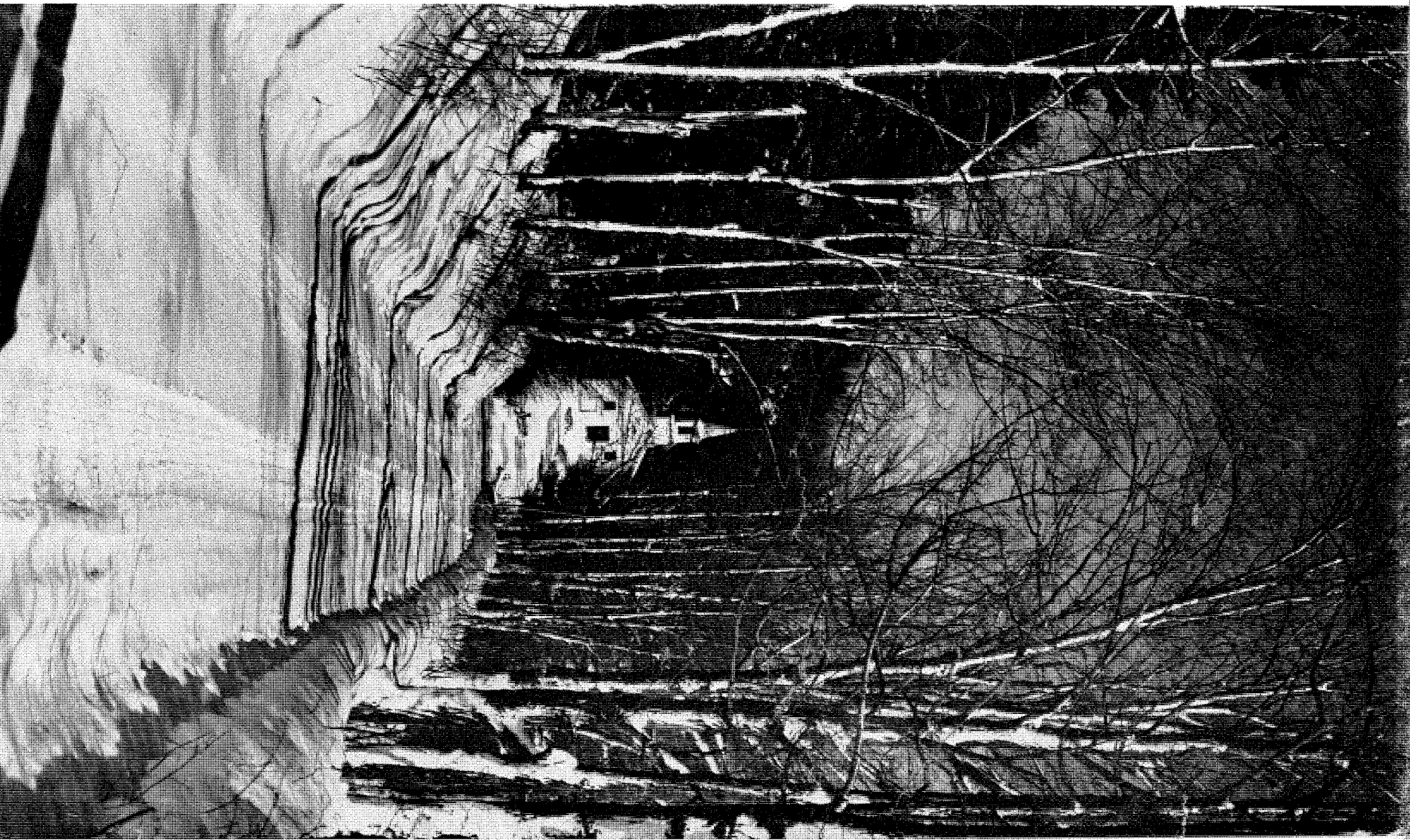


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personally . . .

AT THE 1961 SESSION of the National Association held in Norfolk, Virginia, the body dealt, for the first time in its history, with the problem of connectional church government. Since the whole idea of connectional church government posed a serious threat to our historic form of congregational church government, the body took two decisive steps. The offices of five men, who had signed an affidavit affirming belief in connectional church government, were declared vacant, and the North Carolina State Convention was requested to repudiate any and all forms of connectional church government.

Since this session of our National Association, we have given space to this problem as we deemed it wise. In each presentation we have sought to be factual and not become guilty of misrepresentation and half-truths, recognizing that some day we also will answer to God. We have always deplored the necessity of giving space to the examination of this problem. We had hoped very much that we could give this space to more profitable endeavors, but now, due to erroneous reports published in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, I find that once again it becomes necessary to give attention to this matter through the pages of this magazine so that the public might know the truth. Therefore, in the interest of truth, we give the following information.

In two recent issues of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST (November 29 and December 6, 1961), the editor states that the National Association of Free Will Baptists has entered a lawsuit and that he has not been able to determine who authorized this action. (He has reference to the lawsuit between the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction vs. the James A. Miles Faction of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church.)

First, let it be made absolutely clear that the National Association has *not* entered this lawsuit. In support of this, let me quote a paragraph from a letter received from J. Melville Broughton, Jr., the attorney secured by the Executive Committee of the National Association to present our amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

"We were surprised to learn that anyone had indicated that the National Association had been making an effort to become a party to this proceeding and we reiterate what we stated to you that the term "amicus curiae" means "friend of the court." We stated in the first petition that the National Association was interested in the matter in litigation, *not as a party* but as an organization being concerned with the principle involved in the litigation. It should be stated that quite often a court will request amicus curiae briefs from individuals or groups *not parties* to the litigation under consideration, but being acquainted with the matters involved in litigation, it being the court's feeling that an expression from such parties and individuals would be helpful to the court. So let me emphasize again that *nothing done on behalf of the National Association could have in any way put the National Association in this case as a party*. In fact, you could say that such was not legally possible and was certainly not attempted or done." (Emphasis added.)

This should make it absolutely clear that the National Association has not entered this lawsuit and, furthermore, the National Association does not intend to enter this lawsuit. There is a vast difference in entering a lawsuit—becoming party to it—and filing an amicus curiae brief as a "friend of the court."

(Note: The Western Conference of North Carolina is a joint plaintiff in the above mentioned lawsuit. They have entered this lawsuit and become a party to it by joining with the J. G. Teasley Faction, a minority group in the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, in an effort to take the property from the majority. The National Association has *not* become a party in this lawsuit. There was an effort made by the Executive Committee of the National Association to file an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court of North Carolina. This "friend of the court" brief was a documented paper showing Free Will Baptist church government to be congregational. The request for filing this brief was denied by the court.)

Now for a positive consideration of the editor's statement that he has been unable to determine who authorized the National Association to enter this lawsuit.

One would think that there was some deep, dark secret about all of this, but to my knowledge there has been absolutely no communication with the Executive Secretary or the Executive department about this matter. We would have been very happy to answer any questions which the editor of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, or any other person, might like to have raised. Why did he not seek the facts? Why did he choose instead to print information that was erroneous and which carried false implications? I can only wonder if some are really interested in the facts.

In the light of this, it is interesting that in one of the very issues in which the editor of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST misrepresented the true position of the National Association he wrote editorially as follows:

"It is against moral judgement to distort facts, misrepresent facts, purposefully

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By Fred Schwarz, M.D.

COMMUNISM . . . a disease

I AM, BY PROFESSION, a physician and a surgeon; concerned with the preservation of health and life. Communism has already killed many millions of people and proposes to kill many millions more. Therefore, by definition, it is a disease.

It is a three-fold disease. It is a disease of the body, because it kills; a disease of the mind, because it is associated with systematized delusions not susceptible to rational argument; and a disease of the spirit because it denies God, materializes man, robs him of spirit and soul, and, in the last analysis, even of mind itself and reduces him to the level of a beast of the field.

The disease of Communism is making fast epidemic progress and we are confronted, not merely with the possibility, but with the probability that at present rates of expansion, within a generation it will have consumed the entire Earth.

The most essential feature in the treatment of any disease is accurate diagnosis. We have a saying in the medical profession: "It is better to have the right operation done poorly than the wrong operation done very well." If the trouble is in the appendix, you can gather the world's outstanding surgeon and he can admit you to the very finest hospital, gather together superb assistants in nursing and anesthesiology and together they can do a perfect operation to remove your gall bladder. That operation may be the very finest ever performed, but it does suffer from the minor disadvantage—it will not cure your original appendicitis.

It is quite obvious that our treatment of Communism is a colossal failure!

The enemy advances from strength to strength. The free world retreats. The area of freedom continually shrinks. Every move that we make is apparently unable to halt this advancing force! I would like to ask

the question: Is it possible that our failure in this struggle has rested upon an inaccurate diagnosis? If we diagnose wrongly we are certain to treat ineffectively. What is Communism?

I am a salesman of a very simple idea. This idea I find very difficult to sell, and I have never been able to understand why. It is not hard to sell the idea that football team desires to make touchdowns, that the library has books in it and not groceries; that the hen lays eggs and not grapefruit. But I find it tremendously difficult to sell the idea that the Communists are Communists; that they believe what they say they believe; that their organization is the organization they outline; that their objectives are the objectives they proudly proclaim. Once we take the simple step of acknowledging that the Communists are precisely what they say they are, the entire mystery vanishes, and their entire program derives a purposeful integrated unity that is not only comprehensible, but is almost mathematically predictable.

Nikita Khrushchev recently said "anyone who thinks we have forsaken Marxism-Leninism is crazy. That won't happen until shrimp learn to whistle!" What is Marxism-Leninism? It is vitally important that we should understand precisely what this alleged science is.

To put it very briefly, Marxism-Leninism teaches that there is no God; that men and women are animals devoid of soul, spirit, significant individual value and continuity of life, and that the human animal species has been divided by its economic environment into warring classes and that the basic dynamic of capitalist society is a state of war which Marx called the "class war." The basic doctrine of Marxism-Leninism is simply this: War is universal. This war is between the two classes—the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, as they were originally called. The proletariat allegedly represented

the class of labor; the bourgeoisie represented the class of property ownership. Between these two there is a permanent, truceless state of warfare.

Now according to the Communist theory of Marxism-Leninism the class of property ownership controls the state government. You gentlemen and ladies represent, according to Communist theory, the mechanism by which the bourgeoisie enslaves and exploits the working class. On the other hand the proletariat generates its higher command, the Communist Party. This war manifests itself as war between the Communist Party and the government. Now according to Marxism-Leninism, the Communists did not declare this war; they did not even necessarily desire it. They simply recognized it and recognized their historic duty to consummate it in victory. Originally this war is within a state manifesting itself as war between the Communist Party and the Government. With the progress of history, Communism has come to power in the name of the proletariat, in Russia, in China, in Eastern Europe: the bourgeoisie remains in power in America and in associated countries. Therefore the class war has transferred itself from the national to the international plane. The fundamental doctrine of Marxism-Leninism is that Russia and America are at war; that China and America are at war. The war is universal, truceless. It embraces every facet of human life. The weapons of this war are multiple, not merely the traditional weapons of guns and bombs and military science. Trade, language, cultural interchange, sports, arts, education and religion—everything is a weapon in this class warfare. War is universal!

Since the basic Communist doctrine is that Russia and America are at War, what do they mean when they talk about "peace"? There is no word in the Communist lexicon used more frequently than the word "peace."

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SALVATION

BY APPOINTMENT

The concluding article in this series which has been well received by our readers. Note carefully the suggested presentation and then trust God to make you effective.

By George Delamarter

IT HAS BEEN very gratifying to see the warm response to this series of articles by Dr. Delamarter. Some have asked about the possibility of getting all three articles in pamphlet form. If there is sufficient interest in this, we will be happy to make them available. Let us hear from you.—The editor.

Things to Remember

NEVER ARGUE—Argument builds resistance; love builds bridges. You are witnessing to create desire. Remember, the sinner is blind and because of the spiritual blindness, he may make some rather strange assertions. Do not let this upset you. Ask God to keep you on an even keel. Merely respond with: "My that's interesting," or "I used to think that way too," etc. Love draws, argument repels. Matthew 10:16 "As wise as serpents."

DO NOT BE LED FROM THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE STUDY—Remember, you have set up the "appointment" to lead to Christ. Questions will be asked concerning smoking, the social drink, dancing, etc. **BUT DO NOT FORGET**, you are filling this "appointment", not to get this person to quit smoking, drinking, dancing, and what have you, but you are there to lead to Christ! Christ will take care of "these things" as a matter of growing in grace, and growing in the knowledge of the Christian life. You know and I know that a person can quit every evil habit and still lose his soul. Quitting "things" does not save, but re-

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ceiving Christ does. If we are not careful we will be teaching salvation by works, and not by faith in Christ. So study about Christ, and leave the "things" up to Him. Please understand, and you will be a soul winner.

YOU HAVE NOT SET UP THE BIBLE STUDY TO TRY TO PROVE THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD. In the first place the average person is not qualified to go into the historical aspect of the inspiration of the Scripture. Even if you were, proving this does not lead to Christ. It is using the Word, not proving the Word, that brings light to the darkened heart.

Simply proceed in all faith that God will keep His Word. Put God to the test. He delights in backing up His Word and presence. If a person should ask concerning the authenticity of the Bible, you might answer: "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32. "If you really, from your heart, desire an answer, let's study the Word of God together." Then the Holy Spirit, through the Word, can convict and convert. In some cases John 7:17 could be used.

YOU ARE ON THE OFFENSIVE NOT THE DEFENSIVE. The positive approach is the approach that sells. Salvation through Christ is the greatest story that can be told. The Christian has every right, yes, every reason to speak with assurance, boldness, and conviction. Embarrassment should not be in a Christian's vocabulary. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of my Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." Mark

8:38. Lord, we will confess Thee before men—we will take the battle to the sinner with the "Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God." We are children of **THE KING: WE SHALL PROCEED AS SUCH!** Feel assured that God is putting His presence where His Word is . . . believe this fact and you will be aggressive for Him.

What a Sinner Must Know to Become Converted to Christ

Basically he must know, through the Word, (1) that he is a sinner, and that he needs a Saviour. (2) He must know that there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ. Here is a suggested outline to follow. Fill in scriptures of your own choosing.

- A. ALL HAVE SINNED.
- B. THE WAGES OF SIN.
- C. WORKS INSUFFICIENT FOR SALVATION.
- D. SALVATION ONLY IN CHRIST.
- E. SCRIPTURES TO USE IN "CLOSING THE SALE" FOR CHRIST.

Romans 10:9 Mouth and heart confession of the Lordship and resurrection of Christ.

I John 1:9 Confession of sin to this resurrected Christ. A right-about-face.

John 1:12 Receiving this risen Christ, by faith, into the heart. When this is done from the heart, the miracle of salvation is wrought. God keeps His Word!

answer yes. Then refer to James 2:10. This is conclusive proof that if a person has lied, he is completely guilty of breaking every commandment before God. You will want to learn to handle this point with great care. Remember if you are to be a soul winner, truth MUST be given, but with wisdom, and in love. Ephesians 4:15. If the person still fails to see that he is a sinner, refer to Mark 10:17-22. Study this portion in relation to the subject of needing Christ, in spite of all of man's goodness.

E. Next, refer to Romans 5:8 and give a very brief summary as to why Christ had to die. A good illustration to clarify the point—if a person committed robbery the law says he must pay the penalty for this robbery because he has broken the law. Sin is breaking the law of God and likewise must be punished. But Jesus took the punishment upon Himself. Because He took the punishment for my sins, then I have the permission, privilege, and promise that as I lay my sins upon Him, I will not suffer the *penalty* for sin, but will receive the "*gift* of eternal life."

F. Now relate Romans 6:23 with Romans 5:8. Show that while the "gift of God" is eternal life, and forgiveness of sins, "the wages of sin is death." This verse is a natural opener for the subject of judgment. Turn to Revelation 20:10-15. Give a brief account as to the final judgment in your own words. Elaborate on the point of judgment as you feel you have time. Begin reading carefully and slowly, word for word. Point out why Satan is to be cast into the lake of fire (verse 10), what the Great White Throne refers to (verse 11), and in verse 12, stop at the word "dead" and point out that the "dead" are now standing before God. Refer back to Romans 6:23.

The phrase "the books were opened . . . and the dead were judged out of the things written in the books," Revelation 20:12, is a profound one to illustrate that God has on record everything we have ever done in secret or in the open; every word, thought, and deed is recorded. Read Revelation 20:14, 15 now and show what happens to those whose name is not "written in the Book of Life."

Return to the last part of verse 12 and verse 13 and read: "they were judged *every man* according to their works." This is a most natural place to deal with the subject of *good works* and their absolute futility in meriting salvation. (note Ephesians 2:8, 9; and Isaiah 64:6) If a man could get to heaven just by "being good" then God made a grave mistake by having Christ die for our sins. Now back to Revelation 20:15 again and clearly emphasize that "whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." You might say here, "Mr. and Mrs. Jones, we can know without doubt that our name is written in the Book of Life."

Take the phrase "second death" out of verse 14 and tell the person with whom you

are dealing to remember the phrase. (This will be tied in later with the second birth.) Next read Revelation 21:8—noting especially "all liars." Make little comment here—let the Word convict—remember they have already admitted the telling of lies. To further show the seriousness of the second death, refer to Matthew 25:30, 46. The sinner's plight must not be underestimated. The Holy Spirit is faithful in driving truth home to the sinner's heart.

Now the statement can be made, "did you know, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, God sends no one to hell?" "If anyone loses his soul in hell, it will be in spite of all that God can do to keep him from it. It will be because man *chooses* to be lost." Note John 3:17 to this point and once again drive home the purpose of Christ's coming into the world. Include John 3:16. Christ came not to condemn, but to save!

John 3:3-7 should now be studied, emphasizing the necessity of two births: the physical and the spiritual. Have the individual now recall the phrase "second death." "Mr. and Mrs. Jones, if we are born once (physical birth) we will die twice, and the second death is hell; but if we are born twice (the spiritual birth) we will only die once, and this death is just an open door to heaven."

Explain that the "spiritual birth" is being "saved" or "becoming converted" or "receiving Christ." Read three verses in connection with this:

Romans 10:9 emphasizing mouth and heart confession as to the Lordship and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The promise of this verse: "Thou shalt be saved."

I John 1:9 Confession of sin to this resurrected Christ. Point out that "confession" is true repentance. Repentance is a right-about-face.

John 1:12, 13 You have emphasized believing from the heart in the deity of Christ, confession of sins to this risen Christ, now the FINAL STEP "RECEIVING CHRIST" so as to become "sons of God." John 1:13 and John 3:3 both speak of birth—when an individual "receives" Christ he is "born of God" into the family of God. "Let God be True"; Revelation 3:20 can also be used to advantage here.

The Closing

The close is often the most difficult. Remember, always use the positive approach. endeavor to have the one with whom you are dealing, right from the first, answer affirmatively to every question: such as "you do desire eternal life, don't you Mr. and Mrs. Jones?" "It would be most serious to miss heaven, wouldn't it?" etc.

Now the question: "You do want to become a born again Christian, don't you?"

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F. SCRIPTURES OF ASSURANCE
MUST FOLLOW CONVERSION.
THE SPIRIT OF ASSURANCE
COMES THROUGH THE WORD.
II Cor. 5:17
I John 5:11-13
I John 4:13
Matthew 7:7-11

A Typical Presentation

A SAMPLE SALVATION PRESENTATION that has been used for the conversion of over 200 souls:

A. Where to start. "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, may I have the privilege of speaking the truth with you during this Bible study?" Of course they will answer in the affirmative and this opens the door wide for pointing the Way that leads to eternal life.

B. "God cannot lie . . ." Titus 1:2. As you continue throughout the entire presentation frequently refer to this thought . . . "God cannot lie." What is written is unchangeable and consequently must be heeded.

C. All have sinned, Romans 3:23; I John 1:8, 10, and others are unfailing evidence of man's sinfulness. For the next three quarters of an hour or so, you will be knocking all of the self-made props from under the person with whom you are dealing, through the Word. It is important that all self-sufficiency be shot through with the use of God's Word.

D. After you have given several scriptures regarding man's sinfulness, then ask the question, "Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones, have you ever told a life?" O course he will

delay action when immediate action is imperative, and to court the favor of others for the sake of his own personal interests and ambitions." (Editorial, FREE WILL BAPTIST, December 6, 1961)

Now, why exactly did the Executive Committee seek to file an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court of North Carolina?

Published reports in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST have sought to make it appear that it was to defend the Reverend Ronald Creech of Durham, North Carolina. In the issue dated November 29, 1961, the editor carried the following announcement.

"Late information was received by the editor of this paper that the National Association of Free Will Baptists has entered the lawsuit in Durham County, North Carolina, in support of Ronald Creech through the law firm of Broughton and Broughton." (Page 5, emphasis added.)

In the very next issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST dated December 6, 1961, the editor continues the same misrepresentation. I quote again.

"As reported in the last issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, the National Association had entered the lawsuit in regards to Ronald Creech and the Edgemont Church. Further information revealed that the petition of the National Association to enter this case, on appeal in the supreme court, stated that the National Association desires to file a brief amicus curiae (as a friend of the court) in this action, and that their brief would be in support of the appellant's (Ronald Creech and James A. Miles et al) position." (Page 15, emphasis added.)

This is most interesting in light of the fact that the name of Ronald Creech does not appear anywhere on the application of the Executive Committee to file an amicus curiae brief on behalf on the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The official petition carries the following heading.

In the Matter of: THE WESTERN CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AN UNINCORPORATED RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION, AND M. L. JOHNSON, ET AL
and
J. G. TEASLEY, ET AL, KNOWN AS THE J. G. TEASLEY FACTION
V.
JAMES A. MILES, ET AL, KNOWN AS THE JAMES A. MILES FACTION

It appears that there will be a persistent effort by some to cloud the issue and keep people's minds from the crucial issue in question. Attention has been called to this before and once again we plead for a close examination of the *real issue*. Let me state it for your consideration. Do Free Will Baptists believe in connectional church government (granting a conference the right to interfere in the internal affairs of a local church) or in congregational church government (granting the local church full authority over its internal affairs)?

This is the very crucial issue in question and we would sound again the warning to loyal Free Will Baptists everywhere not to be misled by spurious issues created by some to take Free Will Baptists and Free Will Baptist churches into the bondage of connectional church government.

The Executive Committee of the National Association has nothing to hide and I am happy to take this opportunity to present the truth in this matter. The Executive Committee filed an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court of North Carolina to establish clearly the National Association's position on church government. The committee had a vital interest in defending a principle, not a person. Note, please, these clear-cut statements from the formal application to file the amicus curiae brief.

"National Association is a voluntary unincorporated association composed of and supported by various Free Will Baptist Churches throughout the United States. Membership and financial support of National Association is purely voluntary.

"National Association and its members have traditionally held to a congregational form of church government and the relationship between a local Free Will Baptist Church and a conference or association is that of fellowship only and it is further the position of National Association that by joining conference or associations, a local Free Will Baptist Church does not surrender its independence or its property.

"The congregational form of church government as practiced by National Association and Free Will Baptist Churches insists, among other things, that each local church is the highest authority over its own property and internal affairs and that no conference or association with which the church may voluntarily unite has authority to reverse any decision reached by the local church nor to interfere in any way with its property or internal affairs.

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TRY A

PARENT-TEACHER

NIGHT . . . to enlist home co-operation

TO EFFECTIVELY help children spiritually, teaching influence should extend throughout the week. School, play, family activities, television, and other activities tend to crowd out spiritual lessons presented in Sunday School. Children need reminders between Sundays.

Think how your ministry could be multiplied if you could enlist parents to continue your teaching during the week.

Most parents are eager to co-operate with the Sunday School. But they have no idea what the teacher is trying to do. You can show them at a parent-teacher meeting. Here are suggestions on how to plan your meeting:

1. Try to have all of the teachers in the department take part—leading singing, praying, playing piano, etc.
2. Arrange a display of materials to be used during the quarter. Include teachers' manuals, pupils' workbooks, visual aids, and handwork projects. Also missionary projects. Encourage parents to look at materials before and after the meeting.
3. Put on a demonstration of a typical class period. You may have the teachers take the parts of pupils, or "teach" the class of parents. Sing some of your songs, and teach a couple of them to the parents. Show how songs are meaningful to children and remind them of truth taught. Explain why you do what you do. Tell the Bible story as you would to the children. Be sure to show how the application can be made to their everyday lives.
4. Provide mimeographed sheets listing themes to be covered during the quarter, words to songs, and memory work.
5. Include parents in your program, too. A father could give a two-minute talk on why he wants his child to come to Sunday School. A mother might briefly tell how the teaching has made a difference in the conduct of her child.
6. Pastor and superintendent should be introduced, but it is not necessary for them to give talks.
7. Keep meeting short—not much longer than one hour. Plan time carefully.
8. Serve light refreshments and make it a get-acquainted period.

It is a good idea to have these meetings once a quarter for the parents of your class or for all classes in the department, if your school is large enough.

By enlisting the parents' help, you can multiply your teaching ministry many times. And don't be surprised if unchurched parents begin coming to Sunday School.

—Teaching Tips

Teachers Get Results

TEACHERS who use wisely the 15 minutes before Sunday School begins reap big benefits—in solving discipline problems and getting spiritual results.

Here are only a few of the ways you can use to advantage the minutes before Sunday School begins:

Perhaps the most obvious use of this time is to get acquainted with your students. That's an old story. You've heard it many times and probably you feel that you know your pupils. Maybe you do. But if you don't visit in their homes, know how they use their leisure time, know their friends, know what they are thinking, and know whether they are saved and growing in the Lord, then you do not know your pupils.

Adults, too, like to get attention from the teacher and often will share a burden and you can offer vital prayer support.

There are other uses for these precious early minutes.

Use them to help students with a workbook question which may not have been understood. Encourage Bible reading.

Help pupils with memory work, and listen to those who have already learned the assigned verses.

Let children review the lesson of the week before by using the visual aid which you had used.

The time may be well spent in introducing new words or ideas which will be coming in the lesson for the day.

Plan activities to tie in with the lesson, or theme for the quarter. Sandtable or table-top villages are interesting and fun to make, as well as instructive. Other projects and activities may be worked out which relate to the lesson for the day.

Consider how you can make best use of the 15 minutes before Sunday School starts. Then make your plans and follow them.

You'll discover that your pupils will arrive earlier and you'll have fewer late comers.

The children (older ones, too) will anticipate coming because you are being friendly and are providing interesting projects for them.

You'll have fewer discipline problems because you've let them get "talked out" and expend a little energy in worth-while activities.

Also, you'll see spiritual results—salvation of pupils and marked growth in the Lord.

If you want to be an effective teacher, you can't afford to waste those minutes before Sunday School officially begins.

—Teaching Tips

national sunday school literature program launched

Office to open in February

Second quarter literature available

THE PAST FEW months have been turbulent ones for some areas of work in the National Association. This has been especially true in the Sunday School department. We are now glad to be able to present to our people a definite Sunday School program. We feel that this announcement will be welcomed by many throughout our ranks. The purpose of this article is to inform you of the details of this new program in order that you might share the benefits.

The Sunday School department will open an office in the Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee, about the middle of February. This is the first step toward a total program. We invite you to write our office about any matter relative to Sunday school whether it be literature, promotional supplies, record systems, or teacher training. We are looking forward to this department making a real contribution in all of these areas.

Concerning the literature available from our National office, you will be glad to know that we will have a complete line of quarterlies from the Primary through the Adult. These quarterlies are written and edited by Free Will Baptists. They will be available through our office for the second quarter (April-May-June) of this year. Material from other publishers will also be available from our office.

In addition, the six-point record system and teacher's aides will be stocked. Check your order blank to see what is available. If you do not see the materials you desire, let us know and we will endeavor to secure it for you. We do urge you to look to the National Sunday School department for all of your Sunday school needs.

Your Sunday School board feels there is a bright future ahead for Free Will Baptists in this area of work. We believe this feeling is shared by many throughout our denomination. Our means are somewhat limited at the moment, but the prospects are great. It appears that we will have the support of better than 600 churches from the beginning of our literature program. This is made possible largely through the cooperation of the Oklahoma Sunday School board. By

relinquishing their operation to the National Sunday School board, they have made it possible for us to have a good beginning in the distribution of literature. We are sincerely grateful to the Oklahoma board for this unselfish act and the generous assistance which they have given to us in the outset of our literature program. We believe that our people also are appreciative of this cooperation. As a result, we are looking forward to supplying literature to all churches previously served by the Oklahoma Sunday School board.

This program, now launched by your National Sunday School board, has been the desire of many Free Will Baptists. Therefore, we feel confident that loyal Free Will Baptists will support this new effort. In order that you may know how you can best help at this time, let me suggest some definite things you can do.

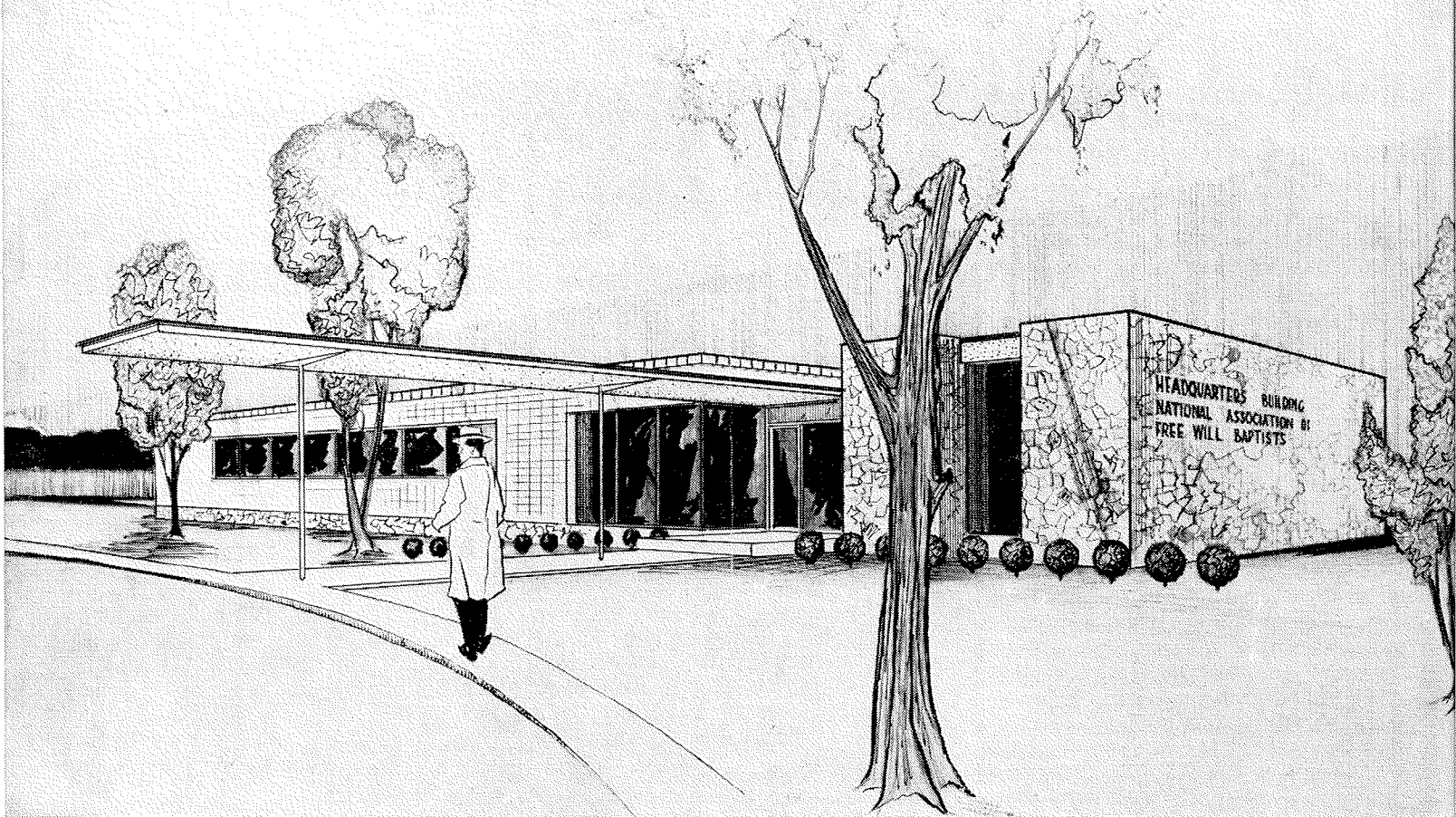
First, plan now to secure your second quarter literature from the National Sunday School department in Nashville. You may have already received an order blank. If you have not, and you need one, please write to us.

We urge you to get your orders in early—by the first of March. It is also important that you send the money with your order, if possible. This does not mean that you must send payment with your order, but it would be a great help to us at this time.

You can help further by encouraging others to secure their Sunday school needs from the National Sunday School department.

Also, a gift from your church is needed now. Our board, as many of you know, has not received any funds from the sale of literature since April of 1961. There are many initial expenses involved in opening the office and your gift would mean so much at this time.

Finally, we desire that you pray God's guidance in this new venture. Our denomination needs this program. We are committed to the challenge this need presents. We are depending on your support to make it a blessing to our churches and a unifying factor among our people.



SHARE IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FUTURE

"Share in the Free Will Baptist future" is more than a slogan. It is the compelling spiritual drive behind this headquarters building program. The world population is increasing tremendously, and our work must grow to keep pace with the opportunities God is giving us. To remain at status quo in these dynamic days of harvest would be tragic! We are looking to you, as a friend of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, burdened for the lost of the world, to join in this venture of faith. Without your prayers and investments, this headquarters for world-wide evangelism cannot be completed. Let's not fail God in this hour of unparalleled opportunity.

What a New Building Will Do

This new building will make possible more and better evangelism around the world. It will also mean that the various departments of our National Association will be able to more effectively serve our churches. The design of the building is modest, but utilitarian, making possible the growth needed in light of today's expanding opportunities. It will do this by providing:

- 1—A prayer and conference room. Prayer is still the most important "tool" in evangelism.
- 2—Office space for our Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Executive, League, Sunday School, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, and Master's Men departments. This space will be double to four times the size presently available to these departments.
- 3—A book store to meet the growing needs of our churches. More space will mean larger stock and, therefore, quicker service.
- 4—Enlarged mail room facilities to care for the heavy flow of mail. Present facilities are housed in a garage which is completely inadequate.
- 5—A printing room for offset press and other printing equipment. This will enable us to produce much of our printed matter at a great reduction in cost.
- 6—Adequate storage space. With already crowded conditions in our present building, storage space is at a premium. An urgent need.

Q Where is the building to be located?

A In the west-end area of Nashville. The exact location has not been selected at this time.

Q How large will the building be?

A It will be 168 feet by 45 feet, providing 7,560 square feet of much-needed space.

Q When will construction begin?

A As soon as \$25,000 has been raised. It is hoped that we can begin construction in the spring of 1962.

Q How much will the building cost?

A Approximately \$125,000 with driveways and landscaping.

Q How can a modern office building be built so economically?

A By keeping the building simple and yet functional. Also, God has directed us to interested individuals who will help us keep costs to a minimum.

Q How can I have a part in this?

A Through prayer and a gift. Pray that God will enable us to erect this much-needed building. Give as you are able.

LAST YEAR we discovered the Bible. Now we could never get along without the strength for everyday living, the inspiration, the instruction and the encouragement that our Bible brings us daily. But until Pastor Hutchins instigated a program of regular Bible reading among the families of our church, we had all missed much of the blessing the Bible offers.

Like many others in our church, we had found our Bible reading quite disjointed: a psalm here, a few verses there, the parables of Jesus, the Sunday morning Scripture lesson. Luke chapter 2 at Christmas and John 20 at Easter. But beginning last year, we all found that even ten minutes a day with our Bibles brought new blessing and instruction.

In our home, we were not long in feeling the might of God's Word. It soon became natural for the three of us reading to fall into frequent discussions that would have been impossible a year earlier.

As we read our Bibles, we learned many lessons and jotted down references by the score for future use.

Our discovery of the Scriptures began early last December when Pastor Hutchins announced a plan for daily Bible reading for the coming year. We would begin on January 1 with Genesis 1, he told us, and by reading three pages a day and a fourth every twentieth day, we would end with Revelation 22 on December 31.

To encourage and help us, he said, he would base his Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening messages on passages from the current Bible reading.

Leaflets listing the Scripture portion for each day were then distributed to the congregation, and on the last Sunday morning in December a Bible reading pledge was incorporated into the church bulletin. Young and old alike responded enthusiastically. In all, over 250 persons signed the pledge to read the Bible through in a year.

New Year's day ushered us into a new and satisfying experience. We found inspiration in reading Abraham's magnificent story, in discovering Joseph's pure and holy character. The sweep of history presented in the story of God's chosen people gave us new perspective and understanding.

One of our richest blessings was the re-discovery of God's enduring patience and mercy toward His people.

We were surprised and delighted to find that the benediction in Numbers 6:24-26—the one we've heard at the close of so many services—came directly from the Lord, and not from the pen of an ancient cleric as we'd previously assumed:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

One discovery was especially comforting

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KEY to spiritual growth

by E. Marjorie Krampe

Church-wide Bible reading brings

blessings without measure to this church

to those in our home. Again and again God chooses "the least of these" for His most important assignments. This discovery has completely changed our thinking about Christian service.

Moses acknowledged his inadequacy when he said to God, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Ex. 3:11).

To David, God said, "I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel" (II Sam. 7:8).

When the Lord commissioned Jeremiah, the prophet responded, "Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak" (Jer. 1:6, 7).

We were unable to read the pages of this powerful Book without finding comfort, strength and endurance for the problems and testings of life—sustenance such as Joshua 1:9 offers: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Nor could we disregard the stern warning contained in these words, "Behold, ye have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

Day-after-day reading has given us a growing store of helpful and meaningful passages applying to our daily needs.

As I bade farewell to my girls this summer before they left for several weeks, I searched for something appropriate and worthwhile to help them during the time they were away. Nehemiah 10:8 came to

mind, "For the joy of the Lord is your strength." And as they left I knew I had given them something that would mean far more than a material gift.

Every day and every week brought new discoveries—right on through the Old Testament and into the New. In book after book we gleaned precious truths which permeated our lives.

Others, too, found the plan helpful.

Folk beside our own members began to share our plan for Bible study. Some of the schedules were mailed to far-away relatives and friends. Letters from members of neighboring churches told of their new adventures in Bible reading.

A Sunday school "teacher" who had visited our church sent a check requesting a dozen pamphlets for her boys' class, so they, too, could begin following our Bible reading schedule.

A senior at Rutgers University wrote that he was reading along with us in addition to daily New Testament study.

A Brazilian missionary visited our church while on furlough. On her return voyage she sent for Bible reading schedules for ship's officers whom she had interested in regular reading of the Scriptures.

Meanwhile, Pastor Hutchins' sermons added to our understanding of the passages we had read. Our youth and adult groups were encouraged to enter into Bible discussions. Newcomers each Sunday were invited to take a schedule and join us in our united Bible study.

We were amazed at how much fruit one year of Bible reading could bear. But we have found that each year of study brings new blessings and opens up new truths. If you want to make this year a blessed year, begin to discover the Bible!

What's Your Problem?



BY LOUIS H. MOULTON

tree yields fruit every month. It will never be consumed, there will always be plenty. I think we can be just as sure of this as we are of verse 4 where we are told that God's servants "shall see his face . . ."

Q. What does Peter mean, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear." 1 Peter 4:18.

A. The word "scarcely" indicates how severe the ordeal is and from a human standpoint the improbability of enduring it. Except "Christ be in us, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27) we would never make it but the finished work of Jesus at Calvary makes it sure for him who shall endure to the end.

Q. We're having a bazaar at our church next week and I'm against it. I say that it is unscriptural to buy and sell in the church. What do you say?

A. The house of God should be dedicated to the Lord alone. It should be a place where we learn the Word of God, a place of worship and praise. In John 2:16 after driving out those who were buying and selling in the Lord's house Jesus said, "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." The way to support God's work is through tithes and offerings. However a great deal of fellowship can be enjoyed by various groups working on some project outside and away from the church.

Q. At lunch time on my job we have quite a discussion each day on the Bible. We have one fellow who lifts these words out of 1 Peter 3:21, "Baptism doth also now save us," and an issue is made over water baptism being the means of salvation. Give me some rebuttal please.

A. The ark spoken of in verse 20 is a type or picture of Christ. In the flood, God's waves of judgment swept over the earth. Those who were in the ark were the only ones saved. At Calvary, God's judgment of the whole human race was heaped upon his Son Jesus. Baptism is an outward testimony that we have died to sin and the world and taken our place with Christ in his resurrection. Salvation by water baptism is inconsistent with the rest of Scripture. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22). "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7). "We are justified by his blood." (Romans 5:9). "We have redemption through his blood." (Ephesians 1:7). We are redeemed "through the precious blood of Christ." (1 Peter 1:19).

Q. Do you think that Judas was ever saved?

A. There are those who say "no" and others who say "yes." Those who say he was not quote John 6:70, "Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" Then there are others who ask, "Would Jesus choose a devil to be one of his apostles?" Luke 6:13 says ". . . he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles" and one of those named is Judas Iscariot. In Mark 3:14, 15, "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils." In Matthew 10:8 Judas was among those whom Jesus told to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils . . ." Acts 1:25 is used by both groups, those who say he was saved and those who say he was not. Judas had part of the ministry and apostleship and he "by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

Q. Jesus healed a leper and said to him in Mark 1:44, "See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest . . ." Why did Jesus command him to tell no man?

A. Under the law it was the priest who pronounced a leper clean. The testimony of the man himself could not be accepted unless the priest announced he was clean. But the man "began to blaze abroad the matter." His misdirected zeal which actually was in disobedience to the Lord resulted in Jesus not being able to "openly enter into the city" anymore "but was without in desert places." (Verse 45).

Q. In the last chapter of Revelation, verse 2, John speaks of some trees yielding their fruit every month. Is this to be taken literally?

A. Without a doubt this is just as real as the river of water of life proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Rev. 22:1). The fruit of this tree certainly typifies the abundant supply of every need through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not a seasonal fruit but the

Cooperative Receipts Are Good in November

THE COOPERATIVE receipts for November were a bit below those of October, but continued at a good pace. This has been the best year in the history of the Cooperative Plan and indications are that this year will be even better.

Pastors over the denomination are more and more seeing the value of a systematic approach to the matter of supporting our denominational work. Your church can share with us in this by sending 10% or more of your monthly offerings to Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Our sincere thanks to each of you who gave such fine support last year. It has meant so much to the over-all development of our denominational program, and we are grateful. Pray with us for even greater victories in 1962.

NOVEMBER COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS Undesignated

ALABAMA			
First church, Dothan	88.01		
Good Water church, Slocomb	5.00	93.01	
ARKANSAS			
State association			548.23
CALIFORNIA			
State association			565.01
GEORGIA			
State association			253.97
ILLINOIS			
State association			334.37
OHIO			
Limecrest church, Springfield	14.84		
First church, Springfield	153.20	168.04	
MISSOURI			
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	16.81		
Macedonia church, Purdy	63.80		
State association	1,113.35	1,193.96	
NORTH CAROLINA			
Fellowship chapel, New Bern			85.50
NEW MEXICO			
Free Will Baptist church, Hobbs	104.96		
First church, Grants	40.65		
First association	5.57	151.18	
TENNESSEE			
Horton Heights church, Nashville	91.77		
Wooddale church, Knoxville	31.32	123.09	
TEXAS			
State association	325.81		
Trinity church, Fort Worth	50.00	375.81	
VIRGINIA			
Bethany church, Norfolk			84.01
			3,976.18
DESIGNATED FUNDS			
Arkansas	180.10		
California	1.00	181.10	
			4,157.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	1,263.54
Executive Department	934.41
Bible College	786.34
Home Missions	536.79
League	198.81
Sunday School	198.81
Superannuation Board	119.29
Headquarters Trustees	119.29
	4,157.28



Profitable for Doctrine

Know Your Bible Series

STUDY IN EPHESIANS

DR. JAMES M. GRAY said that the epistle to the Ephesians contains "probably the profoundest spiritual truth revealed in the New Testament." Then Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter adds, "there is a grandeur of conception about it, a majesty and dignity, a richness and fulness which are peculiar to it."

Paul's experiences with the Ephesians forms one of the most interesting chapters in his life. On his return trip from the second missionary journey, he made his first contact in Ephesus. After reasoning with the Jews in the synagogue, Paul bade them farewell. He left Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus stating that he would return after his trip to Jerusalem.

Paul did return and this time he spent three years in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-20:1). This is the longest recorded stay of Paul at any one place on any of his missionary journeys. Paul describes his Ephesian ministry to us in Acts 20:17-38. My, what a commentary this is on the activity of Paul. I shall give a brief summary of Paul's Ephesian ministry in outline form:

Charles A. Thigpen

It is no wonder that Paul's ministry was so successful in Ephesus. Paul wrought special miracles there and many were converted from superstition and idolatry. While he preached in Ephesus, the Word of God went out to all Asia (Acts 19:10). In fact, most Bible scholars agree that this Ephesian letter is really a circular letter to all the churches in the province of Asia. This is probably why it is such an impersonal letter.

Ephesus was a political, commercial and religious center. Being a port city, through it passed the trade of the Orient. The temple of Diana in Ephesus was one of the seven wonders of the world. It had a theater that could seat 50,000 people. Also, Ephesus had a very large population in Paul's day. Probably these factors combined to convince Paul that this was a promising field for his labors.

Colossians deals with the "Head" of the church which is Christ. Ephesians, however, deals with the "Body" of Christ, that is the church which is made up of all true believers in Christ. This is the very highest church truth. Let us note carefully the following outline of Ephesians:

Salutation 1:1, 2.

I. Doctrinal. 1:3-3:21

1. Believers' position in Christ. 1:3-14
2. Prayer for knowledge and power. 1:15-21
3. Christ exalted to be Head over the Church. 1:22, 23
4. Before and after conversion. 2:1-10
5. Jew and Gentile are One in Christ. 2:11-22
6. The "mystery" of the Union revealed to Paul. 3:1-12
7. Prayer for Fullness and Knowledge. 3:13-21

II. Practical. 4:1-6:20

1. The Walk and Service of the Believer in Christ. 4:1-5:17
2. The Christian's Walk and Spiritual Warfare. 5:18-6:22

Benediction. 6:23, 24

A brief outline of this book built around the key verse, "The church which is his body" (1:22) is as follows:

Introduction. 1:1-3

- I. The Body, Its Triune Creator. 1:4-23
- II. The Body, Its Twofold Construction. 2:1-18
- III. The Body, Its Mystery and Glory. 3:1-21
- IV. The Body, Its Walk and Warfare. 4:1-6:22

Conclusion. 6:23, 24

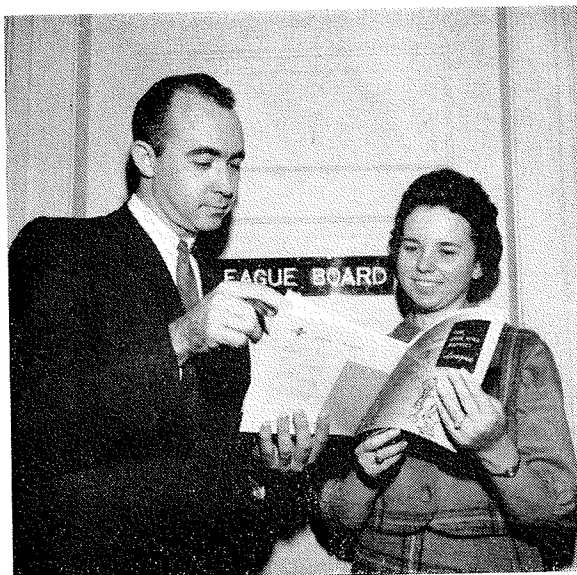
We shall take one of the above divisions and look at it more closely. In the first division the selected title is The Triune Creator. If we consider this division carefully we find that the Father, The Son and Holy Spirit each is spoken of as sharing in the work of forming the body of Christ. 1. God the Father *chose, predestinated* and made us *accepted* in the beloved. (1:4-6) 2. Christ the Son has provided us our *redemption, forgiveness* and our glorious *inheritance*. (1:7-12) 3. The Holy Spirit has *quickened* (2:1) us, sealed us, and has Himself become the *earnest* of our inheritance. Building this body of Christ on earth is so important that it is the work of the Godhead.

Let me suggest that you give special attention to the prayer of Paul in 3:14-21. This is one of the towering peaks in all of Paul's writings. Paul in this prayer presents all the spiritual possibilities of the Christian.

In conclusion let me make a final observation. A study that should cause every believer (especially every Gentile believer) to be very thankful for his salvation is chapter two of Ephesians. Make two columns and entitle one, "My Life Before Conversion" and the other, "My Life After Conversion." This study should cause you to exclaim:

"Oh, the love that drew salvations' plan
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span,
At Calvary."

League Director Ray Turnage shows a copy of the new Junior League Guide to Miss Hildred Dew, sponsor of the Junior League at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Turnage is pictured (right) processing orders for the new League literature now available from the National League department. (Below) Rev. Dale Burden, chairman of the National Sunday School board, is busy editing the Sunday school literature for second quarter. The National Sunday School board begins distribution from Nashville at that time.



Literature Programs Receive Excellent Response

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Response to the new literature programs launched by the Free Will Baptist League board and the National Sunday School board have exceeded all expectations. This excellent early response indicates a favorable reaction among Free Will Baptists.

League Director Ray Turnage reports that 278 orders for league literature have already reached his office and late arrivals are expected to push this to at least 300 or better. It had previously been estimated that 100 to 125 orders for the first quarter of 1962 would be a good response.

Several outstanding features are noteworthy about the new league literature. For the first time in its operation, the league department is offering literature especially prepared for the beginner and primary leagues. Another new feature of the program is the study course for the adults which is titled "How to Study the Bible." Other improvements are to be made in the immediate future.

The National Sunday School board, according to chairman Dale Burden, has al-

ready edited the Sunday school lessons for the second quarter of this year. A complete line of literature written by Free Will Baptists will be available. Several improvements are anticipated in the literature which will be ready for distribution by March 1 from the National Sunday School department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. All churches are urged to get their orders in as soon as possible.

Resolution of Appreciation

COLQUITT, GA.—"He that would be greatest among you, let him be servant," is the Biblical definition of greatness. No man who serves willingly serves out of a desire for fame, but out of a consuming passion to glorify God and advance the Kingdom's work. Such has been the motive that made E. C. Morris the faithful, valuable and effective servant which he has been to the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists over the past fourteen years.

Brother Morris has served with an eye single to the glory of God and with a thoroughness and zeal which could come

only from a complete yieldedness to God. Never has he sought for any self-glory or for the praise of men. He has served with a spirit of humbleness and understanding that has endeared him to all of our hearts. He has served faithfully, never shirking any duty or passing over lightly any opportunity, having gone on serving when his physical condition was almost unequal to the task. His faithful wife has stood by his side and accepted his responsibilities as her's to share with her husband.

Inasmuch as Brother Morris is retiring from the office of Promotional—Secretary of the Georgia State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, we the Executive Committee recommend to this association that we extend to Brother Morris and Mrs. Morris a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for their many years of loyal and faithful service, and that we also pledge to them our continued prayers and Christian love.

We further recommend that this resolution become a part of the minutes of the executive committee and this 1961 session of the state association.

Home Missionary Reports

VANCOUVER, WASH.—The Reverend Johnny Postlewaite, home missionary in the Northwest, reports the establishment of a new work in this city. A church building and parsonage has been leased from another denomination with an option to buy. The church has seating for 200, a full basement with eight classrooms, kitchen, study, and rest rooms. It is fully equipped. A down payment of at least \$2,500.00 is needed to purchase the property at the end of the six-month lease period.

Prospects for the new church are very good. If Free Will Baptist families are known to you, please send their name and address to First Free Will Baptist Church, Twenty-sixth and F Streets, Vancouver, Washington.

The Reverend Postlewaite went to Van-

couver from Wenatchee where he organized a Free Will Baptist Church and remained as pastor for five years.

Program Material Ready

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Program material and a Handbook for Leaders of Missionary Midgets is ready. The program material was prepared by Mrs. Damon C. Dodd of Savannah, Georgia. The Handbook for Leaders was prepared by the Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, Waipahu, Hawaii.

Both works are good. You will want to take advantage of this new opportunity for service and these new materials to help you with this very important age group: 6 to 9 years.

Program material is priced at 50¢ per child. The Handbook for Leaders is 50¢. Order from Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Missionary Conference Announced

CHIPLEY, FLA.—The Salem Association of Free Will Baptists is sponsoring a missionary conference throughout the association January 22 through January 28. Speaker for the conference will be the Rev. Arthur Billows from Mexico.

All services will begin at eight o'clock and will be held in the following churches: Malone, Damascus, Salem, Travelers Rest, Marvin Chapel. There will be a missionary rally at Marvin Chapel church on Sunday afternoon, January 28, at 2:00 p.m.

The Reverends H. D. Shoemake, Walter Eldridge, and I. O. Cook serve on the Salem association mission board.

Observes Laymen's Day

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—The St. James Free Will Baptist Church observed Laymen's Day recently with Mr. O. A. Gibson as speaker. A special feature of the service was an all men's choir led by W. C. Bush, a deacon of the church. During the service, an American and Christian flag were presented to the church.

The Reverend Walter E. Jones is pastor.

Builds Parsonage

FRANKLIN, OHIO—The Free Will Baptist Church here is constructing a new parsonage for Pastor Dencil Owsley. Completion date is set for January 1. The church had a very successful youth revival recently with the Rev. Kenneth Walker, Home Missionary in Washington, D. C.

Registration Date Set

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Registration for the second semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College is scheduled to begin January 24, according to Dean Charles A. Thigpen.

"Several new students are expected to enroll at this time," the dean said. "Any stu-

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dent who wishes to enroll for the second semester should contact us soon." The courses are so arranged that enrolling students will not suffer any handicap, Mr. Thigpen explained.

Final examinations for the first semester will be held January 18-23.

Cooperative Plan Sets Record

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Total denominational giving last year through the Cooperative Plan reached an all-time high. Receipts for the year totaled \$54,345.04 which broke the existing record of \$52,590.75 set in 1957.

"This has helped each department of our work," said Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin, "and indicates that there is a growing response to this plan of giving."

Oregon Church Organized

GARIBALDI, OREGON—A Free Will Baptist Church was organized here on December 3, 1961. The service was under the direction of Home Missionary Johnny Postlewaite. He was assisted by the Rev. Doyle F. Goldy, Rev. Emory E. Edwards, and Rev. M. O. Kendall.

The charter membership of the church totaled 23. The Reverend Kendall was elected pastor, with Mr. Floyd Christian, Hillary Creech, and Bill Davis elected to serve as deacons. Mrs. Lavena Kendall was elected clerk and Mrs. Juanita Creech was elected treasurer.

Successful Revival

QUINCY, FLA.—A very successful revival closed in the Free Will Baptist Church here last month. There were five decisions for Christ and 30 rededications. The Rev. Fred Kirby was the evangelist. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Named Acting President

MT. OLIVE, N. C.—Dr. Roy C. O'Donnell, chairman of the department of English at Mount Olive College, has been named acting president of the college. He will assume his new duties January 1 and will serve until the return of President W. Burkette Raper from Florida on August 15, 1962.

Dr. Raper has been granted a sabbatical leave to accept a Kellogg fellowship in higher education at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Auxiliary Organized

BATESVILLE, ARK.—A Woman's Auxiliary was organized at the First Free Will

Baptist Church here. Mrs. Hoover Lewis, district president, was in charge of the organization and Mrs. Velda Tucker, district vice-president, had the installation service.

Ten members were enrolled. The Rev. David Joslin is pastor.

New Church in Kansas

WELLINGTON, KANSAS—The Free Will Baptist mission of this city has now been organized into a church. Chairman of the National Home Mission board, Rev. Harry Staires, conducted the organizational revival. Rev. Wayne Bookout has been called as pastor. There were 30 charter members in the organization.

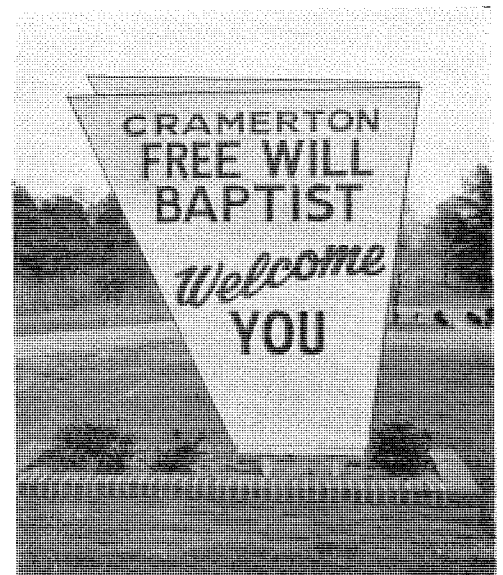
To Begin Work

MOUNT VERNON, ILL.—The Reverend George Waggoner has been elected Promotional Secretary of the Illinois State Association. He began his duties the first of this month.

It is believed that his work will assist greatly the outreach of the newly organized State Association.

New For GTA

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Now available for GTA girls is a white, drip-dry blouse in sizes 6-24 at \$2.50 each. The GTA emblem is imprinted in green. When ordering, sizes should be specifically stated and two-three weeks allowed for delivery. Send orders to WNAC, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.



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Salvation By Appointment

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You have prayed for this moment . . . trust God the answer will be in the affirmative.

Unless you feel it particularly advisable, do not ask the one with whom you are dealing to form his own prayer. In the first place they will tell you they don't know how to pray, and second, you'll scare them half to death. Ask them to repeat a prayer after you. Caution them to repeat from the heart. Here is a suggested prayer taken from the three salvation verses. Have them repeat sentence by sentence from the heart.

"Oh God, I confess from my heart that Jesus is my risen Lord. (Romans 10:9). I now confess all my sins to Jesus Christ. Oh Christ, forgive me. (I John 1:9). I now thank Thee for forgiving me as You said You would. (This is only half of the prayer, but stop and say 'You meant this prayer with all your heart? . . . If you did, God certainly did!' Now show them I John 1:9 . . . have them read the verse. Stay with this verse until the truth of it dawns upon their heart. Truth comes to consciousness only by taking God at His Word. This IS faith. Now continue, 'Again I thank Thee Jesus for forgiving me as You said You would . . . and I now receive Jesus Christ into my heart.' (John 1:12) 'And I thank Him for coming into my heart as He promised in His Word.' 'In Jesus' name, amen.' Turn immediately to John 1:12 and review the verse in this manner. 'You received, then according to God's word what happened?' 'If you sincerely from the heart invited Christ in, then where is HE?' Remember, 'God cannot lie.'"

Assurance and the witness of the Spirit come through the Word so turn immediately to II Cor. 5:17; I John 5:11-13; John 5:24. These verses bring assurance through the Holy Spirit. Use them!

What Constitutes Conversion?

Our entire salvation is centered in Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12) In Him we have life—apart from Him there is no life! I John 5:12. In the final analysis, it will not be my sins that condemn me. What I do with Christ determines my eternal destiny. He paid the complete price for my salvation—all I can do is receive the Gift of God's son. Romans 6:23.

The *moment* I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in my heart that God hath raised Jesus from the dead—the *promise is mine*: "THOU SHALT BE SAVED!" Romans 10:9.

The *moment* I confess my sin (from the heart), He is faithful, I am forgiven! 'He cannot lie.' He keeps His Word!

The *moment* I turn from sin, and turn to Christ I have repented.

The *moment* I receive Christ, I AM His child. John 1:12. Faith in what God has said makes this so.

We must stake our entire lives; our entire

eternity on what is revealed to us in the Bible. God is duty bound—yes, He delights in putting His presence where His Word is. When we take Him at His Word, His promise is fulfilled in our hearts. "Let God Be True!"

Oh, God, teach us to take Thee at Thy Word and doubt Thee no longer. To doubt Thee is to call Thee a liar. To doubt Thee is to render Thy promises void in our lives. We will not doubt Thee!

Scriptural Answers to Excuses

"I must get better first"—Isaiah 1:18;
I Timothy 1:15; John 6:37; Matthew 9:12-13; Romans 10:13.

"Not now"—Isaiah 55:6; Luke 12:19-20;
II Corinthians 6:2.

"I'm as good as any church member"—
Romans 14:12; Revelation 20:15; II
Corinthians 5:10.

"There is too much to give up"—Mark
8:36; Luke 18:29-30; Romans 8:32;
Matthew 6:33 (The emphasis here is
not what we give up, but what we re-
ceive.)

"I'm afraid I cannot remain faithful"—
I Peter 1:5; II Thess. 3:3; Philemon
1:6; Isaiah 41:10, 13; Ephesians 3:20;
I Corinthians 10:13 (Emphasize He
keeps us . . . it's HIS POWER that
saves and keeps.)

Personally . . .

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"The order entered by the court below has the effect of declaring that Free Will Baptist Churches have a connectional form of church government as opposed to a congregational form of government, the latter being that which has been strictly adhered to by National Association. National Association's position is that connectional church government is not, and never has been, a doctrine of Free Will Baptist belief or the policy of the Free Will Baptist denomination."

Actually, because of the far reaching implications of a North Carolina Supreme Court decision, which involved our form of church government, the Executive Committee of the National Association felt it was their duty to present to the court the true position of Free Will Baptists and the historical basis for this position. This is the nature of the amicus curiae brief presented and does not even carry a reference to the Reverend Ronald Creech. (It is possible that we will print this brief, or at least portions of it, in CONTACT at some later date.)

One final word of clarification. The application of the Executive Committee does carry this statement at the end of its petition: "Its brief will be in support of the appellants' position." It is on the basis of this statement, probably more than anything else, that we have been charged by some with entering a lawsuit on the side of the Reverend Ronald Creech against the Western Conference of North Carolina and the J. G. Teasley Faction of the Edgemont church.

In way of explanation, please note again who the appellant is according to the application filed by the Executive Committee of the National Association. The appellant is the James A. Miles Faction of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, *not* the Reverend Ronald Creech.

Furthermore, the above mentioned statement was placed at the conclusion of our application to file an amicus curiae brief, by our attorney, for the sake of the court. In other words, the statement was for the purpose of informing the court relative to the basic conclusion of the brief (i.e. the National Association believes in congregational government) and is not to be misconstrued as an attempt to side with the appellant.

It is true that, as a result of this basic conclusion, the amicus curiae brief of the Executive Committee was in support of this majority within the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church. Not, however, because we deliberately chose to side with anyone, but that our mutual agreement with the James A. Miles Faction of the Edgemont church on the question of church government, in the eyes of the court, placed us in support of the appellant. The brief was *not* in support of the appellees (the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction) because they believe in connectional church government.

Could the Executive Committee have filed a brief which concluded that Free Will Baptists believed in connectional church government and remained true to the historic position of our denomination? The answer is obvious. To have done so would have been to go against our historic position as well as our own personal convictions.

In conclusion, let me say that when the Executive Committee voted to prepare a brief for presentation to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, we anticipated the fact that our position would be misrepresented by some. The fact that this has happened does not come as a surprise. However, in good faith, the Executive Committee of the National Association acted in an effort to preserve the cherished heritage which we have in our congregational form of government. If some individuals judge us to be in error in this action, then we can only say that we acted in a conscientious effort to defend and preserve for Free Will Baptist churches everywhere the principle of congregational church government.

Only time will reveal whether or not this action on the part of your Executive Committee was what Free Will Baptists desired under the circumstances. Somehow, we are persuaded to believe that it will receive your enthusiastic endorsement.

Communism—A Disease

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Wherever Communists are gathered you find the word "peace" displayed. They have "Peace" movements, "Peace" prizes, "Peace" festivals—the dove of Peace is their symbol.

Now since war is the present state of being, what is "Peace"? Most of you think the Communists are hypocrites, that they do not genuinely desire peace. With that I cannot agree. If you took a Communist and gave him a lie detector test and asked him if he desired peace with all his heart, he'd pass it with flying colors. They live for peace; they long for peace; they yearn for peace. Peace is the golden day of their dreams; the fulfillment of the yearning of their hearts. But what is "Peace"?

During the war against Germany and Japan, didn't you long for peace? When I ask normal American citizens if they desired peace, invariably the answer is that they yearned for peace with their whole heart. I ask "What was peace?" They say "Oh, the end of hostilities." I ask, "Do you include the end of hostilities in enemy victory?" They reply, "Oh, no we had to win it." Peace, by definition, was the end of the war in American victory, not in defeat. The Communists believe that they are the historically ordained class that is to consummate this class war in world Communist victory. By definition peace is: Communist world conquest. Since peace is Communist conquest, every act that ministers to Communist conquest is peaceful. If they shoot you, they take a peaceful gun; they put a peaceful bullet in your warlike brain; they give you a peaceful death, and they bury you in a peaceful grave. When the armies of the Communist Chinese advanced with tanks and guns and bombs and bayonets, littering the field with dead, it is the advance of the forces of Peace. Peace is wonderful. When Khrushchev ordered the Russian tanks into Budapest to fire into the apartment buildings reducing them to rubble, entombing men, women and children, in his heart he was confident that he was consummating "glorious" peace.

The Communists can use the word "peace" with total sincerity in their own sense. We interpret it in our sense. And we are the pathetic victims of their deceit. The Communists are not hypocrites. If they were hypocrites our task would be infinitely simpler. A hypocrite can make a bargain; a hypocrite can be appeased. The Communists are so totally committed to their program of World Conquest, so totally committed to the concept of the universality of class war, that they have crossed the borderline of sanity and we are dealing with paranoic mentality beyond the reach of logic and reasonable appeal.

This class war is universal. From it every term derives its definition. Lenin proudly proclaimed that Communist morality is related to the class struggle—there is no such thing as good—there is no such thing as

evil—there is no such thing as truth—there is no such thing as falsehood. Proletarian good is that which ministers to Communist World Victory. Any act that assists Communist Conquest is by definition "good." Any act that advances Communist World Triumph is by definition "peaceful." And any statement that advances World Communist Conquest is by definition "true."

The Communist never tell lies in the interest of Communism. If a statement is in the interest of Communist advance by definition it is the "truth."

Here is an example of the Communist truth—proletarian truth—with which they are deluging the world. This is a magazine put out in English by North Korea. The major part of it is given over to an alleged record of achievement by Communism in North Korea. As we near the end, we have a page entitled "Massacre Committed by American Brutes." On this page there are six photographs of bodies taken from a mass grave and the weeping relatives of the victims. Now the truth—what they call the bourgeois truth is this: When the Communists retreated in North Korea before the advance of General MacArthur, they took with them all able-bodied personnel. But those who belonged to the untrustworthy class and who could not stand the rigors of the northward journey, they simply massacred and put the bodies into mass graves. These included old men, pregnant women, mothers of very young children, etc. They have disinterred one of their own mass graves and are accusing the Americans of this crime. Listen to what they write:

"Mankind remembers the shocking atrocities the Hitlerites perpetrated in the concentration camps in Majdanek and Oswiecim.

"Recently another case of atrocities by the American murderers which exceeds in its cruelty the atrocities by the Hitlerites was discovered in Korea.

"In a shaft of the Rakyun Mine, Jangyun County, South Hwanghai Province, some 800 dead bodies were discovered.

"During their temporary occupation of Jangyun County during the Korean War, the American murderers rounded up miners of the Rakyun mine and the peasants in the nearby villages and put them through severe torture. Then the American devils kicked the tortured miners and peasants into the shaft 100 meters deep.

"In the shaft corpses were piled up on top of one another, and the torn pieces of the bodies bore bullet holes and scars made by the bayonets. Many mothers had their babies tied on their backs. The shaft presented a most gruesome scene.

"Honest-minded people cannot but hate and condemn the American Imperialist murderers whose lust for blood knows no end.

"Funeral services for the murdered took place in the Rakyun mine in the midst of children's crying for their lost fathers, old women waiting over their dead sons. The

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IN THE VINEYARD

■ Director of Home Missions, **Homer Willis**, will be in missionary conferences in the Chipley, Florida, area January 14-19. On January 22-26 he will visit the Thomas Memorial church in Huntington, West Virginia. He will also attend the Johnson County Quarterly Meeting at Paintsville, Kentucky, on January 27.

■ **Jerry Ballard**, Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Mission board, will attend the Evangelical Press Association in Springfield, Missouri, on January 23-24. He will attend in the interest of *Heartbeat*, monthly publication of the Foreign Mission board.

■ A study course will be held by League Director **Ray Turnage** in Florence, Alabama, on January 7-14. During the last week in the month, Mr. Turnage will be in Youth Week services at the Hazel Park Free Will Baptist church in Detroit, Michigan, area.

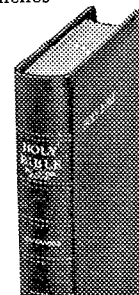
■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** will speak at the State Line Association in southern Alabama on January 13. He will also be guest speaker at the St. James Free Will Baptist church at Phenix City, Alabama, on Sunday morning, January 14. Mr. Melvin plans to attend the Evangelical Press Association in Springfield, Missouri, on January 23-24.

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people's enmity and curses upon the American devils rent the air. 'Avenge us of the American imperialists.' This was the cry of the 800 murdered.

"But even at the moment in South Korea, the American murderers are slaughtering our brothers and sisters. This we cannot tolerate.

"American cannibals, get out of Korea immediately."

Tell a lie, make it big, repeat it often, and the majority of people will believe you. It was Hitler who said this. The Communists have translated that concept into a vast science of proletarian truth. The tragedy is this: 100 people in the uncommitted areas of the world will see and believe this evil lie, for every one that reads and hears the true story of the shooting down of the unarmed American Transport Plane over Soviet Armenia by the Communist fighter planes.

Be not deceived—evil communications corrupt good manners. When we realize the vast distribution of this literature in every country of the World, we get a little insight into why the American Vice-President and his wife were stoned and spat upon South of the Border, why the American Embassy personnel recently had to flee in Bolivia from raging mobs. The harvest of Communist lies is being reaped and frankly, the apparent program of the free world, which seems to be to provide electric lights in these backward countries so that the Communist literature can be read, scarcely makes sense to me. The Communist programs go on ceaselessly. Everything is a weapon. Communist ideology crowns the ugliest and most evil of characters and acts with garments of virtue and beauty.

Never was this brought out so effectively as in Khrushchev's speech on Joseph Stalin. Khrushchev revealed much about Stalin in that speech, but he revealed a great deal also about Khrushchev. Most people missed its point entirely. They think that Khrushchev condemned Stalin. He did nothing of the sort! He depicted Stalin and finally commended him. Khrushchev said in effect, "Stalin was a murderer; he was not a reluctant murderer, but an enthusiastic murderer. He enjoyed murder. He got a thrill out of the torture of his own friends. When the Jewish doctors were arrested and accused of poisoning Zdanov, the Communist

leader, Stalin called in the man responsible for examining them and indicated the type of torture to be given to each one. He gave three fundamental rules for getting the confessions: "Beat, beat, and beat again." He said, "If you don't get a confession by this date, we will shorten you by a head."

Khrushchev indicated Stalin was a stark, raving, madman. "When you went in to see him in the morning, he would look at you and say, 'What have you been up to? You've got a shifty look in your eye today.' You never knew whether you would leave as his friend or under armed guard to be shot." Then he finalizes as follows, "Don't misunderstand me. Stalin was a good man. He was a Marxist-Leninist. He did these things as a Marxist-Leninist." In the class morality of Marxism-Leninism Stalin's personal individual idiosyncrasies were immaterial. Stalin is the man who set up the educational program in Russia which today is graduating three times as many engineers and scientists as America, and, when their China program matures, will graduate ten times as many. Stalin is the man who set up their submarine program that has brought the shadow of impending doom over the lives of every one of us from missiles launched from the Gulf of Mexico; Stalin set up their scientific program; Stalin organized the conquest of China; Stalin organized the infiltration of every institution of American life. Stalin deceived the American and free world statesmen; Stalin brought them to the very eve of World Conquest.

A few generations hence when Communism has triumphed and man is being remolded according to the Communist goal and universal happiness covers the earth, the name of Stalin will be honored and revered.

The tragedy of Communism is not merely that it murders; it makes murder a moral and a righteous act. When they deny the foundation of civilization, our Christian heritage; when they deny God, and His creative and redemptive love; they destroy the very foundations on which our individual value is built. In its place, the cold scientific morality of mathematical statistics emerges.

When the Communists have conquered the world, they will be left with the residual capitalist classes whom it is their duty to destroy. This is their proletarian moral duty.

A few years back the American Communist party would openly acknowledge that having conquered this land, they would need to put to death one third of the Ameri-

can people. This is not an act of punishment; neither is it an act of revenge—it is the fulfillment of Marxism-Leninism. An act whereby the surgeon takes the scalpel to cut away the diseased social tissue that the new and Communistically perfect may come to glorious flower.

We are living in an era of great danger, of vast peril; an era when the very future of our children is desperately menaced.

Communism is the literal fulfillment of Psalm XIV. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works. There is none that doeth good." Emerging from this bottomless pit of Godless materialism, captivating by a glamorous vision of a regenerate mankind, utilizing the perverted religious fervor of youth, and every scientific methods, this torrent is sweeping the Earth, and Freedom stands menaced and home and children stand in mortal peril, and the challenge to every one of us is this: "What contribution can I make that tyranny may not triumph and liberty may not perish from the Earth?"

I submit that to every individual motivated by love of Freedom, Christian philosophy, dedication to home and family, and love of country, every other issue has become secondary. The simple question is: How can we mobilize every spiritual, ideological, and moral force we have to halt this Communist advance across the earth?

The Communists say that victory is certain—certain for this reason: "We are the product of our economic society. Capitalism is in its dying stages. It has created us without survival value. We are so selfish; so shortsighted; so intoxicated with entertainment; so consumed with our own immediate, personal objectives we will never have the honesty and intelligence to understand the evidence, or the courage and dedication to do what is necessary to survive."

Is your life; is my life; an argument for or against the accuracy of that Communist thesis? As the great men and wonderful women of your fine country come face to face with these dangers, you have the unique responsibility to lay the foundation on which liberty shall triumph and tyranny shall fail.

I would like to finish with this poem:

Where the northern ocean darkens,
Where the rolling rivers run
Past cold and empty headlands
Toward the slow and westering sun,
There our fathers long before us,
Armed with Freedom faced the deep
What they built with love and labor
Let their children watch and keep.

By our dark and dreaming forests,
By our clear and shining skies,
By our green and ripening prairies,
Where the Western mountains rise,
God who gave our fathers freedom,
God who made our fathers brave
What they built with love and anguish
Let their children watch and save.

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