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The Spiritual Life In Christ

By J. H. Smith

The spiritual life is the one that is opposed to the life of sin and worldiness; a life that can be, and should be lived for Him as long as we are permitted to exist upon this earth. The kind of life we live in our bodies will determine how full our joy will be in our human existence, and what our rewards will be in the hereafter. We have been bought and paid for by the precious blood of Christ we belong to Him, we are not our own. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) and since we are not our own, we are to yield ourselves to Him; and by so doing we can have the power of his great Spirit for our life of service to Him. It is a sad fact that many people can give an experience of salvation, of having been saved, but live most of the time in a spiritual drought. This shouldn't be, and doesn't have to be.

First, Knowledge of Him and His Grace

One cannot begin to live a life in the Spirit without first knowing Him in whom are all Spiritual blessings. (Ephesians 1:3) There are a great many people who are living what is called the Christian life, but so much of it is activity of fleshly energy, and not of the power of God. A person can even be emotional, and he can be very sincere in what he is doing, and still not be in the Spirit. To live in the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit, and to have His comfort and direction, certainly one must have Him to dwell in him as a witness. However, a person can even have the Spirit to dwell within him as a witness and still not be filled with the Spirit. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18. Being filled with the Spirit isn't something that you have to seek for and pray for, but God fills us with the Spirit as we yield ourselves more and more to Him.

The Spirit life is something that we make progress in, or we should progress in, depending on how we respond to God's call for service. One of the best passages in the bible that I know of, in this regard, is found the first chapter of Colossians. Paul had

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Perpetuity of The Church

By

D. N. JACKSON, LL. D.

By this is meant that there has never been a day since Christ founded the church in which there was no Scriptural or New Testament church on earth, and that the like principal shall prevail till Christ comes again. Briefly, we set forth some facts sustaining this position.

1. Church perpetuity is assured by the fact that Jesus is the Head of the Church. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church" (Eph. 1:22). How incongruous it is to imagine the body dead while the head is alive! Along with the death of the body, if it should die, would go the death of



D.N. Jackson

the head. But we know that Christ, the Head, is not subject to death.

2. Christ's supremacy over all things guarantee the perpetuity of the church. "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Eph. 1:21). Being supreme He will never bow to the powers of darkness to destroy the church.

3. The church has an immovable foundation. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:20). Christ is the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and is the massive corner-stone in the foundation to hold the building together. Like the rock foundation in Matthew 7:24,25, no storms have ever prevailed to destroy the

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Revival Announcements

First Sunday — August

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 5208 Nolensville Rd., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor James H. Smith is to be assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor James Gardner is to be assisted by Elder C. R. "Dee" Russell.

Long Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor James "Pete" Porter is to be assisted by Elder Harold Linville.

Second Sunday — August

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Bobby Sutton is to be assisted by Elder A. G. Gregory.

Third Sunday — August

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey. Services each night at 7:15 p.m.



Eld. & Mrs. Koji Tajima

Missionary Report From Japan

By Koji Tajima

We hope this find you well from missionary field of Japan. We learned you were sick for sometime. We now really hope you are quite all right and are doing blessed work there in States by His wonderful care.

We received your Banner in bigger size some days ago, and enjoyed it. Thank you for the better-looking and containing more articles than it was before. May the Lord bless you richly through your printing service, too, we pray.

We are in the rainy season now, and have to wait three more weeks before we have summer, the most active missionary season, in this part of Japan. We have rain almost every day. In fact, while I was in Yamaguchi for three days this week, there was a downpour, and I came home driving in the heavy rain this evening. We really hope to have nice weather for Lord's service tomorrow. Though we are in the uncomfortable weather, my family and I are fine and are doing fine for His glory, for which we are happy and thankful. Both of our children, Luke and Kyoko, are doing all right in their school and in it's activities, for which we are really thankful unto the Lord. Luke is preparing now for the college examination which will be held next March. He wants to be in the medical faculty, if possible.

We enjoy singing of the album, "Tell It Everywhere You Go" made and sent by Hendersonville Baptists, Hendersonville, Tenn. They sent us 12 albums some time

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Penalty Causes Override

NASHVILLE (RNS) — Tennessee death penalty legislation has become law, following the legislature's vote to override Gov. Ray Blanton's veto.

The House voted 69-26 to override; the Senate voted was 24-7. Gov. Blanton has stated he will not allow executions in Tennessee.

The votes in the House and Senate followed a weekend slaying of four persons at a bank in Kodak, Tenn. Two men have been accused of killing three bank employees and a customer during the holdup.

One Senate sponsor of the death penalty bill said, "These four people were killed in my district. If this bill hadn't been vetoed, maybe, just maybe, they would still be alive."

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I reserve the right to refuse publication of articles that are not written in the proper spirit, those that reflect upon another to the detriment of the Lord's cause or those judged to be unsound.

However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

Deadline For Announcements

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

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EDITORIAL

By H. C. Vanderpool

On page 4 of this issue in an article entitled "Doctrinal Degeneration of Sunday School Material in NCC Denominations." This very situation has been discussed by our Baptist ministers in our churches and at our annual Baptist Associations for a number of years.

Last year at the annual meeting of the churches composing the Wiseman Baptist Association in its session at Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. a Resolution was passed to appoint a committee to work on the project of the feasibility and possibility of getting our own Sunday School literature written, published and distributed to the Baptist churches desiring to use it.

That committee made a recommendation in its January meeting at Gallatin, Tenn. The recommendation was accepted by New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn., and said church voted, set up and authorized a committee, "Missionary Baptist Literature Committee," to be in charge of the above said work.

Endorsements and contributions have come to the MBLC from various Baptist Associations for the initial work, surveys, etc. on the literature. The first quarter (March-April-May, 1978) is now being written. Some of the original staff writers have dropped from the task due to other duties and obligations, but by prayer, determination and the encouragement from so many of our Baptist people, we continue our work and other writers have been added. The second staff is also working on the second quarter, (June-July-August, 1978).

We would like to ask those who are not interested, and to some degree have said things to hurt the progress of this work that our Baptist people have wanted for so many years, "Please, if you don't care for this great task, don't hinder it!"

REVIVAL

A revival is to begin on Sunday night, August 14, at Oak Forest No. 1 Baptist Church in Allen county, Ky. Pastor Calvin Brown is to be assisted by Elder Bobby Hale. Services daily at 7:30 P.M.

Homecoming

There is to be an all-day Homecoming at Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 209 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. on Sunday, August 14. Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M. and the pastor, Elder D. W. Story, will preach at 11:00 A.M. Lunch is to be served at noon.

There will be singing in the afternoon. The featured groups are to be the Gospel Four, Barren River Boys and The Cumberland Valley Trio. All who can attend are invited to come to these services.

Notice!!

If your announcement is not found in the BANNER, its possible you mailed it too late. See deadline for publication at the left of this article. So, Please mail your announcements early!

Lebanese Praises 'Israeli Allies'

TEL AVIV—"The people of south Lebanon have entered a fraternal alliance with Israel from which they will not deviate and for which they are ready to pay with their blood," Francis Rizik, political adviser to the commander of the mainly-Christian southern Lebanese forces, told the press. The Christian forces control a narrow enclave along the border with Israel.

Rizik came to Tel Aviv directly from his home village of Klea in the battle zone of south Lebanon. He spoke on behalf of the commander, Major Sa'ad Haddad, who could not come here, as originally scheduled, in view of the leftist and Palestinian military pressure in his region.

Rizik, however, brought with him a lengthy, emotional letter from Haddad which he read to the press. "Our former enemy, Israel, is today the only and the last support we have," Haddad wrote. "The bitter irony is that Israel, constantly vilified, has opened her heart to us."

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Oxford Dictionary Makes Changes After Arab 'Plea'

LONDON—The Oxford University Press has admitted to bowing to Arab pressure by removing all reference to Israel in the "Jerusalem" entry in its forthcoming edition of the Concise Oxford Dictionary. It also amended the "Palestine" entry to include references to the PLO and "guerrillas."

An O.U.P. spokeswoman confirmed the changes had been introduced in order "to avoid any political connotations."

The present entry defines Jerusalem as "in Israel, the Holy City of Christians, Jews and Moslems."

The new entry will be "Jerusalem—west of the River Jordan."

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The Spiritual Life

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heard of their Spiritual state, having heard about it from a man named Epaphras (Col. 1:7,8) and after Paul heard about their love in the Spirit, he thanked God and began to pray for their progress. See Col. 1:3. Notice, that these Colossians knew of the grace of God in truth, in reality, they knew Him who is the very fountain of grace, and so from there they could make progress in the Christian life, and Paul prayed for them in this regard.

Secondly, Knowledge Of His Will

Since the day that Paul heard of the good state of the Colossians he didn't cease to pray for them; and one of the things he prayed for was that they might be filled with the knowledge of His will. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and Spiritual understanding." Colossians 1:9. Although these people knew the grace of God in salvation, they didn't know all about God's will, neither do we, but the apostle's prayer was that they might be filled with the knowledge of His will. How important this is! The big reason that so many of God's children live in a Spiritual drought is because they know little, or nothing of God's will for their lives; and after they who may know a little of his will do little or nothing about it. If we ever increase in the knowledge of His will we must follow out what we already know; and even after we have done that, there are other ways in which we can get bogged down in learning more of His blessed will: 1, By being conformed to the world. "And be ye not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." A person who is conformed to the world, living, acting, following after the customs of the world, will not discover much about God's will; 2, trying to avoid trials. It is through trials and testings of our faith that we learn much about the ways and the will of God. It is in the darkest hours of our Christian experiences that we come closer to the Lord, and He comes the closest to us; and of course when we are near Him and He is near us we are learning of Him and His for us. The Lord would have us to be submissive in whatever comes our way without complaining, for it is He that worketh in us to will and to do His good Pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

Learning what God's will is for us and our lives may not always be easy, because of the struggle of our contrary nature; the old nature is still with us, and we must strive to bring it into submission to the will of the Spirit. This sometimes requires a lot of sincere, earnest prayer, self examination, and confession of our sins; because it isn't that God can't get to us, but it is because we can't seem to get ourselves out of the way so that He will get through to us. He wants us, first of all, and when we make a full surrender of ourselves we can get His message right away.

Thirdly, Recognise The New Relationship

Since we have Jesus Christ as our Savior, and have God as our Father, we have a brand new relationship; and certainly we should walk worthy of Him, showing in our walk that we are His and He is ours. "That ye might walk worthy of the lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10 Again, the Apostle Paul said, "If ye ther

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By JOHN HARRIS

Experts Agree ...

There IS a Noah's Ark—Just as the Bible Says

...Its Remains Have Been Discovered on Mount Ararat

There really is a Noah's Ark, and its remains still exist high up in glacial ice on Mount Ararat in Turkey — exactly where the Bible says the Ark came to rest after the Great Flood.

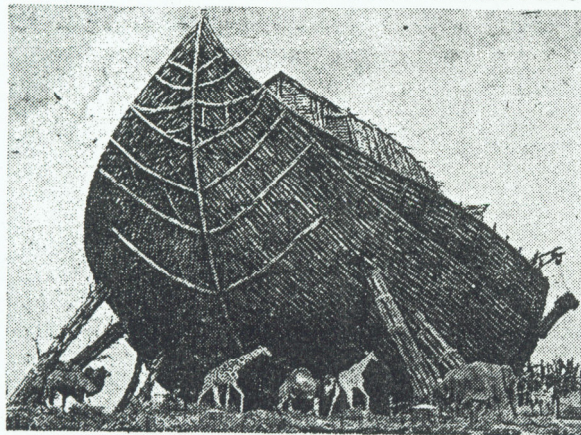
That's the belief of experts interviewed by The ENQUIRER, who point to scientific evidence supporting not only the legend of the Ark, but also the Flood.

In 1955, Fernand Navarra, a French engineer, discovered an ancient, handhewn piece of wood — from what he says was a 150-foot beam — on barren Mt. Ararat. He found more mysterious wooden fragments on another expedition in 1969.

When subjected to scientific tests, the wood — identified as decaying white oak — was shown to be as much as 5,000 years old, which would place it in the time of Noah.

Prof. Clifford L. Burdick, a former consultant to the U.S. and Turkish governments on the geology of Mt. Ararat, believes that salt crystals found at the 6,000-foot level bear witness to a cataclysmic flood.

"There is evidence that the water was higher than the top of the mountain at one time,"



NOAH'S ARK constructed for movie "The Bible" gives an impression of its massive size.

he explained. "The mountain grew to 18,000 feet from volcanic eruptions during the flood period. I think the Ark floated around for about a year, then as the water started

going down it got caught on this peak which showed up."

Elfred M. Lee, a member of the 1969 expedition, told The ENQUIRER: "We found the wood only after digging at a spot in the glacier about 13,000 to 14,000 feet up the mountain."

Lee made contact with an old man, George Hagopian, who claimed to have actually seen a strange wooden ship high on the mountain when he and his uncle were grazing a flock of sheep in 1904.

"This was after a four-year drought and the ice had melted considerably," Lee said. "He and his uncle say they saw what they called the 'Holy Ark' — this huge ship completely exposed higher up on the mountain. His uncle helped him climb on the roof and

he looked in the windows on the top.

"He said he shouted inside, and his voice echoed."

John D. Morris, a field research scientist and author of "Adventure on Ararat" and "The Ark on Ararat," led two expeditions onto Mt. Ararat in 1972 and 1973.

"The major sightings have been since 1840 when there was a major earthquake," he said. "This tremendous earthquake changed the structure of the mountain, and since then hundreds of people claim to have seen it.

"About every 20 years or so the glacier recedes and there are sightings. Then it's covered up with snow again in a few weeks."

Some scientists speculate that the Great Flood recorded in the Bible may have been the result of a flyby of a passing planet, which would have created a monstrous flood triggered by gravitational pull.

Others suggest that a huge meteor slammed into the ocean, causing a cataclysmic tidal wave.

Some believe the polar ice caps may have suddenly melted, or that the earth's "plates" may have shifted, or the water above the firmament mentioned in the Scriptures may have turned to rain, and with some dislocation of the oceans, flooded the earth.

Could the puzzling wood on Mt. Ararat have come from other sources?

"Ararat is in the middle of a desert," said Lee. "There are absolutely no trees. The

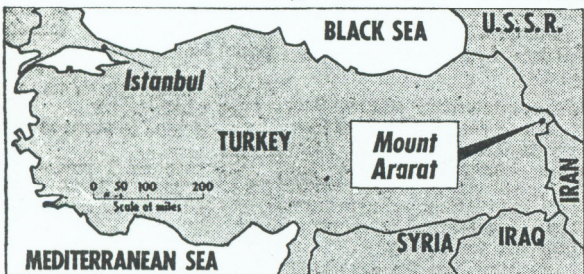


ANCIENT piece of wood found by Fernand Navarra high up on Mount Ararat in 1955 has led scientists to the conclusion that he found Noah's Ark.

only way hard wood (like we found) could have gotten on the mountain would be for people to have carried it up there, or by flood.

"At those elevations it's hard just to carry your own body weight.

"And Navarra claims to have seen a 150-foot beam. Try carrying that."



SITE OF THE ARK on Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey.

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be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1. Because of the fact that we are risen with Christ, it proves that we are in union with Him; and due to His being at the right hand of the Father, is proof enough that we are in touch with God, the Father, through Christ, that He touches the Father and touches us at the same time. And of course, it is through Jesus that anyone can reach the Father.

In our new relationship we should always be careful to maintain our fellowship with God, for it is our blessed privilege to have such a fellowship with the Father through the Son. And without this fellowship we are left powerless, we cannot have power with God and power with men; for our sufficiency is not of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God. (II Corinthians 3:5) This fellowship can very easily be broken, of course, when we allow sin and the devil to get the advantage of us. The power is ours to share when we are in touch with Him; and Paul realized this when He prayed for these Colossians thus: "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power." Colossians 1:11. Also, in this new relationship we must be reminded that our blessed state with Him is due altogether from what He has done for us, because we haven't

lifted ourselves up into this happy state, but it is He who has delivered us from the power of darkness; "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." Colossians 1:13. Certainly if we recognise that what we are and what we have is from the Lord it would make us feel a deeper sense of responsibility to Him and has redeemed us by the blood of His son. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of Sins." Colossians 1:14

Fourthly, Exaltation of Jesus Christ.

Any life that is lived that doesn't exalt our Lord Jesus Christ is a very empty one indeed, even if it is called a Christian life. In our witnessing by word of mouth or in the life we live, we must show who we represent, what He is and what He can do. It is very clear in the Scriptures as to what He is, the power that He has, and what He can do. Notice: 1, What He is, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature." 2, As to what He can do. "For by Him all things were created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him." Colossians 1:15,16.

There are men today who are trying to reduce our Lord Jesus to a mere man, and some of these are men who profess Christianity; but the Scriptural fact is, and

always will remain, Jesus is God, who was manifested in human flesh. What He did while He lived upon this earth, as recorded in the New Testament, is a living testimony as to who He was and the power He possessed; and if men would believe the Bible there would be no difficulty in determining what great attributes our Lord possessed. And if we would exemplify the work that He has done in us, the power that He has wrought in our salvation, truly we would have the power to touch others; for the light that is in Him reflecting through us will reach out to somebody else.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, (Colossians 1:18) and if He is given His exalted position in each member's life it certainly would make a powerful church and powerful individual lives for His church; and for the glory of His great name. We notice that Jesus is given the preeminence, "That in all things He might have the preeminence." This means that He is above all others in the church, and all others are subject to Him. When this fact is recognised, and He is given His rightful place, He will give power, He will give light and direction; and of course, there will be no problem with formality, it will eliminate itself.

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"A preacher must be more interested in doing a job than in keeping one."

Louisville Courier Journal

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ago, which we appreciated. We feel christian spirit, the missionary spirit.

We were thrilled to have bill of lading for a box of water heater that would be landed at port of Kobe next week, which was a gift from Baptist brothers and sisters of Carthage, Tenn. We are looking forward to get it through our agent that will do all the custom business for us. We don't forget Bro. Larry Hagen's favour who bought this water heater and shipped it out from Los Angeles at his busiest time of furlough just before he and his family came back to Japan.

When I was in Hokkaido last April to help Baptist people of northern town, I made a trip to eastern part to see Ainu tribe. It was the very close contact with those sad-looking people I ever had in my life, who were once hunters of the forests and of the open fields of Hokkaido before Wajin (Japanese) came and took their land, Ainu-moshi. They reminded me of your Indian tribes. I wondered who would go and tell them of the great tidings of salvation of the Lord.

I am thinking to go and visit islands of interland sea, especially islands of the Hiroshima Bay in near future. I like to visit small islands if I could get a fisher's boat from an island to another one that I haven't been before. Big islands are easy to go by regular ferry boats. We have visions to testify Christ.

Recently a college boy of Hiroshima, Bro. Satoh, joined Koi, for which we are thankful. He wants to be a high school teacher after his graduation. We would like for you to pray for him for his progression of faith in Christ the Lord.

Now I make a report of donations we received with so much thanks for the second quarter of 1977. They are as follow:

April - Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 29.72; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 266.80; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 250.00; Bro. Larry Hagen, New Ulm, Minn., 125.00 (for travel expenses to Wakkanai); North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 284.59; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 67.55; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 50.00. Total \$1,073.66.

May - Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 50.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 235.55; Mr. & Mrs. Gene Carman, Hartsville, Tenn., 50.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 36.39 & 39.15; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 92.08; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 222.71. Total \$725.88.

June - Plunketts Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 224.00; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 176.00; East Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 86.68; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 82.92; Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 40.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 50.00. Total \$659.60.

To Koi Baptist Church: Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., 100.00. (April).

We will keep praying for you all, and we would like for you to pray for us.

May God richly bless you.

Yours brethren in Christ
Koji Tajima & Family

ATTENTION

Anyone who might have any knowledge of an old-fashioned Missionary Baptist Church in the Raleigh, North Carolina area is asked to write to Mr. Robert O. Langford, 6421 Malibu Dr., Raleigh, N. C. 27603, informing him of the church.

DOCTRINAL DEGENERATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL IN NCC DENOMINATIONS

VALLEY FORGE, PA. --The thrust of Sunday School materials produced by the denominations of the National Council of Churches has, for many years, been the seedbed for the doctrines of modernism, the social gospel and all the various guises of the apostasy. These materials have more and more accommodated themselves to the mores of the secular world, rather than setting before the unbelieving world the absolute standards of the Word of God. This accommodation has now degenerated to, not only espousing the evolutionary conclusions regarding the origins of the world, but also in the portrayal, through pictures, of scenes which must be considered "religious" pornography. --ACC

What greater calamity
can fall upon a nation
than the loss of
worship. —Emerson

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE KIDS?

By Wayne Wall

LONG HAIR and greasy clothes, failing grades, lawbreaking antics, disrespect for parents, teachers and police, vile language, lazy habits, glue sniffing and all the rest! "What's wrong with so many kids nowadays?" people ask. The answer is simple. The trouble with most children is their parents. Children are products of the homes that produced them. Let's look at the types of parents that produced the young people of today.

THE PREMISSIVE PARENTS. This parent says, "Johnny must be allowed to do as he pleases or he will develop unwholesome inhibitions." "We don't really like him to stay out all night and keep snakes in his bedroom but if we say anything it just starts a big argument." "After all, he must develop his own personality and viewpoint."

Of course, these parents wouldn't think of making Johnny go to church or enforcing standards of conduct. Johnny will be permitted to go his own way. Have you ever noticed that garden plants left to themselves are soon overcome by weeds?

THE PROVIDING PARENTS. These folk "had it rough" when they were young. Their children will have it better. So both parents work day and night to provide the latest clothes, color TV, cars and pizzas. Where do the kids spend their time? Who knows? The folk are at work. What about providing some spiritual training? What about providing the guidance and counsel a parent should? Sorry, too much over-time this week.

THE PROTECTING PARENTS. These low calorie, artificially sweetened folk want to protect their "dear ones." Suzy may be a screaming monster and Johnny a menace to society, but teacher, preacher or policeman had better not suggest that they are less than perfect! It's the other kids who cause the trouble. So, sheltered by the parents' alibis, threats, bribes and bail, the youngsters go on the road that leads to destruction.

THE PROPER PARENTS. This rare group is made of parents who exercise discipline with love, maintain authority with concern, and insist on standards of good conduct. They are much in prayer for their children, spend time with them, set an example before them and regularly go with them to church and Sunday school. If more parents chose this road more young people would be on the right road.

Prenatal Drinking

NEW YORK (RNS) — A nationwide campaign to warn women of the dangers of drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy is planned by the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) and the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

NIAAA, a division of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, plans to issue a federal warning that two drinks of hard liquor a day during pregnancy could cause fetal defects. The warning will be circulated nationally in the current weekly bulletin of the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta.

"We cannot say a woman will have a defective child if she drinks mildly," NCA executive director George Dimas said at a news conference here. "What we're saying is that a safe and responsible decision is to abstain."

Figures reported by the NCA indicate that of the 3.1 million live births projected nationally this year, an estimated 250,000 will be congenitally abnormal, including some 6,000 born with the "alcohol syndrome."

Among common symptoms of this syndrome are retarded growth, congenital eye and ear problems, heart defects, extra fingers or toes, and disturbed sleep patterns.

Birth defects attributed to alcoholism are estimated to be second only to those resulting from exposure to rubella, and some authorities estimate that the total number of births affected by the alcohol syndrome in one year is greater than the total affected by all thalidomide births over a period of time several years ago.

The risk rate of fetal alcohol syndrome defects was 10 percent if the mother drank from two to four ounces of hard liquor daily, according to Dr. Joseph R. Cruse of the University of Southern California. He said the risk rate rose as high as 74 percent for women who drank 10 ounces of liquor a day.

REVIVAL

A revival is to begin at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. on Friday night, August 12. Pastor Bernard Skaggs is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith and Bro. William Sanford is to be in charge of the singing. Services each night at 7:15 P.M.

Perpetuity Of 'the Church

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building.

4. The perpetual existence of the church was made sure by the unbroken presence of the Lord till He shall come the second time "... and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen". (Matt. 28:20). The church must live, if Christ is with her.

5. Church perpetuity is based on the fact that Christ is the preserver of the body. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body" (Eph. 5:23). The word "saviour" here means "preserver" — Christ is the preserver of the church. Therefore, the church must continue to exist, if He preserves her.

6. In all ages God must get glory through the church by Christ Jesus. "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21). We know God did not get glory through the church "throughout all ages", if at any time the church ceased to exist.

7. The fact that Christ both nourishes and cherishes His Church is evidence that the church shall never cease to live on earth. "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church" (Eph. 5:29). "Nourish" is from the Greek word meaning "to maintain, to support, to bring up". And "cherish" means "to warm, to keep warm, to cherish with tender love, to foster with tender care". The word is found in I Thess. 2:7; "But we are gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children". Both nourishing and cherishing the church, some day Christ shall "present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).

8. The positive promise of our Lord is proof abundant that the church shall never be destroyed in this world. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Her). By "gates" is meant the entrance into something, and the entrance into hell (hades) we know is death. So death shall not prevail against the church. If death cannot, then the church will live, for life is the opposite of death. All the Satanic intrigues even in their heinous forms of inquisition, the thumb-screw and rack, the auto-da-fe, the Smithfield flames, the sufferings in Piedmont Valley, could not destroy the church of the living God. The old Ship of Zion moves on in face of dungeon, fire and the sword.

Crucified With Christ

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..."

Country Parson



"I wonder why a preacher with a vital message so often phrases it like he meant someone else."