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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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Church To Be Organized In Colorado



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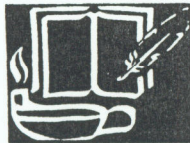
The Colorado Missionary Baptist Mission, 5900 So. Parker Rd., Denver, plans to be organized into a church on Sunday, September 28, 1980. It has operated for several months as an arm extended from Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. of which Elder Ottis L. Jones, the Mission preacher, is a member.

Services are planned for Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 26-27, then all-day services on Sunday, Sept. 28, when the Mission is to be organized into a church. A general invitation is given to churches of "like faith and order." Tentative plans also call for the ordination of Deacons by the new church. Lunch will be served at noon on Sunday. The final service of the series will be on Sunday night. Ministers and Deacons from the area of the home church are planning on attending to assist in the work.

HOMECOMING

There will be all-day Homecoming services at Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 1044 Trinity Lane, Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, September 28. Sunday School will be at 10 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. by Elder Clay Grizzle. Lunch will be served at the noon hour and the afternoon will be given to singing. Everyone is invited to attend.

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History

By H.C. Vanderpool

The following information gives us a first-hand look at Baptist churches in Wales, England and their procedure in transacting business.

July 3, 1710

South Wales, in Great Britain
The church of Jesus Christ, meeting at Swansea, in Glamorganshire, owning believer's baptism, laying on of hands, the doctrine of personal election and final perseverance; to any church of Jesus Christ, in the province of Pennsylvania, in America, of the same faith and order, to whom this may concern, sendeth Christian salutation. Grace, mercy, and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Dearly beloved brethren, in the Lord Jesus Christ: Whereas our dearly beloved brethren and sisters, by name - Hugh Davis, an ordained minister, and

Margaret his wife, Anthony Mathews, Simon Mathews, Morgan Thomas, Samuel Hughes, Simon Butler, Arthur Melchior, and Hannah his wife, design, by God's permission, to go with brother Soreney, to the aforesaid province of Pennsylvania.

This is to testify unto you; that all the above named are in full communion with us, and we commit them, all of them, to your Christian care, beseeching you, therefore, to receive them in the Lord, watching over them, and performing all Christian duties towards them, as becometh Christians to their fellow members. So we commit you and them to the Lord, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you and them up in the most holy faith. That the God of peace may sanctify you wholly, and that your and their

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BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, TEACHERS AND MINISTERS!!

By H. C. Vanderpool

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matthew 7:15. These were the words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ during his ministry on earth. The Apostle Paul, speaking of those who were not true teachers of God, said, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." II Corinthians 11:13-15.



MAGDALA

The "Tower of Greatness" is located 4 miles north of Tiberias. Today it is a small village of fishermen. At the time of Christ it was a city of considerable importance. According to Josephus, it had 40,000 inhabitants and a fleet of 230 boats. Josephus fortified the city before he deserted to the Romans.

When the city fell to Titus, 6,700 Jews were killed, 6,000 of the strongest were sent to Nero to dig the Corinth canal and 30,000 were auctioned off as slaves. Magdala became famous as it is the birth place of Mary Magdalene, the woman Jesus healed from evil spirits and infirmities (Luke 8:2). Mary Magdalene then became one of the most devoted and faithful of Christ's followers. She followed Him to His death on Calvary. She was the first to come to the tomb on the day of His resurrection and the first to see the Risen Lord (John 20:1-14).



While it is my desire to recognize the true servants of God wherever they may be found in the world, and to encourage their works and to pray for them, it is also my desire to stand against those so-called prophets, teachers and ministers who are false, and are using the Bible and the name of Christianity as a front for their works of the devil. The above given scriptures relate plainly to us that such have been in the world for many centuries, and they are being multiplied today!

So many people who are not strong in the knowledge of the truth and the true teachings of the Bible, believe that for a person to carry a Bible in his hand and to quote scripture and speak of the great power of God, he must certainly be one of God's servants. Not so! "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord." Jeremiah 23:1. A few days ago I heard an introduction on the radio of a man claiming to be a special, God-sent preacher, who was able to look at people and reveal things of their lives that only God knew about. He could heal them, and do things just like the Lord did
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IMMODEST APPAREL

By Chuck Sandelin
Bonners Ferry, Idaho

"I will therefore that...women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, not to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

Summer is here and the world has again set about in its regular pattern of undress to shew the nakedness of the body in their scant clothing; and to our sorrow there has been a multitude of God's children who have followed in their footsteps and

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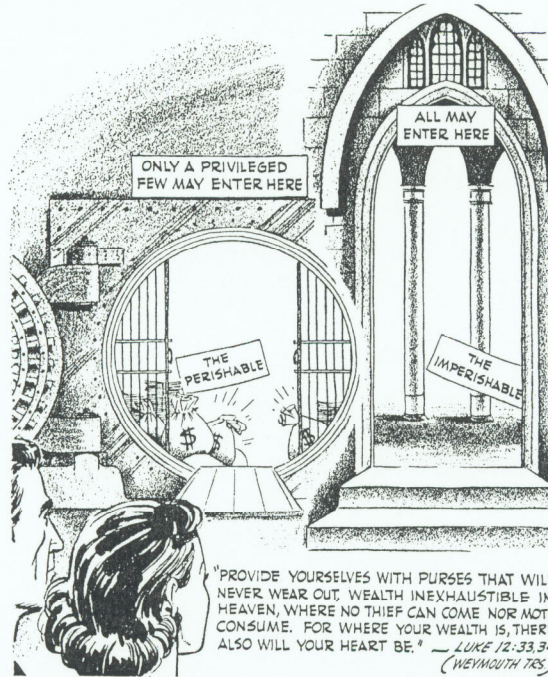
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DOORWAYS



Some people may not believe what I'm saying. That is the very reason you are one of those who is easy to deceive. Do you believe these false teachers, prophets and preachers, or do you believe God? Jesus said, "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 (judgment), 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." Matthew 7:21-23.

Again, some people cannot understand why a man or woman, being a false teacher or preacher can have so many people supporting them and going wild after them! Read the article on page 4. Also look for a book that is being printed exposing all the corruption and false business concerning this man. Jesus said, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26. John wrote, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1.

Let us hear the true teachings of God through the teachings of the Apostle Peter. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." II Peter 2:1-3.

The reason this subject is so heavy upon my heart is because I hear so many preachers on radio, television and read their literature, that they are claiming to do the very things Jesus said they would claim, and he said they were false. The final outcome is, thousands and thousands of people are being deceived and will die in their sins and burn in hell for ever. AND JUST ONE OF THOSE SOULS ARE WORTH MORE THAN THIS ENTIRE WORLD! Jesus warned, "Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Mark 13:5-6. "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many....For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:11, 24.

Finally, to a great extent, there are so many who claim to be preachers, Sunday School teachers or religious workers, who will ask children a simple question or two about the scriptures and if the child answers yes to the question, then the preacher, teacher, worker, etc. will tell them that they are saved. THESE BELONG IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THOSE I HAVE BEEN WRITING ABOUT!

Let us continue to preach and teach the unadulterated word of God, praying God's Spirit and power to accompany it to the hearts of lost souls, convicting them until they can repent of their sins unto God and exercise faith with all their hearts in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the salvation of their souls, being born again, without which, Jesus said no one could enter heaven!

CHURCH ORGANIZATION IN INDIANA

A Missionary Baptist Church is to be organized on Saturday, September 6, 1980, near Tipton, Indiana. This is about half way between Indianapolis and Kokomo, Ind. The organization will be at the Old Beach Grove Community School. One and one-half miles north of Highway 28, on U. S. 31, go four miles east on Division Rd. Services are to begin at 10:00 A.M. In the beginning of this work, Elder Mitchell Smith and Elder Paul Bryson conducted a revival. This was in 1979. Since then Elder Richard Huskins, now in charge of the work, has been assisted some by Elder Larry McClain. A general invitation is given to sister churches of "like faith and order" to assist in the work. Those knowingly having "irregularities" should abstain. Remember this work in your prayers. The reports from the Mission have been good. All those who possibly can, should go to help in this organization.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH IN CHRIST

By J. H. Smith

Justification is a legal term, whether we are thinking in terms of civil law, or Divine Law; and as we view this subject, we are reminded of several factors, such as: 1. law, of course; 2. penalty for its violation; 3. violators, or transgressors; 4. judgment, or condemnation; 5. release, or acquittal, from the penalty. May I state just here, however, that justification in a Bible sense has a broader meaning than merely being released, or acquitted from penalty for one's past sins; because this would only take care of his sins, past, and up to the time of his acquittal, and wouldn't provide for his future sins; but in God's gracious plan He



has fixed it so that man's past sins can be wiped out, and there is provision made for his future sins, so that no charge can ever be brought against him. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifieth." "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Romans 8:33-34. Note the following points:

FIRST, MAN'S NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION. The Scriptures reveal that man is a guilty, condemned sinner, and subject to the wrath of a holy and righteous God, whose Law he has broken and left without an excuse. The Law in which some people seek to be justified are condemned by it instead, for the Scriptures declare: "Now

we know that whatsoever the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." "Therefore by the deeds of the Law shall no flesh be justified in His sight; for by the Law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:19-20.

Note: "That every mouth may be stopped!" Man has nothing to offer in defence, no excuse, nothing to say; he is guilty with nothing to say to free himself from the condemnation of the Law which he has violated.

Furthermore: "By the Law is the knowledge of sin". One of the purposes of the Law is to show, and to prove, to men that they are sinners, to show that they have fallen short of that which the Law demands. Therefore by the deeds of the Law man can not be justified, because he just can't measure up to such a holy standard, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. This includes both Jew and Gentile. Paul argues; and he was a Jew. "Are we better than they? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:9-10.

Some men argue that there is some good in everybody, and what we have to do is educate them and bring out the good that is in them; and in this way we can make good men and a good society; but to prove the fallacy of such an argument, all you have to do is read and study Romans 3:9-18; and of course there are many other Scriptures but this would suffice. There is no righteousness in man that God will accept, as we note in the following Scripture: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6. So man must have a righteousness other than his own to ever stand before God in peace.

SECONDLY, THE BASIS OF JUSTIFICATION. After Paul said, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" he said this: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in

Christ Jesus; Romans 3:23-24. Notice that he said that being justified by grace is through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Without the redemption that is in Christ Jesus there would be no grace, no justification, and no declared righteousness for the sinner. Jesus paid the price on the cross for the sinner, and this is what redemption is all about; it is buying back by a ransom price of those in slavery, and this is just what our Lord did in His sacrificial death, "Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." I Timothy 2:5.

God has set forth, or foreordained, that His Son should be the propitiation for our sins, in order for us to have His declared righteousness. Our sins were charged to His account, and He voluntarily paid the price; He settled the old account that was against us, this satisfied justice, and God can and does justify sinners and still be just to His Law. "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which be-

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while he was here. According to the Bible he is a liar! This man claimed the Lord appeared unto him in a vision. What does God say about such? "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord." Jeremiah 23:16. "Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lives." Jeremiah 23:32.

Jesus said in our introductory scripture, that false prophets would wear sheep's clothing but inwardly they were ravening wolves. This is done to deceive. Satan has often been pictured as a terrible looking beast with horns, fiery tail and a pitchfork in his hands ready to devour. This is not true. Paul told the Corinthians just how he worked. He uses men and women who are willing to act as Christians, talk as Christians use the Bible of the Christians, use the name Christianity and some so-called church (?) as a front to do his devouring! So, Paul lets us know that some preachers who are making a lot of waves in the religious world, claiming to perform miracles, heal the sick, etc. are ministers of the devil and not of God!!!

JUSTIFICATION

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lieveth in Jesus." Romans 3:25-26.

THIRDLY, HOW JUSTIFIED. In God's gracious plan to set sinners free, and count them righteous, excludes all boasting on the part of the freed captive. Paul asked this question, "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay, but by the law of faith." "Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law." Romans 3:27-28. Note: 1. That man is justified by faith, 2. without the deeds of the Law. Faith excludes works, and of course the Law is doing something, it is deeds, or works. A man who is trying to be justified by law, he is working at the job. And if he could get the job done, he would have a right to boast, because he would have earned something; and if God were to set him free from penalty on the basis of what the man had done, God would be paying a debt. If not, why not?

Men now, and in ages past, have been justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law. Abraham was a good man, if there ever was one, but he could not glory before God for the works which he did; "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God." "For what saith the Scriptures? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." Romans 4:2-3.

We learn here that one's faith is counted for righteousness; it is not to him that worketh, for his works don't count; but God does look at his faith, and He counts that for righteousness. "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt." "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Romans 4:4-5 If our works were to be counted in this in anyway, as far as our justification is concerned, even after we are forgiven and released from the penalty, we could still be charged and condemned for our sins afterward. But Paul goes back to the Old Testament, to one of the Psalms, to prove that a man who is once forgiven will never be charged and condemned again. "Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Psalms 32:1-2. Yes, of course a man will sin after he has been forgiven, because his life will not be perfect, all his works will not be good, but his sins will not be charged to him. Our sins are covered by the blood of Christ, and that takes care of all of our sins, past and future, and when we sin in the flesh after conversion, we will be chastised for those sins, but never will God condemn us and send us to hell. The word, impute, means to charge, to impose a charge for some wrong done. But God says that this will never happen to one that He has forgiven. "Blessed is that man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Romans 4:8.

The believer has the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and His is a perfect righteousness. Our sins were charged to him, and He took our sins to the cross and paid for them, He died in our stead, died the death that we were due to die, and in turn, when we believe on Him, His righteousness is accredited to us; He took our sins, and we take His righteousness; and God, the Almighty, sees us through His Son and accepts us on the basis of what Christ has done, and not on the basis of what we have done, or ever will do. "Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone that believeth." Romans 10:4.

This doesn't mean the termination of the Law, that it has gone out of existence, but it means that Christ is the end of it for righteousness. That is, He fulfilled it, He didn't destroy the Law but fulfilled it. Matthew 5:17. And when we believe on Him, the Law doesn't make any more demands of us, everything has been settled in Christ Jesus.

FOURTHLY, FRUITS OF JUSTIFICATION. It is certain that one cannot enjoy the fruits of justification until he has been justified. There is no doubt, however, that there are many, many people that would like to enjoy the fruits, but they don't want to meet the requirements to bring them into the position to experience these great blessings from the Lord. We notice in Romans 4:25, Paul writing about the finished work of Jesus on the cross, he says, "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Then he said in Romans 5:1: "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Notice, if you will, that Paul mentions our offences, that Christ was delivered for our offences. This tells us that we have offended God, for He is the One that we have sinned against; and now, as long as that offence remains, there will be no peace with God; but being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Note: 1. peace with God; reconciliation is made the moment the sinner puts his trust in Jesus Christ, and all offences are removed; and peace is made between a righteous God and the undeserving sinner; 2. He has access by faith into the wonderful grace of God, wherein he stands. (Romans 5:2) This is his standing, it is in the good favor of God; and he rejoices in this grace, because he has a hope of God's glory. When all this takes place, how could this sinner, saved by grace, keep from rejoicing? He for the first time has something to rejoice in, and to rejoice about; 3. He can glory, or rejoice, even in times of trials: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also;" Romans 5:3. Our hope of glory is so wonderful and so encouraging, that, when the going down here is the hardest, we can, and do, rejoice in the great hope of glory; 4. The man who has been justified by faith in Christ has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5) When a sinner believes in Christ, the Holy Spirit is given to him as a witness, (1 John 5:10; Romans 8:16) and in the original Scriptures the rendering is thus: "The love of God is poured in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" What an experience, to have the love of God to flood our souls!

NOTE BURNING AT ILLINOIS CHURCH

There will be all-day note burning services at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, Illinois, Sunday, Sept. 7. Services will begin at 9:45 A.M. Elder John Hedges, of Camden, Tenn. will preach at the worship service. Lunch will be at noon and the afternoon will be given to singing with The Parables of Indianapolis as the featured group.

MISSION WANTED

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Earps from Sumner County, Tenn. are now living in Nevada, and are praying and wishing some old fashioned Missionary Baptist preacher would come to their locality and begin a mission. You may contact them at: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Earps, Box 1010, Orovalda, Nevada 89425. Phone: (702) 272-3316.

IMMODEST APPAREL

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brought "shame" to themselves and contempt to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible is a Christian's guide and rule not the clothing stores and the dress parade magazines. The world is going to hell, we don't have to look like that bunch, nor do we have to dress like that bunch. There's supposed to be a change in God's people - they are supposed to be a HOLY people - they talk different, they smell different, they live different, and they dress different.

The world is out for lust (read I John 2:15 & 16). A young woman (unsaved) wants to be noticed - she wants the opposite sex to give them their attention. The surest and fastest way this can be done - is to dress about as scant as she can and then do a little parading around, and see how many boys whistle or holler at her. Underneath she feels important because the male populous has told her so.

Now Christian ladies and girls...we want to shew a couple of things here.

First: the truly Born Again person is bought by the Blood of Christ and is not their own but owned by Christ and to love Him and "bury" self; thus they are not to "shew off" self but to shew forth Christ living in them. They try not to draw attention to self.

Second: the girl's (or woman's) shame is shown when her nakedness is shown. Isaiah 47:2 & 3 says: "Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man."

The uncovering of the thigh is nakedness. A woman is not to shew her nakedness. It is sin. The Christian woman who wears a dress so short that her legs can be seen above the knees, then her nakedness and shame is shown.

Now we have been talking of dresses (?) but the apparel that is worn above the waist today is terrible. The women purposefully do not wear bras today, and some only "T" shirts and many with a blouse unbuttoned down the front so that the men and boys can see their private parts. The hour we now witness is the hour of the sodomites. There is a reason that the world dresses (undresses) like this - lust.

Third: The result of all this parade may seem innocent to some - maybe a Christian girl or woman has never known the wrong that her "Immodest dress" has done or the price she'll pay - so we pray this writing will be blessed of God to open your eyes. The Bible says, "That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matt. 5:28) What a terrible charge against those that lust after her, but greater yet is the charge against the woman or girl who went half naked and caused this adultery to be committed. She will be guilty before God for every man and boy who looked upon her nakedness in this way. Young women think they are something to pose naked and near naked for magazines. Every man who looks upon the picture of that magazine to lust after her - "hath committed adultery already with her in his heart." The Bible teaches, "every sin shall receive a just recompence". The woman who thinks she's the most popular in this world is going to burn the hottest in the next one. So - hearken and again I say, hearken Christian person; for it behoves us to dress so that others will not lust after our bodies. Both Peter and Paul gave words of how God's people are to dress. Listen to what I Peter 3:3-5 says, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands."

First he says not to braid the hair, or to wear the jewelry or costly colorful garments, or the cosmetics and such array but rather the inward woman is what God wants and especially to be clothed with a "meek and a quiet spirit". This type spirit is of great price to God and to sensible men. We don't need haughty, loud, wayward women - and especially in this day. In a day when women don't know their place and purpose and in a day when men don't inform them of their place and purpose. The Bible says, "The holy women also...adorned themselves being in subjection unto their own husbands." In our text verse the Apostle Paul was inspired to write nearly those exact same words. Women are to be adorned with

"shamefacedness, and sobriety" (that means: with the idea of downcast eyes, bashfulness, abashed, ashamed.) Why? Paul goes on to explain why. Because it was the woman who was deceived in Eve and she was in the wrong because she decided to usurp authority of her own and not listen to her husband. She was in the wrong for not listening to God and obeying her husband, and thus the whole human race has fallen into sin. So the most "IMMODEST APPAREL" there is - is that of the woman liberation, and ERA movements, for that is fruit of sheer, rank rebellion. Yes, shamefacedness means just what it says, but women in this hour are far from that. (We speak of the vast majority, knowing that God has His few scattered here and there that are obedient.)

The Husbands, Fathers, and Men are to blame for the immodest apparel. Fathers should raise their daughters right and cause them to dress right and have the right attitude towards God's instruction. Remember Fathers that that daughter is yours and wears your name (until you give her away) and it is your job and responsibility to see that she is dressed properly.

Husbands - your wives took a vow before God that when they took your name that they would "obey" you until death parts the two of you. If she dresses immodest then it is your responsibility to tell her to dress properly so that other men will not lust after your wife. Some say, "well a Christian man is not to lust." No, they are not supposed to, but one of the greatest men in the Bible looked out of his window upon a naked (or near naked) woman and before that desire of the flesh was finished - it brought forth the sin of adultery, the sin of murder (to her husband), the sin of lying, and sorrow to him and his house from that day forth not to mention the wages of sin as death to the conceived child when it was born. Brother, there has been many a Christian fallen into sin by the immodest apparel on some woman.

Men - This world likes to feed upon "the lust of the flesh" (Read I Jn. 2:15 & 16). The unsaved man (in general) wants to see and look upon the woman in immodest apparel, so they have no concern for making girls and women dress properly. This should not be the case with those men whom God has saved. Concerning Christian men's apparel - it is also the same. The man should not go about half to three-quarters naked. Even though the woman is not so much aroused by the sight senses as men are - still there are those women who are and men should clothe their bodies also. It is wrong for a man to go about with no shirt or burmuda shorts on, in the presence of ladies. It is the immodest apparel of men to do so.

May this article cause God's people to be awakened to the need in this hour to dress properly; and to be clothed inwardly with that spirit (attitude) of submissiveness to His demands and statutes as spoken in the eternal word.

Town Built by Judean Kings Found in South

A large and well-fortified town built by Judean kings was uncovered by Prof. Moshe Kochavi's archaeological team at Tel Ira, on the southern slopes of the Hebron hills, Tel Aviv University announced recently.

Participating in the digs, which were to recover archaeological remains in an area earmarked for an airfield, were teams from Tel Aviv, Bar-Ilan, and Ben-Gurion Universities, as well as the Allegheny University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Rice University in the U.S.

The Judean town was built over the remains of a Canaanite settlement by Kings Uzziah and Hezekiah in the eighth century BCE. The biggest fortifications date from the times of King Manasseh in the seventh century BCE. The town was some 30 dunams in area, protected by a casemate wall—a thick defensive wall on the outside and a thinner wall inside, with storage rooms and living quarters between them.

Among the objects found were weights—one inscribed with the letters "pim," while another was identified as one shekel.

The Menassian city was destroyed twice by fire—once in the seventh century and again in the sixth century BCE, around the time of the destruction of the First Temple.

Oral Roberts' Hand Is Out and It's Hot

By David Rossie



What follows was sent to me by a lady who received it in the mail from Oral Roberts, the well-known faith healer, college president, and millionaire. She received it, she told me, probably because she is a regular church-goer and an active member of the National Council of Churches.

"The more I read, the angrier I got," she said. "I think the public should know what this man is doing. Just don't use my name."

The woman's desire to remain anonymous is understandable and will be honored. One more advisory: If this sounds like a takeoff on Bill Cosby's routine between Noah and God, don't blame me. Blame Bill Cosby.

"Dear Partner:
"In the nearly 32 years of this ministry I feel His power today as never before. As I write these words, wave after wave of God's healing power is flooding through me. My hands feel as if there is a supernatural heat in them; my right hand is especially hot right now. I am really feeling the presence of God, even in my physical

body."
Oral then goes on to say that he had been up in his prayer tower—praying—when God spoke to him for the 21st time.

"Suddenly I heard God call me by name. Only a few times had He done this and each time it thrilled me. 'Oral Roberts,' He said.

"'Yes, Lord,' I replied. 'I hear you. I am here.'"

(God continues): "'I raised you up from tuberculosis and saved you to take My healing power to your generation. You can't go to everybody in person any more than Paul could. As I used handkerchiefs or aprons from Paul's body, doing special miracles by his hands on the sick, so I am going to use your hands.'"

(Oral): "'How, Lord, will You do special miracles by my hands for those I can't be with personally?'"

(God): "'Take swatches of new cloth, cut in squares, and have the imprint of your right hand placed on each one. Send this to your partners to touch and hold where they need a miracle from Me. You will feel you are there touching the partner with your hand.'"

(Oral): "'God, will the partner feel it?'"

(God): "'The partner is to look beyond your hand, thinking of it as an extension of MY HAND. It is MY HAND

that heals.'"

Oral, probably out of simple modesty, expresses some doubt, but God dispels that in a hurry. "'Do not doubt My words or this instrument I choose to use through you,'" Oral quotes God as saying, "'You are obeying Me. I told you to build the City of Faith and in it combine My healing streams of medicine and prayer. I spoke to people to be partners with you in building the City of Faith and you are building it.'"

(Oral): "'God, You know everything. We have used the first seed money my partners sent to build the City of Faith. We have been able to pay day by day, and it has been a miracle! But now we must have another great miracle for the other two-thirds of the construction that we must complete.'"

By now Oral has realized that God has got what they call in the advertising business a hot item. Those swatches with Oral's latent prints on them are going to be bigger than hula hoops. In fact, Oral himself is getting hot all over again.

"As God talked, my body felt warm, and my right hand felt very hot with God's presence. Could His presence be transferred through these swatches of new cloth directly to my believing partners?"

Well, you just know they could. And not a moment too soon either, because while Oral's "partners" around the country had already kicked in \$50 million to build the City of Faith even without the added inducement of the magic swatch, there's still a long way to go and obstacles to overcome, not the least of which is the devil.

"'From the beginning,'" Roberts confides to God, "'the devil has violently opposed the City of Faith. He doesn't want prayer and medicine joined under Your loving care.'"

In this case, according to news stories out of Tulsa, Okla., the devil has been joined in his efforts by the managers of 12 other hospitals in and around Tulsa, who claim that the place needs another hospital like Oklahoma needs more dust storms, and that Oral's hospital will create a bed surplus and drive up the cost of medical care.

Well, when they're talking money, they're talking Oral's game. His organization's annual rake-off is figured way up in the millions, most of it tax-free, and that will buy a lot of swatches.

"First I want to send you the swatch of new cloth," Oral says in his prospectus. "'The lifesize imprint of my hand

upon it is to be used as an extension of God's hand, for we know it is His hand that heals.'" But the swatches are only bait. Oral's after bigger fish.

"I boldly offer you a Blessing-Pact Covenant with God, and with me, His servant, Oral Roberts," Oral continues. "'Do not doubt His word that He will bless you as you covenant to make Him your Source, to seed out of your need, aiming each seed, as I do, for a desired result.

"I ask you to seek God's guidance in your Blessing-Pact Covenant with Him concerning planting this special seed. Let it be for sponsoring at least one square foot of the concrete and steel superstructure of the City of Faith remaining to be built. One square foot is \$38.

"I feel this in every fibre of my being," Oral concludes. "'In fact, I'M SO ANOINTED BY God I can hardly write'" (he's already covered four single-spaced typed pages by this time). "I therefore give myself to God, and to you my partner, for God to do 'special miracles' by these hands which I've given to Him. Your swatch of cloth is now ready."

And here comes Oral, ready or not, reaching for your wallet with that hot little hand of his.

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Baptist History

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spirits, souls, and bodies, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, shall be the earnest prayer of your brethren, in the faith and fellowship of the gospel.

Dated the 3rd of the 7th month, 1710 — signed at our meeting by a part of the whole — John Morgan, William Mathews, William Morgan, Hugh Mathews, John Hughes, Owen Dowe, Morgan Nicholas, John Davis, Jacob Morgan, John Howell, Robert Edwards, Philip Mathews, and Thomas Morgan. (1)

We have the following information given to us by Benedict and are made to wonder if the Baptists mentioned above are the ones forming themselves into Great Valley Church, which was the following year.

Great Valley Church was constituted in 1711, by people from Wales. Its seat is 18 miles west from Philadelphia. It was once handsomely endowed with lands and funds; what is the present state of its temporalities I have not been informed.

Rev. Hugh Davis, a native of Wales, was its first pastor. (2)

- (1) History of The Welsh Baptists, J. Davis, pp. 89-90
- (2) History of The Baptist, David Benedict, p. 603

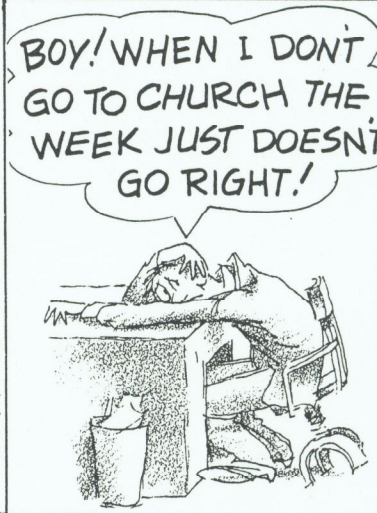
BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Association is to convene in its 23rd annual session with Freedom Missionary Baptist Church, 350 N. Fuller Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, September 19, 1980. Services will begin at 7:00 P.M. The session is to continue through Saturday and Sunday.

Officers elected last year were, Elder Calvin Perrigo, Moderator; Bro. Jeff Moran, Clerk and Elder Carlos Gammon, Treasurer.

Those elected to preach the annual sermons for this year were, Introductory Sermon, Elder Odus Cummings; Elder Marvin Emberton, Alt. Memorial Sermon, Elder Ronnie Galloway; Elder Richard Huskins, Alt. Doctrinal Sermon, Elder John Keen, Jr.; Elder Billy Moran, Alt. A number of subjects relative to the Missionary Baptist work will be discussed.

The six year old daughter of a preacher was sick and was put to bed early. As her mother was about to leave, she called her back.
"Mamma, I want to see my daddy."
Said the mother, "Your daddy is busy and must not be disturbed."
"But Mamma, I want to see my daddy."
"No, your daddy must not be disturbed. But the little one came back with even more determination.
"Mamma," she declared, "I'm a sick woman and I want to see my preacher."



Poll Finds 94% Choose Wedlock Over Living Together Unmarried

NEW YORK (AP) — A newly released poll says that a 94% majority of people prefer marriage as a way of life over living with someone out of wedlock.

The poll, conducted by the Roper Organization in 1979 for the 1980 Virginia Slims American Women's Opinion Poll, found that only 2% said living with someone outside of marriage was a satisfying way of life.

The poll, released recently, posed 90 questions to 3,000 women and 1,000 men, also found that 89% felt that love is still the primary reason one should get married. And 82% said children were not essential in order to have a successful marriage.

Homecoming

There will be all-day Homecoming services at Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. on Sunday, September 28. Sunday School will be at 10 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. by the pastor, Elder Edgar Copeland. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing in the afternoon with The Gospel Four and Janice being the featured group. Everyone is invited.