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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. | Psalms 60:4

19 ¶ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway unto the end of the world. A-mén'

Matt. 28:19-20



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WELLS WITHOUT WATER

TRUE CHRISTIANS RECEIVE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS FROM GOD AND PASS THEM ON TO OTHERS

By ROSCO BRONG
Dean, Lexington Baptist College

*"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever."
(II Peter 2:17.)*

This text describes under two figures false or counterfeit Christians referred to in greater detail throughout the second chapter of Second Peter. Wells without water and clouds that give no rain, but are driven by the storm, are fitting illustrations of people who put on the appearance of Christianity, but have not within themselves the spiritual life which would be a blessing to themselves and to others.

FALSE TEACHERS

Outstanding among these wells without water are the "false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies." These false teachers, we are told, will bring upon themselves swift destruction. They may be recognized by the heresies they teach, by their pernicious ways, and by their covetousness, as we may note in the first three verses of this chapter.

PRESUMPTUOUS

Other unjust (lost) persons, whom the Lord knows how to reserve unto the day of judgment to be punished, are said to be "presumptuous, self-willed" and "not afraid to speak evil of dignities." These are professed Christians who habitually "walk after the flesh" and "despise government." "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him." Some of their sins are mentioned in detail in verses 12 to 15.

SLAVES OF CORRUPTION

Among these false teachers are those who promise liberty to others through their counterfeit gospels,

Eternal Security Of The Believer



By Elder M. M. Henson

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life," John 5:24. After one has trusted Christ, he is then in possession of ETERNAL LIFE, and cannot come into condemnation, because he has already passed from death unto life. If a believer has eternal life, then apostasy is preposterous, because that life which he now has can never end.

When a person is born again, he is given a new nature and that new nature which is implanted within him is a sinless nature; it is the very image of the nature of God; he is a partaker of God's nature. In Rom. 7:22-25 Paul tells of the inward man which delights in the law of God and outward man which wars against the inward man.

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The Bible And Our Children



By H. C. Vanderpool

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Pro. 17:6. Those who have children and grandchildren realize the blessings mentioned in the above scripture.

The word "Children" or "child" appears about 2,000 times in the Bible. Many of the places refer to the children of God. Often in the Bible God speaks of the love between parents and their children, and then shows how much greater His love is for His children. The Lord also speaks of how parents chastise their children so they will be obedient and honorable, and that He likewise chastises us so we, too, will be obedient unto Him.

We, as parents, are told how we should bring up our children. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Pro. 22:6. Someone has said, "If you would bring up a child in the way he should go, be sure you are going that way yourself." It is true that there are many unruly, disobedient children in the world, but look how many unruly, disobedient parents there are who are having influence upon them. "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Pro. 29:15.

One of the greatest promises that God has made to us is: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear (reverence) him, and his righteousness unto children's children." Psalm 103:17.

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LIFE'S SUNSET

By Lassie Franklin
Indianapolis, Ind.

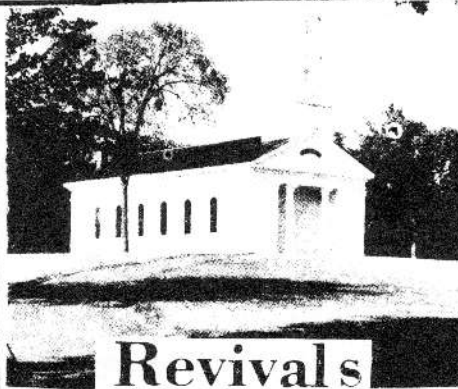
When we come to the end of life's journey,
And we look far away to the west,
There we find a beautiful sunset,
And we know we will soon come to rest.

Then I looked far behind the horizon,
There's a pathway the pilgrims have trod.
And there by the peaceful quiet river,
Is the beautiful city of God.

So I traveled until I had reached it,
Its beauty has never been told.
There were mansions and mansions in
glory,
And the streets were paved of pure gold.

And there in the midst of the city,
I saw a beautiful throne.
And there was my blessed Redeemer,
He had guided me all the way home.

And when I shall reach that bright city,
And behold my dear Savior's face,
It will be because of His mercy,
And His loving and dear saving grace.



Revivals

Second Sunday—September

Parkwood Baptist Church, 244 Ewing
Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor L. W. Smith
is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth
Woodall.

Third Sunday—September

Caney Fork Baptist Church, Etoile, Ky.
Pastor Arnold Wyatt is to be assisted by
Elder Dexter Bacon, Jr.

Homecoming

There is to be an all day homecoming at
Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church,
Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. on Sun-
day, September 28. Sunday school at 10:00
A. M. and preaching at 11:00 A. M. by the
pastor, Elder Kenneth Woodall. Lunch will
be served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon there will be singing by
the Nailprints of Lebanon, Tenn. and the
Patterson Family of Indianapolis, Ind. The
public is invited.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association

The eighteenth annual session of the
Bethel Missionary Baptist Association of
Indiana will meet with Harmony Mis-
sionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
on Friday night, Sept. 19, at 7:00 P. M. It
will continue through Saturday and Sun-
day. Eld. Hugh Hudson was elected
moderator last year, Eld. John Keen, Jr.
was elected clerk and Eld. Carlos Gam-
mon was elected Treasurer.

Eld. Jimmy Parker will preach the
Introductory sermon on Friday night, the
Memorial sermon on Saturday will be
delivered by Elder Billy Martin. On
Sunday, Elder Mitchell Smith will preach
the Doctrinal sermon.

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WELLS WITHOUT WATER

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though "they themselves are the serv-
ants of corruption" (verse 19). In the
last three verses of the chapter, the
apostle tells the truth about those
fake Christians who are said to have
escaped the pollutions of the world
and then are again entangled therein.
If there are such persons, it is clearly
stated that the latter end is worse
with them than the beginning. How-
ever, the true explanation of such
cases is to be found in the proverb,
"The dog is turned to his own vomit
again; and the sow that was washed
to her wallowing in the mire."

WATER OF LIFE

Such is the graphic description of
these wells without water. Surely the
figure would be clear enough even if we
did not have it explained elsewhere in
scripture that Christians are to be wells
or fountains from which streams of spir-
itual life go forth to water thirsty souls
about them.

But we are not dependent on our own
intelligence or imagination for an under-
standing of this figure. Jesus Himself
declared, "whosoever drinketh of the
water that I shall give him shall never
thirst; but the water that I shall give
him shall be in him a well of water
springing up into everlasting life." (John
4:14.)

This "well of water springing up into
everlasting life" is designed of God not
only to be a blessing to the soul that is
saved, but a fountain of life flowing
forth to bless others: "He that believeth
on me, as the scripture hath said, out of
his belly shall flow rivers of living
water." (John 7:38.) Lest we should not
understand this spiritual language, John
plainly tells us in the next verse that
"This spake he of the Spirit."

"FREELY GIVE"

So it appears from the scriptures that
the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit are
intended to be a means of blessing to
other people and not merely for us to
enjoy. So Jesus told His apostles on one
occasion, "Freely ye have received, freely
give." (Matt. 10:8.)

Paul told the church at Corinth, "I de-
clare unto you first of all that which
I also received," and reminded the pas-
tors of Ephesus that Jesus said, "It is
more blessed to give than to receive."
(I Cor. 15:3; Acts 20:35.)

"AS MANY AS"

This characteristic of a true Christian,
that he has within him the Spirit of
Christ so directing his own life that he
becomes a source of spiritual blessing to
others, is not, as taught by the false
holiness cults, an extra special attain-
ment of relatively few of God's people
in a "second blessing," but is a proper
trait of every true child of God.

"As many as are led by the Spirit of
God, they are the sons of God." "If any
man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is
none of his." (Rom. 8:14, 9.)

Sad to say, there are multitudes of
professed Christians who have not the
Spirit of God, but they are not the chil-
dren of God. They are "wells without
water": they themselves have never
drunk of the water of life proceeding
from the throne of God, and so they
have none of this water to offer to
others.

They are "wells without water"; they
have the appearance of wells but they
are only dry holes; they look like Chris-
tians but they have no life within.

BOOKS

Elder Charles R. Moore, pastor of Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., has recently written a book, "The Monetary System of The Perpetual Kingdom of God or Financing The Lord's Church," and they are three copies for \$1.00 or 35 cents each. Order from Elder Charles R. Moore, 1006 King Rd., Lafayette, Tenn. 37083.

"A Declaration of Those Things Most Surely Believed Among Us," is the title of a book written by Elder James Gardner, pastor of White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. The price of the book is 50 cents per copy or ten copies for \$3.00. Order from Elder James Gardner, Route 1, Allen Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn., 37072.

BOOK

Bro. William T. Russell, Jr. has written a book entitled "Salvation: God's True Plan and Great Deceptions." This book has gone to its second printing. It is a valuable book for study in Sunday School, Bible Studies or any course of study on the scriptures. It is especially recommended for young people. For price, orders, etc., write the author at 1125 Magnolia, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. cAnd the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 dAnd God said, eLet there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided 2 the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. 3 And the evening and the morning were the first day.

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04	— ii 4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the Lord xix. 15. And Hezekiah — between the cherubim — made here

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BOOK V.—WORKS OF GOD.

CHAP. I. CREATION.

hath it not been told you from the beginning? he not understood from the foundations of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof that stretcheth out the heavens spreadeth them out the heavens — 22. It is he that sitteth upon the spreadeth them out the heavens — 26

Eternal Security

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When a child of God sins, it is the natural, and not the spiritual man which sins, because the inward man which has taken on the nature of God cannot sin. See I John 3:9 and I John 5:18. If one who has partaken of that new nature cannot sin, it is impossible for him to be lost, since sin is the only cause of the separation of man from God. Even though the outward man sins, he will not be lost. David said in Psalms 37:23-24: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way; though he fall, HE SHALL NOT BE UTTERLY CAST DOWN: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall NEVER perish, neither shall ANY MAN pluck them out of my hand. My father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and NO MAN is able to pluck them out of Father's hand," Jno. 10:27-29. A child of God is in Christ, and he with Christ is in God (Col. 3:3). "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." After being saved a child of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30); therefore, to bring back under his dominion a person that has been saved by the grace of God, the Devil would have to break the seal of the Holy Spirit, go through God, the Father, then through Christ; thereby, overpowering the Trinity in the God-head. If we had to depend upon ourselves for the preservation of our souls, there would be no hope; but we are kept by the power of God. See I Peter 1-5. As God is all-powerful, a believer cannot fall away so as to be lost. Paul said: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor ANY OTHER CREATURE, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." After one has once been saved, there is not the slightest possibility of his ever being lost again. "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," 2 Tim. 1:12.

Pastoral Calls

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn. recently called Elder William House to its pastorate. Elder F. L. Ray had served the church for several months as pastor but resigned last month. Bro. House began his work with the church on Sunday, August 17.

Elder Clyde Grizzle resigned as pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn. after serving the church since its organization seventeen years ago. Elder Huey Brooks has been called to the pastorate.

Revival Reports

Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. (Through an error this was reported last month as Becker Drive Baptist Church. I'm sorry—Editor) No professions or additions. Pastor Alton Lewis was assisted by Elder Thomas Armstrong.

Rayon City Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. One profession of faith with one addition to the church. Pastor Woodrow Story was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. Two professions of faith. Pastor Kenneth Woodall was assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

Reynolds Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Buffalo, Mo. One saved and three additions to the church. Pastor J. H. Ingram was assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Two professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Davis was assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

Union Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Three professions with five additions to the church. Pastor Tommy Lankford was assisted by Elder Houston Newberry.

Rocky Grove Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tenn. Three professions with four additions to the church. Pastor Bobby G. Sutton was assisted by Elder Charles Watts.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Four professions of faith with 13 additions to the church. Pastor Charles R. Moore was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

Days Cross Roads Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Five saved and seven additions to the church. Pastor Tommy Lankford was assisted by Elder Huey Brooks and Bro. Cornie Gammon led the singing.

White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Two saved with two additions to the church. Pastor James Gardner was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Summer Shade Baptist Church, Summer Shade, Ky. Five were saved with six additions to the church. Pastor Dexter Bacon, Jr. was assisted by Elder Billy Moran.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Nine professions of faith with 17 additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Massey was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Bro. Don Hines was in charge of singing.

ELOHIM (God)

The first of God's names in the order of their appearance in Scripture is *Elohim*, translated "God" in the Authorized Version. It reportedly occurs not less than 2500 times in the Old Testament and 32 times in the first chapter of Genesis.

Singsings

There will be a singing at Beckwith Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., Sunday, September 28, at 2:00 P. M. There is to be two featured groups. The public is invited to attend.

Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn. is having a singing on Sunday night, September 21, at 6:30 P. M. The Christian Aires will be the featured singers, and everyone is invited.

Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. has a singing each second Sunday at 2:00 P.M. Everyone invited.

On each second Sunday there is a singing at 2:00 P.M. at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, East 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Public invited.

Third Sunday in September is the time of the monthly singing at New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. The featured singers will be the Happy Aires of Scottsville, Ky. Everyone is invited to attend. Time, 2:00 P. M.

First Sunday in September, 2:00 P. M. singing at Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Maple St., Madison, Tenn.

Sunday, September 14, 2:00 P. M. singing at Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 205 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory, Tenn. You are welcome.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Singing at 2:00 P.M. on Fourth Sunday. You are invited.

Third Sunday in September, 2:00 P. M. Singing at Gateway Baptist Church, Donelson, Tenn. Public invited.

Fourth Sunday in September, Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, East Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. will have singing at 2:00 P. M. Everyone is invited.

WITNESS THROUGH FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE

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ATTENTION

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