



# Baptist Banner

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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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## HERODIUM

With its conical summit resembling a volcano, the Herodium stands in the wilderness of Judea 5 miles south-east of Bethlehem. Climbing to the summit you find that the "crater" is man-made and in its cup lie the ruins of a magnificent fortified palace which was built by Herod the Great.

Round the base were royal apartments, terraced gardens, pools, and 200 steps of the purest white marble led to the citadel on the top. Josephus, describing the Herodium wrote "Though meant only as a residence for a king, by the great number of structures, variety of conveniences, splendour and extent of the whole, the palace had the appearance of a city rather than a castle". Herod died in Jericho but he was buried here in a bier which was of solid gold studded with precious stones.

## What Does The Word Christian Mean To You?

By Jackie Wilburn

Webster defines it this way: (Christian)  
(1) A believer in Jesus as the Christ, or in the religion based on the teachings of Jesus.

The Zondervan Dictionary of the Bible gives this meaning "adherent of Christ". Adherent means a supporter or follower of Christ. In this particular definition.

The World Book Encyclopedia does not define the word Christian. They refer you to the word christianity and define christianity in this manner, and I quote "Christianity is the religion founded upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It has spread throughout the world and is the prevailing religion, in the Western Hemisphere. There are about a billion Christians. They make up the largest religious group in the world. Christianity has influenced government, thought, and art for almost 2,000 years.

Jesus Christ founded the Christian Faith. He began his career in Palestine, instructing and preaching to people about the Kingdom of God. "unquote" I truly agree with the World Book Encyclopedia that Jesus Christ founded Christianity but the work Jesus performed was not a career as the world would have you believe. It was ordained of God even before the world that Jesus would come and give his life for all man kind. 1st Cor. 2:7,8.

These three definitions of the word Christian from three different writers gives us an idea as to what man thinks Christian to mean. I have also heard people say that Christian meant Christ Like. No one in this world will ever be like Christ as far as their flesh is concerned. So if you are saved by the Grace of God, it is the soul that has been made like Christ and not the flesh. If the carnal man could have kept the Mosaic law and never violated one of them then Jesus died in vain. Gal. 2:21.

So please, let's stop for a moment and take inventory and just see if our soul is Christ Like. See if we really have that love in our hearts that only God Almighty can give.

Once again I say, what does the word Christian mean to you? The world in general believes that being a Christian is merely quitting your bad habits, your sinful acts, and making a mental decision to live a better life. I have personally watched people who have tried to make these mental decisions and try to live as good a life as Jesus set before us. I see people who claim to live a life completely free of sin and I can tell you here and now you will meet with great disaster if all you are depending on to get you to the portals of Glory are your works in the flesh, you will never see the one who's glorious brightness will light the entire city of Heaven. You have joined the church, you have been baptized. You have made a mockery of the Lord's Supper. You have eaten the unleavened bread and drank the

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## Siloam Baptist Assoc. Convened

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association convened in its 26th annual session on September 29-30, with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Holland, KY in Allen County.

Officers elected were: Elder W. T. Russell, Moderator; Elder Don Curtis, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treas.

Elder Jerry Reynolds of Davisville, W. VA, preached the Introductory Sermon on Friday. On Friday night, Elder Kenneth Davis of Louisville, KY preached the Memorial Sermon. The Doctrinal Sermon was preached on Saturday by Elder E. G. Williams of Lafayette, Tenn.

A good session was enjoyed by those in attendance. The 1979 session will be held on Sept. 28-29, 1979, with Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn.

### SAFE COMPASS

A country lad was leaving his Sunday school and friends to go to the city to take a job. He was accompanied to his starting place by a godly friend, who kindly said to him, "Now, my boy, recollect you are going to launch your craft on a dangerous ocean." "Yes, I know it," said the boy. Then, taking a Bible out of his pocket, he added, "But you see I have a safe compass to steer by."

## Church To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The South Carthage Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tennessee, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 19, 1978, with an all-day service. Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M. and preaching by the pastor, Elder Benny Maggart, at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch is to be served at the noon hour across the street in the South Carthage School building.

Afternoon singing is to begin at 2:00 p.m. featuring the South Carthage Youth Singers and the King's Trio. A brief history of the church will be read. Two former pastors, Elder Phocian Gibbs and Elder Walter Dewese, will give accounts of their tenure as pastor. These two brethren's combined pastoral work of the church is about 44 years.

Everyone is welcome and a special invitation is given to former members and their families. The church is located on Read Ave. in South Carthage, Tenn. just off Highway 70.

## Editor And Others On Tour of Bible Lands

Editor and Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool along with Elder and Mrs. Doug Curtis, co-hosting, the Lord willing, will be on tour of Bible Lands along with a large number from Tennessee and Kentucky, when you receive this copy of the BAPTIST BANNER. The tour dates October 30 - November 10. The pilgrimage of Bible Lands include Egypt, Jordan, and Israel.

This is the editor's sixth tour of Bible Lands. The seventh tour is to be March 5-15 1979, which also is to be to Egypt, Jordan and Israel. Several of those who were unable to arrange their vacations for this tour have made reservations for March. Those desiring to take this TRIP OF A LIFETIME may contact the editor at the address or phone number on page 2.

Christian people along with a number of our pastors have found the traveling to the Holy Land and other Bible countries educational and beneficial in the work of the Lord.



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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.

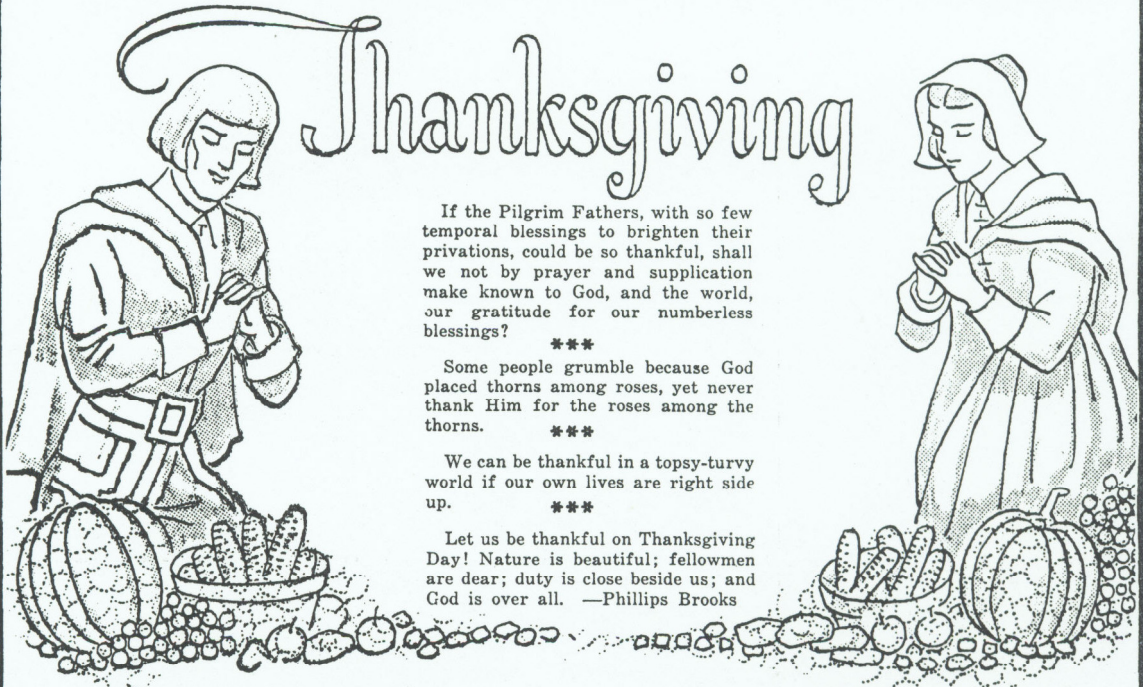
However, there is the possibility that in some articles or announcements there would be things said or stated that would be of general information, but would not have editorial endorsement. — Editor.

## EDITORIAL

By H.C. Vanderpool

I trust you will read the above article "BAPTIST BANNER POLICY" if you haven't already. We are half-way through our 13th year in the publication of this paper and this has been the policy we have tried to follow all the way from the founding of the publication on June 1, 1966 until the present.

Those who wish to be critical, without reason and consideration, sometime think that every word printed and every name given and every announcement that appears in the BANNER has editorial endorsement and thereby is associated in fellowship as the same faith and order. There has appeared in the past several years articles or announcements that have been of general information to the public, even to our own people, but did not have



If the Pilgrim Fathers, with so few temporal blessings to brighten their privations, could be so thankful, shall we not by prayer and supplication make known to God, and the world, our gratitude for our numberless blessings?

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Some people grumble because God placed thorns among roses, yet never thank Him for the roses among the thorns.

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We can be thankful in a topsy-turvy world if our own lives are right side up.

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Let us be thankful on Thanksgiving Day! Nature is beautiful; fellowmen are dear; duty is close beside us; and God is over all. —Phillips Brooks

editorial endorsement. An article appeared on the front page two months ago reporting what some Catholics had said about their own church and just how weak their own people were in Rome. But this did not mean we Missionary Baptists were in fellowship with the Catholics.

Most of page 4 of this issue is a report given by a Baptist Minister of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. We are not in fellowship with the BBF, but I recognize the benefit of the article and the need of the public to know of the corruption in some of those churches that need to be exposed.

I oppose female preachers, ERA and the whole rotten teachings and practices of homosexuals and lesbians. While we as Missionary Baptists fellowship with "churches of like faith and order" that is in the exchange of letters, ordinations, pulpit work, etc. we can join in with not only Baptists, and all Christians, but with all people in fighting against some of the things mentioned above.

There may have appeared a number of articles through the years in this paper by men that we didn't always agree with in all points, or statements, but at the same time printed the articles because they contained truth and we feel we were justified in the publication of the same.

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## The Word Christian

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fruit of the vine until you think it is as important to the soul as *maters* and *taters* is to the flesh.

If you are depending on any of these to carry your poor naked soul to Heaven, you are going to be sadly and justifiably disappointed when you stand face to face with the Master himself.

Jesus said, Mat. 7:21,23 — Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? and then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The world says — In order to be a Christian you turn around in the road you are on, make a mental decision for Christ, start living right, join the church of your choice, be baptized by emersion, or sprinkling, or pouring, and then make sure you do more good deeds than bad and in the end you will have a home in Glory.

No. 1 — If all you do is turn around in the road you are on you'll still be on the same road. You must get off that broad road that leads to destruction and get on the straight and narrow road that leads to Glory.

No. 2 — You cannot make a mental decision for Christ any time you want to. You must be drawn by the power of God.

No. 3 — It is impossible to live a life good enough to merit you a Heavenly home.

No. 4 — Church membership never saved anyone. Besides that I would never advise anyone to join the church of their choice because there is only one true church. There are many organizations but only one true church. And that is the one Jesus organized out of the material John the Baptist prepared. Not only does the Bible prove this but history also tells us that the Baptist Church and Baptist people are the only ones who can pull the cord in their home church here in America and ring the bell in Jerusalem.

No. 5 — Many people think — well the Lord has saved me and it just doesn't make any difference whether I am sprinkled, poured, or immersed.

I tell you with a heart of love that if all you have had in the way of Baptism is a little water sprinkled or poured on your head by someone who doesn't have any

more respect for the diety of God than that, it would have been better for you to stick your head out of the door while it is raining and let the water from the Heavens do the job. I feel that would be closer to God than the other. Jesus was identified by water Baptism administered by a Baptist preacher. Mat. 3, Mark 1: 4 thru 11. Luke 3: 16 thru 23. Now if this water Baptism was good enough for Jesus from the hands of a Baptist preacher, I consider the case closed.

Again I say — What does the word Christian mean to you? Satan has people trusting in their good works.

Satan has people believing water baptism will save their soul.

Satan has people believing church membership will make them a Christian.

Satan has people believing partaking of the Lord's Supper will put Christ in them.

Note: If I believed water Baptism would put Christ on me then I would certainly have to believe eating the Lord's Supper would put Christ in me. But according to the Scriptures and I know from personal experience that only Jesus saves.

I tell you Satan will have you believing in everything but Jesus. Satan is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44. Ye are of your father, the Devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

So my friend don't be blinded by the teachings of Satan into believing there is any ordinance man can perform that will make you a Christian. All the world sees is flesh and blood. The world is trying to get flesh and blood into heaven by some act or deed that flesh can perform.

There is no good deed or good act that flesh and blood can do that will make you a Christian. 1st Cor. 15:50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Neighbor: surely you can see that the deeds of the body does not cleanse a sin sick soul. Neither does the deeds of the body make you a Christian. 1st Cor. 3:11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.

Jesus said if you try to come any other way than by me you are a thief and a robber. John 10:1.

The blood route that must be taken is not a popular route with the world. The world

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# THE FAMILY LAWYER



## Church Feud

Two factions of a church were locked in a bitter struggle over the powers of a controversial minister. Finally they took the issue to court for settlement.

But the judge refused to take sides. Calling attention to the constitutional separation of church and state, the judge said:

"Courts do not inquire into questions exclusively ecclesiastical. If the courts should deal with litigation of that nature, the whole subject of theology would have to be examined. Such a course would establish the courts as the final arbiter in every religious controversy."

This is the law's usual attitude toward religious disputes, declining to intrude into "things that are God's." However, the courts can and do take a hand in "things that are Caesar's."

For example, in one case a pastor had a disagreement with his church about the terms of his employment contract. A court had no hesitation in weighing the opposing arguments and in ruling (on strictly legal grounds) against the church.

Likewise, courts have dealt with such mundane matters as the ownership of church real estate or the administration of trust funds left to a church.

Furthermore, of course, churchmen are just as subject to the criminal law as any other citizen. Thus:

A minister, while denouncing sin in his sermon, described it in unusually vivid language. Outraged members of his congregation complained to the police, and the minister was duly haled into court on a charge of using obscene language in a public place.

Finding him guilty, the court commented:

"He has a right to propagate his religious views, but will not be permitted to commit a breach of the peace under the guise of preaching the gospel."

An American Bar Association and Tennessee Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

## Country Parson



"What a fellow believes doesn't mean much unless it affects the way he acts."

## The Word Christian

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is looking for something easier than shelling down their foolish pride and calling on the name of the Lord for the salvation of their soul. The world is placing their trust in the preachers hand, and his hand is not big enough to save souls. God called preachers can sow the seed but only God can give the increase. We are instructed to seek him diligently.

Heb. 11:6. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The world says you can become a Christian any time you want to. I deny this teaching of Satan by the word of God.

John 6:44. No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

My friend you cannot make up your mind and say I'll become a Christian. You must hear the gospel, you must be convicted of your sin of unbelief in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You must repent of your sin of unbelief as John the Baptist preached to the Pharisees and Sadducees. Matt. 3:8. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: You must pray that the Holy Spirit will apply the Blood of the Lamb to your heart and at the end of your prayer and at the very moment you fully trust the Lord for Salvation he will accept you and you will be saved in the bat of an eye. It will happen instantaneous. Salvation is an instantaneous act of faith in God Almighty. No one ever became a Christian by degrees. Only Jesus can take out that heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh. Eze. 11:19.

1st John 1:7. If we walk in the light as he is in the light. We have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God cleanses us from all sin.

If this verse of scripture be true — which every word of it is true, there is no room for good works to make you a Christian. No room for church membership to make you a Christian. No room for water baptism to make you a Christian, no room for the Lord's Supper to make you a Christian, because nothing but the blood of Jesus will make you a Christian. The verse I just quoted to you said His blood cleanses us from ALL sin.

The Blood of Jesus does not change the physical appearance of the flesh of man. The touch of the masters hand — when the blood is applied to the inward man changes that soul and makes it like Jesus. This old tabernacle of clay that we live in will have to be changed on the day of the resurrection in order for it to be a fit subject to take that glorious trip to Heaven.

Every man's works that are done in the flesh no matter what kind of works they are will be tried by fire. 1st Cor. 3:13.

The works that are done in the flesh are to be done because of our love for God. If you are a truly born-again Christian don't every worry about your labors and toilings that you do for the Lord. Don't feel downhearted when you don't see visible results. Just remember the words of John the Revelator.

Rev. 14:13. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

We should preach the gospel and depend on the Lord to give the increase.

We should witness to the world about a God who is real and you cannot tell about Jesus if you don't know him. Neither can you discern the scriptures unless you are a born-again child of God. There are many soldiers of the Lord who have left this low ground of sin and sorrow and are now basking in the love of God and their works that they performed in this world are still following them. Some times we long for the time when the Master will say "Come Home son and enter into the joy of the Lord."

The word Culture means: Produced by cultivation. Some people are trying to

make Christians out of themselves by means of cultivation. They think by their culture they will gradually work into Christ, they cannot tell you a time and place when they met the Master. The Japanese people devised a means of producing what we know as cultured pearls. Now these pearls look like the real thing but the oyster has to have help from man in order to make this pearl. These cultured pearls are not nearly as valuable as a genuine pearl and I tell you now these cultured religions that people are following will land you in Hell. No man, woman, boy, or girl can produce salvation. It is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.

Let's see what Jesus said about the Pearl.

Matt. 13:45,46. Again the kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls. Who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

It seems many people are satisfied with the cultured pearl. A pearl that is not genuine. Many are so blinded by Satan that they will not let go of their cultured pearl. They had rather hold on to something that is not genuine, keep their foolish pride, their socialistic church membership and their cultured religion and take their chance on going to heaven when they can have the genuine pearl just for the asking. I beg you today to let go of that cultured pearl and seek after that one pearl of great price. When you come in possession of that genuine pearl, that pearl of great price, the word Christian will have a true and wonderful meaning to you.

May the Holy Spirit lead you to that genuine pearl which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Six Reasons For Sunday School

1. THE BEST BOOK is studied and taught; and I want to know it and follow it in my every day life.

2. THE BEST DAY is utilized and observed; and I wish to keep holy the holy day.

3. THE BEST PEOPLE are assembled and enlisted and I desire the blessing of their fellowship and friendship.

4. THE BEST INSTITUTION is awake and at work for the Master; and I ought to invest myself where I will do my utmost for Christ and the Church.

5. THE BEST DEVELOPMENT is assured and attained; and I yearn to grow mentally, morally, and spiritually.

6. THE BEST EQUIPMENT is supplies, adapted and inspired; and I want to be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

## Monkey Business

Leaving Darwin out of it, there is still a little too much monkey business in modern theology.

## Country Parson

"Your enjoyment of a sunset depends upon your faith that it will rise again."

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## Brother Cook Needs Help

Bro. Alfred Cook has called our attention to the fact that he stands in need of financial help. Any individual or church who wishes to give Bro. Cook something to help him with his living and medical expenses, mail it to, Elder Alfred Cook, 214 Rose St., Lafayette, TN 37083.

Bro. Cook was 80 years old on Sept. 15. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry on January 5, 1924 by Maysville Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Kentucky. While he has been afflicted and handicapped throughout his life, no doubt, many have and others will, live eternally with God in glory because of Bro. Cook's ministry. Let's pray for him and help him financially. — Editor

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## HOMOSEXUALS

With increasing numbers of homosexuals "coming out of the closet" and asking for recognition in their churches, the issue of what to do with gays in the church has stirred debate throughout the ranks of Protestantism.

Most sources attribute the furor to the gays themselves, who have become increasingly vocal about their lifestyle. Others cite a recent vote by the American Psychiatric Association that took homosexuality off the list of mental illnesses.

Dr. Leon Smith, director of Educational Ministries in Marriage for the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, said that in the statistically average family — two grandparents who have two children who marry and have two children — at least one person in the family is gay. (Hogwash!) He also cited the 1945 Kinsey report that set the commonly accepted number of homosexuals at 10 per cent of the population. Taking the statistics from the Kinsey report, the United Methodist Gay Caucus used the slogan "One Million Methodist Can't Be Wrong" at the church's General Conference this spring to promote their viewpoint.

Homosexuality is one of the most abominable sins mentioned in Scripture. Nations have been destroyed because of it. Yet religious infidels wish to dialogue with the degenerates. (Gen. 19 and Romans 1 would settle it.)

Norman Pyle



# Riverside Church: Female Preachers, ERA, And Gay Rights

By M. H. Clark  
Baptist Bible College East

It was recently my dubious pleasure to satisfy a curiosity of many years. I visited the notorious liberal church, Riverside Church of New York City. As an instructor in a fundamental Baptist Bible College, I consider it my duty to be as knowledgeable as possible on all the cults and liberal groups; so I thought this visit would add to my own education as to what is going on in the religious world today.

Since I have read about Harry Emerson Fosdick and Riverside Church for over 30 years, I was not really surprised at what I saw and heard at the most outstanding liberal church in America. Yet, I must admit, actually being in a Sunday morning service of this apostate church left me a little shaken. It was as if I were projected into the future, like John on the isle of Patmos, and were attending one of the Antichrist churches of the tribulation period.

The famous Riverside Church (although it claims affiliation with the American Baptist Convention, it long ago dropped the word Baptist from its name) is on Riverside Drive, along the west bank of Manhattan Island overlooking the Hudson River. Its magnificent physical plant was built sometime back in the 1920's with the money of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Its present theological stance was established by the notorious infidel, Harry Emerson Fosdick. In his early ministerial life, Fosdick said that he was "putting God out of my universe" and starting over to formulate his own theological views. Those views are well known. Those views ruled out a divinely inspired, infallible, authoritative Bible. Those views ruled out atonement by the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. Those views ruled out a truly divine, virgin-born Son of God. (John 1:1) It does not matter what he believed or did not believe beyond these points; all he had left was an empty system of liberal theology with no Saviour, no authority, no chart, or compass.

I remember reading one of Fosdick's books while in college many years ago. It was entitled "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" (This was written in the days of the great modernist-

fundamentalist controversy of the 20's, with Fosdick and his cohorts versus J. Frank Norris, W.B. Riley, etc., and their followers.) In this satanic book, Fosdick used the most dishonest, most un-scholarly, most blasphemous arguments against the infallibility of the Holy Bible that I have ever read.

Well, this was the man who put Riverside Church on the map. Riverside Church has never deviated from the liberal direction into which Fosdick turned it. It still runs true to form today.

The present "Senior Minister" is the well-known liberal, the Reverend Doctor William Sloane Coffin, Jr. His last name is quite fitting for a dead man. At the time of his call to Riverside, we read something in the papers about his marital difficulties. We do not recall for sure if it was with wife number one, or two, or three, but at any rate, it did not seem to matter with Riverside.

The Reverend Dr. Coffin was not in his pulpit on the day we graced his congregation with our presence. The Reverend George Thomas, Minister of Outreach and Institutional Relations (whatever that means) filled the crow's nest type pulpit over at the side of the huge platform (Preaching the Word is definitely not the center of things around Riverside!) The Reverend Thomas delivered the prettiest, most innocuous little dissertation of platitudes that I ever heard in my life. After some fellow got up and read the "Scripture Lesson" for him (Matthew 7:21-27--from the RSV naturally!), the Reverend Mr. Thomas delivered his ten or fifteen-minute homily. The only thing that he said that meant very much for either good or evil--and in this case it was for evil--was this glaring piece of infidelity: "I do not believe that it was predestined that Jesus (he used that Name about three times in all) should be the Messiah...He had a choice!" Of course, he does not believe that Jesus Christ was and is the eternal Son of God and God the Son, Who was "foreordained before the foundation of the world...." (I Peter 1:20) and "...slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13: 8) Not being God,

according to the liberals and the Jehovah's Witnesses, Jesus could have easily chosen to run for county sheriff and get out of the religion business for good.

When the Reverend Mr. Thomas finished this dainty little oration, he sat down to the tune of some "Ahmens" and what-not. There was no invitation, of course; for there was nothing to which to invite poor lost sinners. Then some female, a "Ms" somebody--I forget which one; there were two--got up and made the announcement, among other things, that if anybody were interested in joining Riverside, he or she could come to some office on some floor to talk to some official about the matter some time during the next week.

Then another "Ms" got up and gave a commercial for the Equal Rights Amendment and urged the parishoners to write their Congressman that "there is no time limit on equality." Everybody knows to what she was referring. The bulletin also announced a special "Women's Equality Day" service which had been postponed to a later date.

But it wasn't going far enough to campaign for the diabolical Equal Rights Amendment which, everybody with a working brain cell knows, will result in men and women using the same public rest rooms, college boys and girls living in the same dorms and using the same toilet and shower facilities, and mothers going to the army to sleep in the same barracks with other women's husbands! Riverside goes all out to promote and champion almost everything that the Bible condemns! On page five of the bulletin is this announcement:

"Wednesday, August 30, 7:00 PM: Weekly meeting of group concerned about THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF GAY MEN AND WOMEN."

Abomination of desolations! "MYSTERY, BABYLON the GREAT, MOTHER of HARLOTS and ABOMINATIONS of the EARTH!"

A "church" of Jesus Christ concerned about the "rights" of people who practice the sin for which Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by Almighty God! Surely, their official "reader" has never read

Romans 1: 18-28, King James Version of RSV before this crowd!

I saw nothing in this bulletin about Riverside's concern about the RIGHTS of school boards to refuse to let these salacious, grinning queers come in and teach little boys and girls in the public schools! Nor of the employers' RIGHTS to refuse to hire them!

Well, what is the point of this article?

Just this, brethren: This is what we are up against here in the northeast. As in no other section of the country, there is here a concentration of such liberal, apostate churches and a woeful, heart-breaking absence of Bible-believing, Gospel-preaching, soul-winning Baptist churches. Here, where two-thirds of the population of America are crowded into a great "Megapolis", the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as we know it, is foreign and strange to these poor people.

This is why Baptist Bible College East was established in New York. This is why Dr. A.V. Henderson felt "compelled by the Lord" to accept the presidency of the school. This is why the relatively tiny group of fundamental Baptist pastors in New York, New England, and surrounding states had been crying out to God for a training school. This is why 50 or 51 of the 58 Baptist Bible Fellowship churches in New York State support BBCE. This is why we are here! We are here to train young men and women to go out to establish Bible-preaching, soul-winning churches in the northeast and around the world.

Churches like Riverside constitute a call from God to the pastors of the BBF to support BBCE financially and with prayer. These two things usually go together. It is a call to BBF pastors to talk to their young preachers and other young people about the crying, heart-breaking need right here in America. I mean it, brother. This area is more destitute of the Gospel than many foreign cities.

I hope to live to see the day when there will be several great fundamental Baptist churches within a few blocks of Riverside "church" and all over Manhattan and Staten Island and the Bronx and Brooklyn

and Queens--and on and on, until once again the states where America was born shall ring with the preaching of a fundamental, biblical, soul-saving Gospel! This is why I and the other teachers in this college, with very modest salaries and, some of us with overloaded teaching schedules, gladly and joyfully accept this challenge. If Dr. Henderson had to tell us next week that our salaries would have to be reduced, I do not think one of us would bat an eye, but would go right on working, teaching, and loving this great group of dedicated young people.

I want to re-phrase that famous statement by Horace Greeley as follows: "Come back east, young man--come east, and help save the country!"

"I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY  
SAID...LET US GO INTO  
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."

## Rare Tablet Found

JERUSALEM (RNS)—A rare clay tablet covered on both sides with cuneiform Akkadian script—dated between 1240 and 1230 B.C.—has been found at the Biblical town of Aphek, near the sources of the Na'mein River in the Samaritan foothills northeast of Tel Aviv.

The discovery was made recently at the end of the seventh excavation season directed by Prof. Moshe Kochavi of Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology, assisted by American college students.

The tablet is a 41-line letter from a person called Kukhlina of Ugarit, a famous city in northwestern Syria, to Hayya, the Egyptian ruler of Canaan, who resided at Aphek.

The Ugarite asked the Egyptian governor to see to the restoration of 250 measures of wheat that had been "taken unlawfully" by one of Hayya's subjects.

The Egyptians ruled Aphek for 40 years, before they were replaced by the Philistines. According to 1 Samuel 4:1-11, the Philistines defeated the Israelites in battle at Aphek and captured the Ark of Yahweh Sabaoth, the Ark of the Covenant.