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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

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Brother Harold Carman, center, left from Metro Airport Monday morning on the first leg of his trip to Japan as a Baptist missionary. Seeing Harold off at

(Photo by Dwayne Cothron.)
the airport were, l. to r., Bros. F. W. Lambert, Charles Moore, Howard Taylor and Bobby Gann.

By Elder Chuck Moore

American Airlines flight 605 was airborne at 11:17 AM this past Monday morning, February 7, 1977. The scene was Berry Field International Airport, Nashville, Tennessee. After many months of planning and preparation, Elder Harold Gene Carman, Jr. was on his way to the mission field that God has called him to. The huge jet plant very swiftly carried the young man away from his native Tennessee, his home, his wife and children and many loved ones.

The story really began about 26 months ago when Brother Carman called upon his pastor at his office one day and related to the preacher that The Lord had called him to preach the Gospel. This began a

series of public events that only eternity will be able to see the end of. The Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church liberated him to practice his gifts of preaching and he immediately began to do so.

Some few months later, August, 1975, Brother Carman related to his Church that The Lord had further called him to the mission field of Japan. The Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church set up a special monetary fund for the purpose of carrying out this work as The Lord commissioned the church to do in Matthew 28:18-20.

Brother Carman began to study the Japanese language under a special tutor at Vanderbilt University and has achieved a degree of knowledge

of the language that will enable him to communicate satisfactorily with the natives of Japan. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry and also set apart as a foreign missionary by The Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church on January 29, 1977 with a presbytery that included 59 ordained brethren from 34 sister churches.

Any person or organization that desires to contribute to the support of Brother Carman may do so by sending their contributions to "HAROLD CARMAN JAPANESE MISSION FUND" c/o The Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, 302 College Street, Lafayette, Tennessee 37083.

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REPENT OR PERISH

OLD-FASHIONED DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE, THOUGH MUCH NEGLECTED, IS STILL IN THE BIBLE!

By ROSCO BRONG
Dean, Lexington Baptist College

"Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:2-5.)

Millions of people confuse repentance with penance, a Romish invention entirely foreign to the Bible. Many others confuse repentance with penitence or sorrow for sin, so that even Webster's dictionary, following common usage, wrongly defines repentance as "contrition for sins with amendment of life." Most Protestants today, and modernistic Baptists along with them, either ignore the doctrine of repentance or explain it away as nothing more than a momentary "decision for Christ."

1. DEFINITION of Repentance. If we accept the English words "repent" and "repentance" as translations of Greek "metanoeo" and "metanoia," respectively, it will not be hard to learn the New Testament meaning of these words. Even a reader who knows no Greek can easily check the information given here by reference to the Englishman's Greek Concordance or to Young's Analytical Concordance.

The question is confused a little for the English reader of the common version because the same words "repent," "not to be repented of," and "without repentance" are misused for the Greek "metamelomai" and "ameteletois" which could better be translated by forms of English "regret."

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Repentance is sometimes defined as "a change of mind." The trouble with this definition is that it in turn can easily be misunderstood. Bible repentance is not a mere change of mind in the sense of momentary opinion or desire, as if a man should order pork chops for dinner and then, seeing his neighbor with an appetizing steak, "change his mind" and order a steak for himself. Rather, repentance is a change of mind in the sense of fundamental conceptions and attitudes, such as those Americans who now trust the promises of atheistic Communists and want to do business with Russia will experience when the bombs begin to fall on our cities—if

PASTOR SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Last Sunday our pastor suffered a series of depressed feelings centered in the general area of his heart. An attack came on Sunday morning and again on Sunday night. The first attack came on Sunday morning when parents drive up to the church and let their children out for Sunday School, then drive back home.

About an hour later the second attack occurred as adults, young people and

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they live long enough to learn from the disaster.

"Repent," as stated above, is English for Greek "metanoeo." This word, in turn, is a compound of "noeo," meaning "think," "understand," or "be minded" and the prefix "meta" which may mean "after" and often denotes a change. Thus the word could be rendered "think again" or "have a different mind."

The simple verb "noeo" appears 14 times in the Greek New Testament. The King James translators rendered it ten times "understand," twice "perceive," once "think," and once "consider." Thus the compound "metanoeo," "repent," might well be rendered, "have a different understanding."

2. REPENTANCE and Faith. A right understanding of repentance will save us from the erroneous idea that faith is something separate and apart from repentance, and from the false teaching that saving faith precedes repentance. When the Scriptures mention repentance and faith together, the order is "repent and believe," never "believe and repent."

REPENT AND BELIEVE

The reason for the scriptural order is obvious. The natural mind is incapable of saving faith. But when a man has a changed mind, a spiritual mind, even the mind of Christ, then he believes God's word, he agrees with God's judgment upon him, he accepts God's provision for him in Christ—and this is saving faith.

As repentance is a radical change of mind from unbelief to belief, so faith is the attitude of the mind changed. This is why repentance and faith have been described as inseparable graces. And this is why in the Scriptures we usually find either word used without mention of the other, since either word necessarily implies the other.

3. COMMAND to Repentance. "The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31.)

ALL MUST REPENT

It might be supposed that only accep-
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World Mission Of The Church

By H. C. Vanderpool

The Bible teaches us that the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is here in the world for many reasons. Jesus said to the young church just before he ascended back to heaven, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19-20.

From the above scripture we learn that the church has been given the responsibility to preach the gospel to the whole world. Those saved are to be baptized by the authority of a scriptural church, by a scriptural administrator and then the church has the responsibility to teach them the things God has commanded that they be taught.

Another work of the church is to discipline those who are her members, Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17; I Cor. 5:9-13; and the following: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." II Thess. 3:6.

The church is to be the light of the world, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14a. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

In true churches God finds a dwelling place, Eph. 2:20-22, and in Eph. 4:11-16, we are taught that the church is to serve to the edifying of its members.

"Ye are the salt of the earth:" Matt. 5:13a. Here Jesus reminds the church in its early life that they are to preserve the doctrine and principles of Christ. Paul writes later telling the world that the church is the foundation that has upheld the truth. He was writing to Timothy, but the whole world was to know. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Tim. 3:15.

God was to get glory by Jesus in all ages through the church. "Unto Him (God) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3:21.

Let all of us today who are given the opportunities of being in a true Baptist church, recognize our responsibilities and be thankful that we have these glorious privileges and make use of them while it is day.

Jesus Said

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 28.

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tional sinners would be called on to repent, but not so. God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Repentance is not merely a desirable change of mental conceptions and attitudes; it is an imperative change—a direct command of God.

Not only lost sinners but Christians are commanded to repent when they have sinned. In Rev. 2 and 3 we read letters from Jesus to seven churches. Five letters out of the seven contain calls to repentance. Not to lost sinners, but to the church at Corinth, Paul wrote:

"Though I made you sorry in the letter, I do not regret, even if I did regret; for I perceive that that letter, even if for an hour, made you sorry. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage from us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be regretted: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (II Cor. 7:8-10, corrected translation.)

4. NEED of Repentance. To be acceptable to God, man must have a changed mind because the mind with which he was born in the flesh is at enmity against God and cannot receive the things of God.

In Noah's day "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5.)

David by inspiration declared: "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts." (Ps. 10:4.)

Paul tells us that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:14.)

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Rom. 8:7-8.)

A SOUND MIND

False religions may drive people crazy, or crazy people may have false religions, but not so with the true religion of Jesus Christ. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7.)

Sometimes it may be a matter of opinion as to who is sane and who is insane, but we need have no doubts if we accept the word of God, for the inspired apostle assures us that "we have the mind of Christ." (I Cor. 2:16.)

5. Repentance From and Toward. As repentance is a change of mental attitude, it must be from one attitude to another. And so we find:

Repentance is from sins: "I gave her time that she might repent from her fornication." (Rev. 2:21, corrected trans.)

"And the rest of the men, who were not killed in these plagues, did not even repent from the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood: which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk. And they did not repent from their murders, or from their sorceries, or from their

fornications or from their thefts." (Rev. 9:20-21, corrected trans.)

FROM DEAD WORKS TO GOD

Repentance is from dead works: "The foundation of repentance from dead works." (Heb. 6:1.) "Dead works" are the outwardly good deeds that sinners do in trying to establish their own righteousness. The sinner must give up trying to save himself before he can be saved by Christ.

Repentance is toward God: "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21.) In repentance the mind that was once disobedient and rebellious becomes reconciled to God.

6. ALTERNATIVE to Repentance. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3.) Human nature has not changed. In the days when Jesus walked upon this earth, people liked to point to the calamities of others as visitations of divine justice. Jesus declared that these were only examples of greater judgments to come upon all who fail to repent.

EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT

The sinner who does not repent will perish not merely in this life, but in eternity: "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." (Matt. 25:46.) "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction." (II Thess. 1:9.)

Mark gives us these words from the lips of Jesus Himself: "If thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:43-44.)

We are reminded of Isaiah's prophecy: "As the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." (Isa. 66:22-24.)

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7. CONCLUSION. God's word is sure and will certainly come to pass. He is not a man that He should lie or repent. If we are in disagreement with Him, the only way we can become agreed with Him is for us to change, for He changes not.

God "NOW commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Not tomorrow or any other time but "NOW is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2.)

If you are not yet saved by His grace, may God now grant you "repentance unto life." (Acts 11:18.)

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FIFTH ANNUAL THREE-DAY SESSION

Missionary Baptist Literature Committee

By H. C. Vanderpool

On October 23, 1976, the Wiseman Baptist Association when convened in its 85th annual session with the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tennessee, appointed and approved a committee to study the possibility and feasibility of getting Sunday School literature written, printed and distributed for use in Missionary Baptist Churches.

The committee was composed of five pastors in the Association as follows: Elder A. G. Gregory, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Elder Harold D. Linville, pastor of Buffalo Springs Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn.; Elder Charles R. Moore, pastor of Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.; Elder Howard G. Taylor, pastor of McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. and Elder H. C. Vanderpool, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

This committee held a meeting to discuss this matter on January 4, 1977, at Gallatin, Tenn. It was a unanimous agreement that some given church should be the sponsor of the work under consideration and that sister churches be allowed to make financial contributions to said work as the literature printed and distributed would be for the well-being of all our churches. New Bethel Baptist Church, of Goodlettsville, Tenn., being the oldest church in the Association, was suggested as being the sponsoring church. This suggestion also received unanimous approval by the committee.

Elder W. T. Russell has agreed to write the Adult Quarterly and Elder Kenneth Massey has agreed to write the Junior High Quarterly (the two classes selected to be used in the trial publication for

approval or rejection) with the understanding that if the trial publication be acceptable to and approved by enough churches to the extent to warrant a permanent publication, then the other Quarterlies for the other age groups would be added so the churches desiring to use the literature could purchase their entire supply from the ones responsible for the printing and distribution.

Upon the recommendation of the Associational Literature Committee that New Bethel Baptist Church be the sponsoring church, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, a committee member and also pastor of New Bethel church, presented the recommendation to the church in regular business meeting on Sunday night, January 23, 1977.

New Bethel Baptist Church voted unanimously to accept the recommendation and the appointment of five of her members to a committee to be known as MISSIONARY BAPTIST LITERATURE COMMITTEE. This committee was authorized to receive funds, to get writers to write the literature, to have the same printed and distributed to the churches, and to pay all expenses incurred relative to said work. To set up an account at the Bank of Goodlettsville to take care of the Committee's operation, which is to be under the authority of the church.

The committee appointed and approved by New Bethel Baptist Church is composed of Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Editor of Publications, with 29 years of service as Pastor, author and editor; Deacon Billy J. Woodard, Assistant to the Editor, with 20 years service in the printing and publishing industry; Sister Imogene Butler, Secretary-Treasurer, with 14 years of service as secretary and Bank employee; Bro. Clyde T. Denton, Jr., 19 years service

in the design of literature and printing business; Sister Elaine Ballou, with 18 years of service as a comptometer operator and related work. This makes exactly 100 years of experience and service the Missionary Baptist Literature Committee has in this related field.

Several churches have already voted approval of this work and have sent contributions to assist in the writing, printing and distribution of the pilot project. Any church or individual who wishes to help in this important work may mail your contribution to:

Missionary Baptist Literature Committee
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children left the building not staying for the worship service. This was an extremely painful scene.

The third attack hit him about 5:30 as he was returning from making a few visits, driving along the streets he saw many church members not making an effort to attend Training Service. Then while he was in the pulpit Sunday evening a fourth attack occurred when he saw a large number of empty pews. If these situations affect the heart of a pastor, what must they do to the heart of God? God sees through every thought, deed and motive. "For man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart."

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