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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a tract used by Bro. Frank Carr while a missionary in Japan. It was sent to me from Sis. Mary Dillard of Nashville, TN and was previously printed in a 1964 issue of THE BAPTIST PROGRESSOR, edited by Bo. Paul Oldham in Lafayette, TN.)

In life today there are many problems, and we can hear questions about material things of all kinds. But it would seem that thousands of people were forgetting their Eternal Souls, Because they are leaving off the most important question. And that is, What must I do to be saved?—But, although we don't hear this question asked by everybody we meet, it is truly on the heart of every unsaved person upon the earth, for indeed this can not be forgotten.

This is not a new question—It has been asked by people through all ages. In the 16th Chapter of the Book of Acts, we find a jailor coming humble and asking this question.

At that time, Christians were being badly persecuted, and Paul and Silas, after they had been beaten, were thrust into the inner prison. But by no means were they discouraged. At midnight they prayed and sang praises unto God. And God heard them, and His power came on the scene, and He sent a great earthquake, and immediately all the prison doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed. The keeper seeing the power of God, and realizing that salvation is real, came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, and asked,—“What must I do to be Saved?” Acts 16:30. The answer by these two men of God was,—“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved—” Acts 16:31.

The answer to this question is still the same today. As I have already stated, this is not a new question, and it doesn't have a new answer. It has been the same through all ages. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Now to be saved, means to be born again. And Jesus said, “—Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3. It means to be born of God, to be freed from sin, and to become one of God's children. “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26.

We are saved by grace through faith in Christ, and Jesus Christ is

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KENTUCKY ORDINATION

Becker Dr. Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, KY., will have an ordination service beginning at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. on Saturday, April 12, 1986.

Bro. Ricky Huff is being considered for the full work of the ministry. Bro. Huff has expressed his burden for mission work in Emporia, Kansas and has been called to pastor there.

A general invitation is given to sister churches of same faith and order to send their ordained brethren to help in this service.

Eld. Danny Edwards - Pastor
Earl Morrison - Clerk

ARKANSAS MISSION TO ORGANIZE

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Mission has set an organizational service for Saturday, May 24, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. The mission is located one mile south of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas off Highway 167.

Following the organization, two brethren, Floyd Davis and Reid Brock, are to be considered for ordination to the office of deacon. All sister churches of the Siloam, Wiseman, Enon, Bethel, Southwestern District, and Barren River Associations are invited to send their ordained help to assist in organizing Bethel Mission into an independent church and ordaining her brethren.

Elder M. V. Hammock has led this mission work with an extended arm from Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. For further information contact Bro. Hammock at Rt. 1, Box 265, Bald Knob, Arkansas 72010, or phone (501) 724-5871.

(The mission's quarterly financial report appears in this issue.)

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION RETREAT

by Marsha Brady - Church Clerk
Old Time Baptist Church - Sponsoring Church

The mission effort in Pleasants County, WV got off to a good start with special services on February 28, March 1st and 2nd. Brother Danny Chandler preached on “God's Plan of Salvation” in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Old Time's pastor, Brother Gary Fisher, led stirring devotionals each night with special singing by the church's quartet, the Brady Family.

The services were blessed with visiting preacher brothers — Berlan Roy and his wife from Liberty in Barberton, Ohio, and J. R. Mullins from Villa Nova Missionary Baptist Church at Duck, WV, and also Brother Blaine Ashley and his wife came down from Barberton to support the meeting.

The radio ministry started by Brother Danny has helped stir interest and concern for the old-time religion. The Sunday morning service was blessed with nearly a dozen visitors who expressed their desire to attend on a regular basis.

Greatly encouraged by this, Brother Danny desires your prayerful support for this mission work.

Anyone wishing to help financially can do so by sending contributions to Old Time Missionary Baptist Church, c/o Phil Creecy, Elizabeth, WV 26143.

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Some minds are like concrete — all mixed up and permanently set.

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Don't pray for rain if you intend to complain about the mud.

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Temper gets most of us in trouble, and pride keeps us there.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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God's only begotten Son. God loved the world, and being not willing that any should perish, He gave His Darling Son, that the world through Him might have Everlasting Life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have Everlasting Life." John 3:16.

Not only are we saved through Christ, but there is no other way. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven give among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12. If we could be saved another way, then the death of Christ on the cross would be in vain, but there is no other way. There is no salvation in Buddha, Shintoism, nor Mohammed—For Jesus said, "—I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6.

In the eyes of God there are only two classes of people. One is the saved redeemed children of God. The other one is the unsaved, sinners, which are on the broad way that leads to hell and torment.

Jesus doesn't love sin, but He truly loves the sinner, and He is such a wonderful Saviour. He loved the sin cursed world, and He came and gave His life and shed His own precious blood on the rugged cross of Calvary, to save all—whosoever will come, repenting and believing. Yes, He is calling. He is ready, and He is more than able.

Once again let me say, to be saved means, to have a change of heart, to be redeemed from sin, to pass from spiritual death unto Eternal Life, and to be raised from the power and darkness of the devil, to walk in the glorious light of the Son of God—Yes, and to be at peace with God.

Now, all of this comes by true repentance, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. To repent means to be sorrow for sin, to feel pain and sorrow on the ac-

count of it, to give it up, and to resist the devil—and the devil will flee from you. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." James 4:7-10.

Jesus Christ was promised by God the Father, prophesied by the prophets, foretold by the Angel, born of a virgin, laid in a manger, praised by the heavenly host, worshipped by the shepherds and He committed no sin. Even Pilate said, "—I find no fault in this man." Luke 23:4.

And during His personal ministry upon the earth, He walked on the sea, gave sight to the blind, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and made sad hearts rejoice. He was believed upon by multitudes, He proved Himself to be the Son of God, the Saviour of the world—Simon Peter said unto Him, "—thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." John 6:68-69. And even the centurion said, "—Truly this man was the Son of God." Mark 15:39.

He wore a crown of thorns, He was beaten, He was spit upon, He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, but He opened not His mouth, for it pleased the Lord to bruise Him, for "—He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

He willingly laid down His life. He said of Himself, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." John 10:18. He gave His life and stained the cross with His own divine blood, that the world through Him might be saved. He made Salvation a free gift.

We can not buy our way in, and we can not work our way in, for Jesus said, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9.

Corruptible things, such as silver and gold, and traditions handed down from our forefathers can not redeem the soul, but we are redeemed by, "—the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." I Peter 1:19.

Thanks be unto God that the grave couldn't hold man's Redeemer. "—The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it." Matt. 28:2. "And for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men." Matthew 28:4. Jesus rose victorious from the grave, and "—shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs—" Acts 1:3. And "—He was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." Mark 16:19.

Today He is a living, loving, able, tenderhearted, and precious Saviour, and He is still extending the great invitation to a lost and sin cursed world, "Come now, and let us reason together—though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28-29.

Thanks be unto God once again that through Jesus Christ we find the answer to life's most important question. So if you are unsaved, come now unto the Lord, humble yourself, repent, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart, and you shall be saved.

Jesus is tenderly calling you today. Harden not your heart against Him, but let Him come in, and save you from sin and darkness. He says "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him,

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and he with Me." Revelation 3:20.

Written with a prayer, that this might be a means of leading others into a walk with Christ in the sweet straight and narrow way, which leadeth unto life eternal. To Him be all the glory, honor, and praise forever. May God bless you.

By J. Frank Carr, Faith Missionary and pastor of Yamaguchi Missionary Baptist Church.

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TAKE TIME

- Take time:
- To **think**. It is the source of power.
- To **play**. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To **read**. It is the fountain of wisdom.
- To **pray**. It is the greatest power on earth.
- To **love and be loved**. It is a God-given privilege.
- To **be friendly**. It is the road to happiness.

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1802 ARTICLES OF FAITH

NEW PASTOR

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted from the J. M. Pendleton Baptist Library. El Bethel was organized about 1796 and is now out of existence, but many middle Tn. churches trace their history through her. As were many Baptist Churches of that day, El Bethel leaned to Calvinism as indicated by articles 3, 5, and 7.)

RECORD OF EL BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH EAST STATION CAMP, TENNESSEE

Respectfully copied in 1959 from the original Church Book by RUTH REIDLING HAHM

Descendant of the Mays, Hodges, Suttles, Reddicks and Taylors, who were beloved brethren in this church.

ARTICLES OF OUR PROFESSION OF RELIGION AS AGREED TO AND RECEIVED IN CONFERENCE AT JULY MEETING, 1802, TO BE APPROVED BY EACH MEMBER

- (1) We believe in the ONE only true and living God, and there are Three Persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
(2) We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
(3) We believe in the Doctrine of Eternal Election.
(4) We believe the Doctrine of Original Sin.
(5) We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will ability.
(6) We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
(7) We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
(8) We believe the saints will persevere in grace, and never fall finally away.
(9) We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ Jesus, and that true believers are subjects of these ordinances. We believe the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
(10) We believe in the resurrection of the dead; a general judgment.
(11) We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.
(12) We believe that no ministers have the right to the administration of the ordinances but such as are called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

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THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATES

One of the most foolish things a warrior can do is to go to battle without first knowing his enemy. Satan has planted many of his best agents among us. Let's expose a few of them:

First is Chronic Complainer. He is silent only when the church is idle.

His able lieutenant is Ever Offended. Disagree with him and he'll take his toys and go home.

Their capable assistant is Avid Advisor. No matter how hard you try or how well you do, he will always tell you how you could have done it better.

Then there is Church Jumper. He is always sure that somewhere is a perfect church where everyone and everything is in complete harmony. If he finds a church like that, let's hope he doesn't join it; he might spoil it!



Elder Delbert and Beverly Compton

Elder Delbert Compton and his wife Beverly have recently moved from Columbus, Indiana to Hendersonville, Tennessee where Brother Compton has assumed the duties of pastor of Grace Missionary Baptist Church on Old Shackle Island Road in Hendersonville. The Comptons are presently living at 110 Linda Drive, but their mailing address is P. O. Box 1269, Hendersonville, TN 37077-1269.

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SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER NEEDED

Several requests have been made to the Old Fashioned Gospel Hour telecast for sign language to be used to provide the deaf with the opportunity to learn the true gospel. Brother Bob Pitt, coordinator of the program, says they now have the technical ability to add this service to the program. Anyone knowing someone or where to locate someone who is saved and has sufficient proficiency in sign language to interpret the program, please contact Brother Pitt at 309 Andrews Ave., Hartsville, TN 37074 or phone 374-2723.

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BIBLE QUESTION

Approximately how many pounds of myrrh and aloes were placed on the body of Jesus, and who did it?

Answer next month.

March Answer: Goliath (I Sam. 17:4-5)

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Arguing about religion is much easier than practicing it.

REVIVALS

Support them with your prayers and presence.

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APRIL 16, 1986

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Hwy. 109 North, Gallatin, TN

7:00 Nightly

Pastor: Elder D. C. Russell
Helper: Elder Gary Duncan

Hartsville Missionary Baptist Church
Church Street, Hartsville, TN

7:30 Nightly — Congregational singing begins at 6:00 first night

Pastor: Elder Barney Allison
Helper: Elder Jackie Wilburn

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New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, TN

7:30 Nightly

Pastor: Elder H. C. Vanderpool
Helper: Elder Benny Maggart

Dixon Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Cato Community off Hwy. 25, Smith County, TN

7:00 Nightly

Pastor: Elder Doug Curtis
Helper: Elder Woodrow Barrett
Song Leader: Bro. Donnie Hines

LAFAYETTE SINGINGS

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, 302 College St., Lafayette, TN will have a gospel singing Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. The featured singers are the Wilburn Family from Carthage, TN. Y'all come!

The following day, Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church will host the Four County Singing featuring congregational singing. Everyone is invited.

LEBANON SINGING

Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Road (Hwy. 70 South), Lebanon, TN will have a singing Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Calvary Quartet. Everyone is welcome.

SINGING SCHOOL

A singing school is to begin at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on Sunday night, April 6. The classes will be as follows:

- Sunday night, April 6 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday night, April 8 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday night, April 10 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday night, April 13 6:00 p.m.

Mr. David Armistead, Director of the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music, will be the teacher. Everyone is invited to attend.

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ARKANSAS REPORT

BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST MISSION

Pleasant Plains, AR.

Dear Bro. Maggart,
Readers of the Baptist Banner:

It's time to make another quarterly report on donations sent to us from our Sister Churches and individuals to support us in this great work for the Lord.

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