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"The Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Isaiah 40:3

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REDEEMED BY THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

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"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot." I Peter 1:18, 19

Redemption means, primarily, to get back, or buy back out of slavery; by paying a ransom price. Certainly the apostle is writing about a price paid, but the price is not silver and gold. Something more precious and of a higher value than earthy goods, Christ Himself and His precious blood. Three times the apostle in this first chapter writes about corruptible and incorruptible things. Silver and gold, corruptible things; Verse three: he writes about our inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled; in verse twenty-three, about the new birth, Being born again, not of corruptible need, but incorruptible need by the Word of God. What God does and what He gives in incorruptible and undefiled; and He doesn't accept anything less than pure as an offering for sin. That's why He had to offer His only begotten Son to redeem us from corruption.
MAN A SLAVE TO SIN AND SATAN

Satan is the god of this world, and the prince and power of the air. Ephesians 2:2 and 2:12. Satan has power, power to hold captives, hold them in a snare. See II Timothy 2:24-26. Sinners are in such bandage and a captive to sin and Satan, and ensnared, that he can't deliver himself. The more he tries to get out of his predicament, the deeper he gets in, like somebody in quicksand. If he tries to get one foot out, the other one goes deeper. The Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, the king of Egypt had the mastery over them, and though they were more in number than the Egyptians, they were powerless to get out of their slavery. They were delivered by the blood of a lamb. That bondage was a type of sinners in spiritual bondage to sin and Satan. It takes the blood of God's lamb, the Lord

Jesus Christ to redeem and deliver. Jesus paid the ransom price for our deliverance, the deliverance that we have experienced points back to His atoning death on the old rugged cross. Nothing else would do, nothing else will God accept; it's the blood or be doomed forever. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrews 9:22. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Hebrews 9:14.

There are people, who even call themselves Christians that try to take out of Scripture such fundamental doctrines as the virgin birth of Christ, and the atoning blood of Christ; but if these could be taken out there would be no plan for our salvation. God promised His Son as a gift, and a child born, born of a virgin; "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders and His name shall be called wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God; the everlasting Father, The Prince of peace." This gift of God, the child born, was born of a virgin; "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" Isaiah 9:6; 7:14. He was God with us, this is the meaning of the word Immanuel. He was God manifested in human form; He had to be in the form of man to suffer and shed His blood to redeem us from sin and death. "Blessed Redeemer, Jesus is mine, Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine, I'm an heir of salvation, the purchase of God, I'm born of the Spirit, washed in His blood" "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,

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Elder Howard G. Taylor passed away, November 19, 1988 at the age of 67 after a long illness.

At the time of his death, Bro. Taylor was the Pastor of McFerrin Baptist Church, having served in that capacity since January 1974.

Bro. Taylor was born in Trousdale County, Tenn. on March 23, 1921 the son of Gilbert and Mary Nunley Taylor.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, daughter Sarah, two brothers, and two sisters.

Bro. Taylor was converted at Good Will Baptist Church in 1932, and was baptized into the fellowship of that body by Elder Calvin Gregory.

While a young man, he was called into the field of labor by the Lord, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry on December 29, 1946 by Good Will Baptist Church.

His first pastorage was at Bethel Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. from November 1946 - September 1953. He later served as pastor of the following churches: Antioch, Macon County, Tenn., Plano, Warren County, Ky., East Main Street, Hartsville, Tenn., Faith Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Taylor was a well known Baptist minister and had preached for the Siloam Baptist Association. He was very active in the Wiseman Baptist Association, having delivered the memorial sermon for several years. He had also served as the assistant moderator for several years, and had been the Moderator for the past ten years.

Bro. Taylor's greatest loves in life were his Church and his family. He was completing fifteen years as pastor of McFerrin Baptist church, and after he was diagnosed as terminally ill, his

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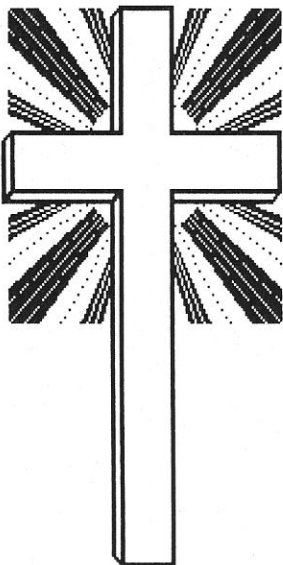
ELDER HOWARD G. TAYLOR

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desire was to continue to serve his Lord and his Church as Pastor until his death. Although he was grievously ill, the Lord granted his wish, and he was able to preach each Sunday at McFerrin until two weeks before his death.

During this time of illness, he was a constant source of courage and strength to his family and friends, in that he continued to live his life as normal as possible, and continued to minister to his Church. His faith in and love for the Lord never wavered, and he approached death with the sure knowledge that Heaven was waiting him on the other side.

Bro. Taylor's life was cut short by this illness. We do not understand all of God's decisions, but we do know he makes no mistakes. His works will continue to bear fruit for the Lord, even though his earthly ministry is over. May we all take courage from his example, and strive to live our lives in such a manner as to glorify the Father in heaven.

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according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7. Those who claim to be Christians and deny the blood, are not heirs of God's salvation, that's for sure!

BLOOD MUST BE APPLIED

When God was about to deliver His people, the children of Israel, from Egypt, He told Moses to command the people to take a lamb for each household on the tenth day of the month, and keep it up till the fourteenth day, and then kill it in the evening, "And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts, and upon the upper door post; "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon your houses where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." Exodus 12: 1-13. The blood had to be applied to the door post, that is where the destroying angel looked for the blood. The blood had been shed, and the blood was sufficient for their deliverance, but had to be applied, or it wouldn't have benefited them.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Man is a sinner and stands guilty before God, and His holy law; and for God to be just and true to His Law, He must deal with sin; He will not just ignore it. The way He deals with sin is through the preaching of His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit. And when the sinner is brought to repentance by these means God forgives. But in forgiving God remembers the atoning death of His Son on the cross. He doesn't forgive on the basis of any merits on the sinner's part. Note this verse: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7 Notice the order of this verse: Redemption, forgiveness, through the blood, and according to the riches of His grace. God does forgive, but He does so on the merits of His Son, His shed blood, and it is His grace, His loving favor; the sinner is not worthy of it.

DELIVERANCE

The sinner isn't only in bondage to sin and Satan, he is under the sentence of death; but the Bible tells us of the believer passing from death unto life, "Verily verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. The Psalmist said, "For Thou hast delivered my soul from death." Psalm 116:8. Again I refer to the Israelites in Egypt and how they were delivered; they were delivered by the blood. "For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He useth the blood and nothing else. God commanded them to keep a feast of unleavened bread, but this was for a memorial, to commemorate their deliverance by

the blood of the lamb. We observe the Lord's supper to remember the Lord's suffering and His shed blood, but this isn't to save us, or help to save us, it is a memorial, painting to Calvary where God's Lamb shed His blood that taketh away the sin of the world. "What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus. What a great and comforting thought it is to know that we are safe and secure under the blood!

DO YOU GO TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL?

'PLEASE, DADDY, LET'S GO'

A little girl with shining eyes, her upturned face aglow,

Said, "Daddy, it's almost time for Sunday School, you know;

Let's go and hear of Jesus' Love, of how he died for all,

To take them to His home above, who on His name will call."

"Oh, No" said Daddy, "not today; I've worked hard all the week,

And I must have one day of rest, I'm going to the creek;

For there I can relax and rest, and fishing's fine they say,

So run along, don't bother me—we'll go another day."

*Months and years have passed away, but Daddy hears that plea no more
"Let's go to Sunday School..." Those childish days are o'er.*

And now that Daddy's growing old, and life is almost through,

Hinds some time to go to church, but what does daughter do?

She says, "Oh, Daddy, not today—was out almost all night:

I've got to get a little sleep—besides, I look a fright."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand, to brush away the tears;

Again he hears that pleading voice, distinctly through the years.

He sees a small girl's upturned face, upturned with eyes aglow,

Saying, "It's time for Sunday School, Please Daddy, won't you go?"

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS' SCHOOL**Seventeenth Annual Session**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1989

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Devotional

9:45 a.m. ELDER J.H. SMITH - "THE APOSTLE PAUL'S MISSION"

10:30 a.m. Intermission

10:45 a.m. ELDER CALVIN PERRIGO - "THE INVISIBLE CHURCH THEORY - THE ENTICEMENTS THEREOF"

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. ELDER BILLY MORAN - "CHURCH MEMBERSHIP"

(reasonable requirements to insure and safeguard the fellowship)

2:00 p.m. Intermission

2:15 p.m. ELDER H.C. VANDERPOOL - THE BIBLE: LANGUAGES AND TRANSLATIONS

3:00 p.m. Announcements and benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1989

9:00 a.m. Devotional

9:45 a.m. ELDER PAUL BRYSON - "FIELDS PLOWED AND SOWN, YIELDING NO FRUIT"

10:30 a.m. Intermission (a plea for spiritual preaching)

10:45 a.m. ELDER HAROLD CARVER - "PERSONAL EVANGELISM"

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. ELDER J.H. SMITH - "ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF THE LORD"

2:00 p.m. Intermission

2:15 p.m. ELDER CALVIN PERRIGO - "THAT THE MINISTRY BE NOT BLAMED"

3:00 p.m. Announcements and benediction

7:30 p.m. Worship service open to the public - Speaker to be chosen by the school

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1989

9:00 a.m. Devotional

9:45 a.m. ELDER BILLY MORAN - "BEHOLDING HIS GLORY"

10:30 a.m. Intermission

10:45 a.m. ELDER H.C. VANDERPOOL - "THE BIBLE: THE STUDY AND RIGHTLY DIVIDING OF THE SCRIPTURES:

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Presentation of Certificates

1:45 p.m. Announcements and benediction

ALTERNATE LESSONS:

(first alternate) ELDER KEITH FRIEZE - "KNOW YOUR BIBLE"

(second alternate) ELDER HAROLD CARVER - "THE MAN OF GOD - ABILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY"

(third alternate) ELDER PAUL BRYSON - "FIELDS PLOWED AND SOWN, YIELDING NO FRUIT" (continuation)

A SECOND MISSIONS CONFERENCE AT OLD UNION

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1989 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

FEATURING: Portfolios put together by each of our missionaries describing their work

A few words from each of the missionaries now on the field who are present at the conference.

SPECIFIC PROGRAM: A presentation regarding health insurance designed to benefit our missionaries and ministers by Elder Bob Pitt.

Other topics to be presented by the Old Union Missions committee.

We encourage our churches and people to assist the missionary of their choosing in returning to Old Union for this conference and the ministers' school which follows. The spiritual strength they get from this fellowship will do much to help them wage another good year of battle on the front lines of our great spiritual war.

For additional information call Pastor Jerry A. Reynolds 1-502-842-0752

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS' SCHOOL-
 APPLICATION FORM - FIRST TIME APPLICANTS MUST BE APPROVED
 BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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UNDER AUTHORITY OF
OLD UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS: STREET & NO. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (NAME OF CHURCH) _____

CHURCH ADDRESS _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PREACHING ? _____ ARE YOU ORDAINED ? _____

ARE YOU LICENSED ? _____ ARE YOU PASTOR OF A CHURCH? _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHURCH YOU PASTOR _____

* TELL US YOUR EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION _____ (USE ADDITIONAL PAPER)

* TELL US YOUR EXPERIENCE OF BEING CALLED TO PREACH _____ (USE ADDITIONAL PAPER)

* NOTE: We believe that a testimony of salvation and also a testimony of a calling to preach should include the affirming of a definite time and place in the memory where these experiences took place (exact dates not necessary), but we also think that such a testimony should include more than just a time and place, that it should include some of the inner thoughts and emotions , and perhaps actions, surrounding these wonderful experiences. Please be as detailed as practical.

Tuition fee is \$20.00 per preacher for the entire session, and an additional \$5.00 if you bring your wife to the wives' fellowship. Provisions will be made to waive this fee for any who cannot afford it.

FILL OUT AND MAIL TO US FOR MOTEL RESERVATIONS

- 1) I WILL NEED A ROOM. TUESDAY NIGHT? WEDNESDAY NIGHT? THURSDAY NIGHT?
- 2) MY WIFE WILL BE WITH ME. YES ? OR NO ?
- OR 3) I WISH TO ROOM WITH SOMEONE. YES ? OR NO ?
- 4) ANY OTHER REQUESTS _____

YOUR NAME ? & phone number _____

