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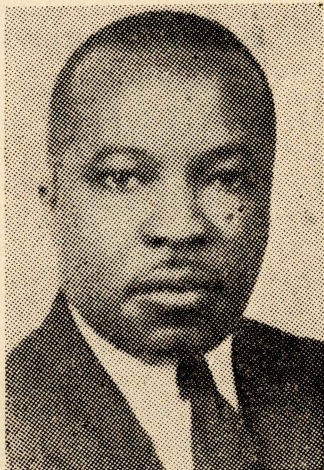
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THE FAULTLESS CHRIST



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Pilate said unto them, "Take ye him and crucify him; for I find no fault in him."—John 19:6.

This was one of the saddest hours in the life of Jesus Christ. He is accused by the unrighteous; and at them the governor hurl this challenge, "Take ye him and crucify him; for I find no fault in him."

First. No Fault in His Teachings.

Never a man spake like this man and He taught as one having authority and not as the scribes, constitutes startling testimony from His enemies. The Golden Rule, Christ's formula for social righteousness, excels all that has ever been written on the RACE and SOCIAL PROBLEMS. Jesus said in Matthew 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets." In Galatians 6:7 are these words, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Second. No Fault in His Life.

The redemption of the world was pendant on the life of Christ as well as on His death, because a faulty life would have made Him unworthy to die for the world.

Third. No Fault in His Death.

No death ever meant so much to the world as the death of Christ. Many martyrs have died for causes which they considered dearer than life; but Jesus died and redeemed the world that hated, rejected, and crucified Him. The Christian Informer and the National Christian Preaching Convention of Church of Christ find no FAULT in HIM.

We find no fault in His command for faith.

"He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

We find no fault in His command for repentance.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish." Luke 13:3.

We find no fault in His command for confession.

"Everyone therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 10:32.

We find no fault in His command for baptism.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.

We find no fault in His mode of baptism.

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5.

We find no fault in the church established by Christ.

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:12.

We find no fault in the name the members of Christ's church should wear.

"And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." Acts 11:26.

We find no fault in the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Cor. 11:26.

We find no fault in the Bible way in which Christians should live.

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." I John 1:6, 4:20.

We find no fault in Him.

But, we do find fault in some ministers and church leaders who are guilty of trying to destroy the doctrine of Christ; and advocating open membership; which is the admittance into the church, those who have not obeyed our Lord and Master in Christian baptism. Paul said in Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. We pray that the time will soon come when every minister and church leader in our brotherhood, regardless of race or color, will join in the utterance of Pilate's verdict, "I FIND NO FAULT IN HIM."

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EDITORIAL

"HERE IS A DEFENSE JOB FOR YOU"

A sneak attack has been made on the doctrine of Christian Church by some of its so-called ministers and leaders in high places.

The National Christian Preaching Convention want men who are not afraid to trust God; men who will not bow their knees to Baal; nor sell Christ and His doctrine for "thirty pieces of silver, the price of a slave."

If you do not believe in the restoration of primitive Christianity, its doctrine, its ordinances, and its fruits, you need not apply.

GOD MOVES

It is reported that Miss Carnella Jamison, field worker for the United Missionary Society, resigned December 20, 1944.

God moves in a mysterious way
 His wonders to perform;
 He plants his footsteps in the sea,
 And rides upon the storm
 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take:
 The clouds ye so much dread
 Are big with mercy, and shall break
 In blessings on your head.
 His purposes will ripen fast,
 Unfolding every hour;
 The bud may have a bitter taste,
 But sweet will be the flower.

PULL NO PUNCHES

Pull no punches, preach hard. They are covering up. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. If God be for us (in the ring with us) who can be against us?

REMEMBER LEXINGTON

You know because you read the Christian Informer.

"BACK TO CHRIST"



A Christmas Message, by R. L. PETERS, Minister of Spencer Memorial Christian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Monday, December 25, 1944, at 11:30 A. M.

TEXT: MATT. 2-2

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have seen his Star in the East and are come to worship Him."

PREFACE

Again we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Birthdays are kept in honor of the one whose anniversary it is. In birthday services of the great, not much attention is given the events surrounding the natal city; rather one thinks of achievements and the character of the life. How to observe Christmas is frequently discussed. In too many places it fails to be a day of worship. And yet the Christmas songs are sung, and on the Lord's Day nearest Christmas there is some thought of the occasion uppermost in the sermon. We have commercialized Christmas. The stores are filled with gifts to be purchased for Christmas. In some quarters Christmas is a day of sadness because some people cannot measure up to their desires with their gifts, and in many instances little children are made uncomfortable by being unable to receive the attention that others receive. Yet not withstanding it all we would not put Christmas OUT OF OUR LIVES.

First. Christmas opens the fountains of giving, it makes multitudes of people glad and helps us to be appreciative of God's unspeakable gift. Jno. 3-16.

On the night Jesus was born Shepherds were in the fields protecting their flocks, near Bethlehem. It was necessary to guard the flocks from thieves and the wild beasts that would prey upon them. The flocks at Bethlehem were kept for the Temple services, and the Shepherds who guarded those flocks occupied a higher social position than other Shepherds.

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Second. Jewish Tradition.

The Jews had a tradition that the Messiah would be proclaimed from the Migdol Eder which is known as the "Tower of the Flock," which lay near Bethlehem on the road to Jerusalem.

Third. David the Shepherd Boy.

In this country his family had lived. Here he watched his father's flocks. Here Samuel anointed him King of Israel. And from here he went to join the forces of Saul the King.

Fourth. The Birth of Christ.

An edict had gone forth that the people should go to the city of their fathers for the census of a King. Among the people who came up from Nazareth and other parts of the country were Joseph the carpenter from Nazareth, and Mary, his young wife. The town was filled with people. These humble newcomers found no lodging place in the "Inn," and were forced to go to a stable. The night the Babe was born, Bethlehem did not know the importance of that night, nor who was being born in her midst. The Child was wrapped in swaddling clothes, a square piece of cloth in which the Babe was rolled up. It was a yard square and one corner of it there was attached a long narrow band. After the Child was wrapped in this cloth, the band was wound around its body from the shoulders to ankles, much as a mummy is found.

The Child was laid in a manger and there the Shepherds found Him. This was according to prophesy Mich. 5-2. Bethlehem was to be the place of the Saviour's birth. The prophets had so predicted. Holy men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit.

Fifth. Messengers From Heaven.

The Angel of the Lord came upon the Shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone round and about them; and they were sore afraid. Who would not be afraid? This was a new experience. They had never talked to Angels before nor had they ever had such a light brake out upon those hills in the night. It must have been a marvelous scene. The Angel who was God's messenger, was visible. He spake their language; (not in unknown tongues). He came suddenly and unexpectedly. He saw their disturbed minds and sensed the fear that possessed them. He said, fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings, of great joy which shall be to all people. And here is the reason: for unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. Christ means the anointed. It has reference to his office.

The Angel here confirmed the message of the Angel who had come to Mary and had told her she would be the Mother of the Christ. That there might be no mistake, the Angel told the Shepherds where to find the Christ. And he described his dress. The air rang with the Angelic Chorus sing-

ing, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Goodwill Toward All Men." That was probably the greatest Anthem ever sung. Now the rest of the work remained for them to do. There was no delay, those Shepherds hurried. They went to the stable and in the manger found the Baby Jesus. The Angels departed into Heaven; they had done their part in that they had made it possible for the Shepherds and the Baby Christ to meet. They also saw Joseph and Mary. That was a lonely night for those parents. Joseph and Mary were away from home, and while they knew not the significance of this event, Heaven knew, and the Shepherds come to know.

In later years when Jesus had grown to manhood and began his Ministry, the rich and the arrogant could say to him: I came from the nobility and was born in a palace. Jesus could reply, "I am a Peasant, I was born in a Stable." The educated could say, "I went to school in Athens and have my degree," but the Man from Nazareth would counter, "I never went away to school."

It is said of Jesus, "He was tempted in all points as we are, and yet was without sin." Therefore, it was necessary for him to know the depths of poverty, and the full measure of suffering and disappointment.

Fifth. The First Preachers of Christ Advent.

The first preachers of Christ's advent were the men from the Sheepfold. They told what they had heard and seen. These men stirred the community. All heard their message were in state of wonder. They could not comprehend it. The most of them did not know the prophecies well enough to understand their fulfillment. But Mary kept all these sayings pondering them in her heart. Mary knew that this Babe was the only begotten son of God. She knew that she had been honored above all women. What a struggle it may have been for this poor girl from Nazareth not to tell everybody and thus be exalted above women! But Mary kept still; she knew his hour had not come. We wonder oftentimes if she and Joseph did not talk these things over. How they could protect this little Babe. Watch his development and look for the manifestation of His superior powers and abilities.

But to return to the Shepherds, what became of them? They went back to their task. But they were never the same men again. They had a wonderful experience. They had been exalted. They glorified and praised God.

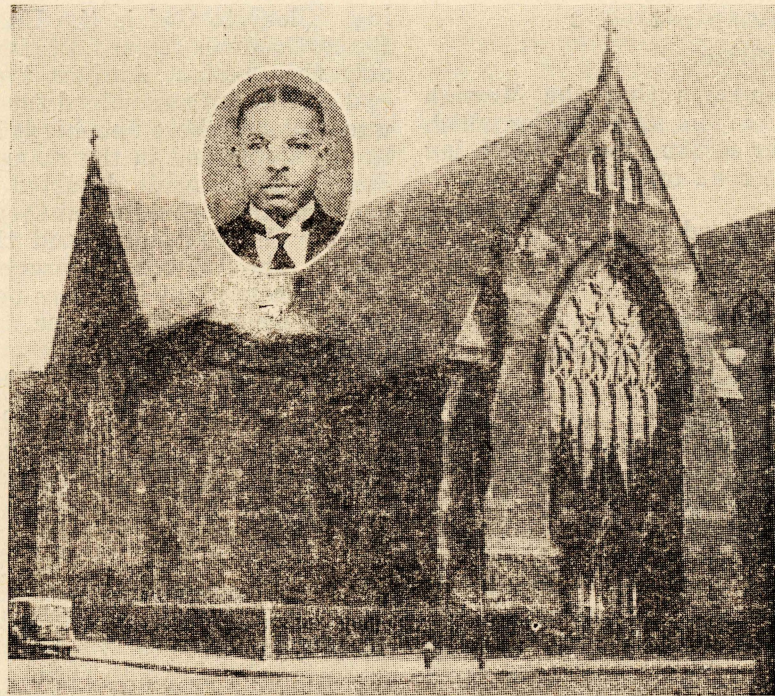
It's a fine thing when men can carry their religion out to fields, to the factories, to the schools, and to their offices. There are great hours in every man's life; hours which dispel the mists and give impetus to better deeds. This undoubtedly was the great hour in the life of the Shepherds.

Christmas should mean much today, because we have a living regnant Christ.

— C L I M A X —

Now to my comrades in the Army of the Lord.

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EASTER MORNING

By ELDER W. F. (Bill) KEYES

Minister, Williamsburg Christian Church
Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

First. When Jesus died His disciples thought

"the light of the world" had gone out.

Second. The hours of darkness slowly passed, and "it began to dawn toward the first day of the week."

Third. The sun of righteousness arise "with healing in his wings."

Weeping endured for a night, joy came with Easter dawn.

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Let this be our slogan: "Back to the Book" (The Word of God). Christ is the Word. John 1:1-2. Therefore let us go back to Christ.

Let us go back to Christ in Apostolic doctrine and in practice. The apostles had all things common. They dwelled together in perfect union (bond of unity). Having no book but the Bible. No creed but Christ. No name but the Divine. Therefore, let us go back to the Book (Christ). Go back beyond Philadelphia, from whence came Quakerism. Go back beyond Battle Creek, Mich., from whence came Seventh Day Adventism. Go back beyond Scotland from whence came Presbyterianism. Back beyond London from whence came Episcopalianism. Back beyond Geneva from whence came Calvinism. Back beyond Germany from whence came Dunkardism. Back beyond Wittingburg from whence came Lutheranism. Back beyond England from whence came Baptistism. Back beyond Oxford, England, from whence came Methodism. Back beyond Rome from whence came Roman Catholicism.

Back! Back! Yes, back to Bethlehem Stable, and say as the wise men of old, "We would see Jesus." Let us fall down at his feet and sing, "All hail the power of Jesus Name, let Angels prostrate fall, bring forth Thy royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all."

HONORING CHRIST

By ELDER R. F. HAYES

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Little Rock, Ark.

John 5:22-23. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son, that all men should honor the Son.

When Jesus spoke these words to the Jews, they did not understand His divine relationship with the Father. They misunderstood Jesus in all that He came into the world to do.

If Jesus was a mere man, the Jews idea of the law clearly condemned Him. But since Jesus was the Son of God, all His actions and assertions clearly justified Him in saying and doing the things which He did. His words should come down to us with peculiar power and with as much freshness as when they were uttered. Oh! How we should heed these words. For God judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto His Son.

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I. We are to honor the Son of God by believing on Him. It does not matter how good or how great men might be, we are not commanded to believe in them nor honor them. Because they do not possess the power to save. Westley, Luther and Roger Williams may have been good and pious men, but no one has been commanded to believe in them. All of these men are subject to death and must answer for deeds done in their bodies. We are commanded to honor Him by believing in Him. For God has committed all things into His hands.

One morning a band of men led Him to Calvary. There they hung Him on the Cross, took Him down and laid Him in Joseph's new tomb. But on the third day He got up and said, all power in Heaven and on earth is given unto Me. Every man is to honor Christ by believing in Him if he is to be saved.

II. We honor Christ by what He has to say concerning our salvation. Not what some great man or preacher has to say, but Christ. And the things He says we must obey if we are to be saved.

On one occasion while Christ was here on earth, He took three of His trusty disciples upon the Mount to be transfigured. While there the supremacy of Christ was made manifest by a voice which said: "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him." He that heareth these sayings of Mine, I will show you who he is like.

What sayings? They are all in the book. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth on the Son hath life. He that confesses Me before men, I will confess before My Father. He must be born again, of water and the Spirit. These are the things. Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. These things bring one into possession of salvation. And they become recipients of His promises. For His promises never faileth.

III. We honor Christ by wearing His name.

What is in a name? This question has often been asked. Shakespeare said: "That any other flower would smell as sweet as the rose called by the same name." This is not true. A man would die deceived if he had never seen a rose. Let some one give you a check and not sign his name. Go home some night and let your wife tell you she is Mrs. Clark instead of whatever your name might be. Start to California and the conductor put off in Texas. Here in the world we identify things by their names. This is true in the Kingdom of God

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SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES

Our year is working out according to plan. This first year's objectives were these: (1) Building up our financial resources and obtaining churches and persons as rope-holders giving regular monthly support; (2) educating our churches through our speaking and writing of the needs of our colored brethren; (3) helping our Negro preachers now on the field by making available extension classes and correspondence Bible and English courses to widely scattered areas; (4) acquainting ourselves with the real needs of the colored churches and ministers by visiting every state where we have work, and by intensive research into the activities of our brotherhood among the Negro brethren; (5) deciding upon a location for the school, moving my family and office to that city, and acquiring property by rental or leasing with the view to opening our permanent school in September, 1945; (6) encouraging our Negro men in their stand for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

You can do three things for the School of the Scriptures: (1) Make us a regular monthly contribution; (2) send us religious books for our slowly growing library; (3) ask for a five-minute period on our Prayer Circle. We would like to have someone praying for us each five minutes of the day.

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HANDCUFFS AND SHACKLES THROWN OFF
by ELDER J. SALVADOR JOHNSON
Minister East Side, North End Christian Church
Detroit, Mich.

I take much pride in saying that since we have thrown off the handcuffs and shackles of the United Missionary Society, the churches have taken on new life from Maine to California and from New York to Florida. We have the word of eternal life; what more could the Brotherhood wish. I take much pride in saying, that all of the true and loyal brethren and churches are with the National Preaching Convention, because they want to be saved; and are not in the ministry for loaves and fishes nor henchmen for some organization. With the School of the Scriptures and its faculty, we will have again the spirit of the old Louisville Bible School, sending our preachers true to the Bible. The Christian Informer is on the job in bold relief with the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God. I admire the spirit of Brother A. G. Nelson, of Kansas City. We need more such Sons of Thunder.

SCHOOL NEWS

President Tibbs Maxey on the first half of his southern winter tour presented his plans for the training of preachers to these churches: Chatham, Va., F. H. Bennett, Minister; County Line, Va., J. D. Hunt, Minister; Bethany Church, Bumpass, Va., Abner Knibb; Spencer Memorial, Winston-Salem, N. C., whose pastor is R. L. Peters (Back to the Book), Evangelist. At Washington, N. C., he spoke to fifty members of the Loyal Missionary Society nearby Old Ford, Luther Ambross, Minister, and at Macedonia, Dennis Davis, Minister, gave a good response.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Brooklyn, N. Y.

MRS. LUCILLE MILEY, Reporter

The work of the Williamsburg Christian Church moves on in a fine way, under the leadership of our pastor, Elder W. F. Keyes. Recently Elder Keyes visited the Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, and conducted a great revival at the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md. Up to this time we have had several additions to the church and good attendance at all times. We were glad to have Editor Baltimore Taylor with us in January. He preached from the subject, "The Jericho Road." I wish you could have heard that great sermon. Come again, Editor Taylor, we are always glad to have you visit us.

We regret to say that the daughter of Sister Rosa Jones passed away on January 13th. Her name was Sister Louise Jackson. Sister Jackson was a wonderful usher in our church and a good member. We will miss her. Her body was taken to South Carolina for burial.

We are now in a two thousand rally to end the third Lord's Day in April.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Hagerstown, Md.

MRS. M. E. QUEEN, Reporter

Dr. M. F. Robinson is very sick. He has been confined to bed for several months. The Junior Choir is doing fine work; they sing in morning worship. Elder Taylor preached to the Boy Scouts on their anniversary. Elder W. F. (Bill) Keyes, of New York, held a great revival for us. He preached the old Jerusalem gospel. We hope to have him again in the spring. Mrs. Louise Stewart was called to New Jersey on account of the death of her brother-in-law. Mrs. Lora R. Brooks has been sick but is better now.

EAST SIDE, NORTH END CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Detroit, Mich.

MISS CLORA T. COLEMAN, Reporter

I am pleased to say that our Church School is getting along nicely and is increasing. We are now making plans for the Easter exercises, and looking forwards for a great meeting this spring and summer in which the church is also looking for you. The Informer has put new life into the church.

EAST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Kansas City, Mo.

ELDER A. G. NELSON, Minister

The School of the Scriptures will be held at East Side Church, March 13-23, under the direction of President Tibbs Maxey and his faculty. Elder R. L. Peters (Back to the Book), national evangelist, will conduct a soul-saving revival at East Side Christian Church from March 18th to Easter. This promises to be one of the greatest revivals in this section of the country.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Little Rock, Ark.

MRS. R. F. HAYES, Reporter

We have finished paying for our church lot and want to start building. We are putting on a rally closing the first Lord's Day after Easter.



EAST SIXTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Oklahoma City, Okla.

ELDER R. L. SERCY, Minister

IT'S NEVER TOO COLD

The Lord is still blessing us with souls, and even though it is freezing weather, we are still using our Baptistery. Two additions on December 31 and one on January 7, 1945. Our offering for December was \$734.03. We wish for all who love the Lord a good and prosperous year. Pray for us.

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"THE GREAT QUESTION"

By ELDER A. G. NELSON

Minister East Side Christian Church

Kansas City, Mo.

Organization of great "Federal Councils of Churches" in the world by Protestant, Jewish and Christian Churches copying the Roman Catholic Church will not answer Christ's prayer for a unified church in Him.

To Faithful Disciples Everywhere,

Greetings:

In bringing this sermon to you, we will have to deal with one of the gravest subjects that the world has ever known. During this discourse, we will also have to condemn and question some of the greatest Protestant theologians, devout and learned men of all nations.

In these last days of the world, we are confronted more definitely with the teaching of Jesus than ever before. The revelations of Jesus Christ to his church as recorded by his servant John must be dealt with from a realistic standpoint. There are certain definite statements of Christ that we must reckon with now, or with Him at the judgment bar. In the 22nd chapter of Revelations, 18th and 19th verses, Jesus said: "Unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life." He also said: "My sheep hear my voice, and a stranger they will not follow." These Protestant churches are strangers to Christ and His obedience. "In vain they worship men teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." "Come ye out from among them, and be not partakers of their evil deeds." "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments."

Christ with his fore-knowledge of events knew what would happen in this day. From the background of the evil spirits in the world, He knew that men would attempt to add to or take away from His Word, so he set up a penalty. He also knew that false doctrines could come into the world and work hardships on His church, so He warned us of this. He also knew that men would

testify that they loved Him, and fail to prove it in obedience to Him. He also knew that there would come a day in the world when the disobedient sections of so-called Christian churches extend a hand to His church to come into their fellowship for deceptive reasons.

Therefore, He said in his statement, "Come out from among these evils." God has promised to sustain His church as long as we seek divine guidance rather than be guided by the doctrine of men.

As you know, the great feud between man and God since the world began has been because of disobedience to the Father and the Son. This has been the key word the Devil has used to try to destroy the church. But, we have consolation in the statement He made to Peter speaking of His church when He said: "The very gates of Hades shall not destroy it."

We all know that the Protestant and Jewish churches of the world had evil beginnings (Rev. 13:16-17) and today they present to the world the greatest deceptive movements ever known to the human family. They are so definitely covered that they have deceived the very elect of God and caused them to err in every way and follow after the doctrines of men.

As we know, Jesus lived the plan of salvation perfectly in our midst. If He had had in mind that it would be necessary for us to federate ourselves with other bodies to build His church He would have made such a plan for us while with us.

In the ascension of the church into the earth as recorded in Rev. 12:1, we know definitely that the evil powers were wrath against this great influence and they used devious methods to destroy the potential power as it came into the earth and sought to direct the worship as recorded in 1st Tim., 4th chapter and first verse.

Paul and Nicodemus both belonged to the Pharisees group, and He called them out of them. I would say to the brethren everywhere, we are missing the goal by not being realistic in the teachings of Christ's doctrine to the letter.

In the early advent of the church, the Holy Spirit guided it through the darkest hour of the world. The early church lived within the power of the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit interjecting into the world the divine truth through the Apostle

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or the church of Christ. We honor Christ by wearing His name that we might be distinguished from the world. We wear the name Christian because it honors Christ. Acts 11:26.

If it was good enough for the church at Antioch and for Paul and Peter and the rest of the Apostles, it is good enough for me and the rest of the world.

Agrippa said: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Acts 26:28.

Peter said: "If any man suffer as a Christian let him not be afraid, but glorify God on this behalf."

One day, maybe soon, Christ is coming back after His bride. No one can say when nor how long it will be. But He is coming. Rev. 21:1-10. And if we've honored Christ enough through obedience we will be His when He comes back to establish universal reign.

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We want to congratulate Bro. C. W. Arnolds and the good loyal brethren out in California for the good work they are doing. It can only be done by men of like precious faith. You have our prayers for your success. And when the roll is called I will be there financially. Next, we want to hear from Bro. C. B. Fischer, in Berkeley, Calif. Let us carry the good work on.

NOTICE

I am compiling a directory of all of the loyal ministers and churches in our Brotherhood. The directory can be obtained at a very small sum when complete. It is worth the cost to have the information before us. Please send your name and address and the churches you know about as loyal to the teachings of Christ to R. L. Serey, 1129 N. E. Sixth Street, Oklahoma City-4, Okla.

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Peter, pierced the shield of these pagan governments and exposed them to such an extent that they fell mortally wounded before the truth. There were no false doctrines within, or compromising the church, but these were false leaders who had been placed there by the evil destructive powers of Satan who were trying to find a remedy to recover from this blow of the Holy Spirit.

We have this record of the church at Ephesus. With the true doctrine of Christ being taught by the apostles, the church went forward with great speed, conquering all the forces of Hell before it. The same can be done today, if we are willing to submit to the letter of the Holy Spirit as recorded on the day of Pentecost.

John said he saw another in Heaven. He saw a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (Rev. 12:3.) As we know this dragon represented the great heathen powers of Pagan Rome that were in power when Christ came into the world. We will not discuss these seven heads representing the seven pagan governments of Rome that were reigning at this time, nor the tail of this dragon which represented the end of this great evil reign. But, we will discuss an offspring of this dragon, the beast, which gave power to the red dragon which was popery, the real instrument that was being used by these poppers to the end of destroying Christ and His church. As we know, they were ever in search of the powers that caused the early church to grow with such rapidity in the world, and they used every means of destruction to destroy the early Christians. Revelations tells us further that the evil spirit was cast into the bottomless pit. Here we interpret. They were cast into their weakest state for a thousand years; they were at the feet of the Christians. But nevertheless, although mortally wounded, they still fought for recovery.

Finally, in 476 A. D., Rome completely fell. Then the Christians moved forward as on the wings of an eagle, and in the year of 753 A. D. Emperor Stevens II partially uncovered the secret powers of the church when he was asked to pass on infant baptism. But in 1312 A. D. the popecy of Rome worked out a problem that they had been searching for a thousand years. They found the power of the church wrapped up in the gospel of the church in honor and obedience to Him. They immediately called this great Council at Ravenna and sanctioned the disobedience to Christ when

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find money order for four subscriptions. These are gift subscriptions. In giving these persons a free subscription, I only request that they in turn give someone else two or more subscriptions. In that way we can keep the list ever growing.

Yours in Christ,

T. K. ROUSE,

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Detroit, Mich.

Editor's Note—Thanks to Brother Rouse for this fine plan. We will name it the T. K. Rouse plan. Who will be next to follow the T. K. Rouse plan?

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Dear Editor:

I am sending four subscriptions for the Informer. Elder J. S. Johnson, of Detroit, Mich., gave me my subscription. We are praying for you.

Yours in Christ,

MRS. SARAH WILSON,

Covington, Ky.

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Dear Editor:

You continue to publish a most interesting and attractive paper. More power to you.

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Dear Editor:

Please begin my subscription to the Christian Informer with the December issue. I read it in the home of Brother Peters in Winston-Salem, N. C., last Sunday and I am especially interested.

Cordially,

J. W. WEST, Lynchburg, Va.,

Field Secretary, Appalachian Mountain Evangelizing Assn.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Baltimore, Md.

MRS. E. E. FOARD, Reporter

We were glad to have the following visitors recently: President Tibbs Maxey, of Ohio; Elder F. H. Bennett, of Virginia; Elder James Dickerson and Elder W. F. (Bill) Keyes, of New York; Chaplain Mark G. Maxey, of the U. S. Army. The church is moving in a fine way.

Dear Editor:

I am a reader of the Christian Informer. Thank God for such a paper. My pastor's sermons are different since he has been reading the Christian Informer; it gives him courage. He used to preach what the U. C. M. S. Miss Jamison and Prof. Peoples said. Now he preaches the New Testament. I am sending you a cheque for ten dollars to help carry on the good work.

Yours in Christ,

A FRIEND,

Somewhere in America.

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Dear Editor:

The Christian Informer is fine. Editorials and news fresh and fine. Pray much. Work hard.

Very truly yours,

R. L. PETERS,

(Back to the Book) Evangelist.

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Dear Brother Taylor:

Am enjoying reading the Informer. Am praying for its success and the success of the Preaching Convention. If at anytime I can be of any help don't fail to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. R. F. HAYES,

Little Rock, Ark.

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Dear Brother Taylor:

Allow me, on behalf of the School of Religion Library of Butler University, to thank you for the copies of the Christian Informer which came to us recently—November and December, 1944, and January, 1945. We are very glad to add these to our library, and would greatly appreciate it if you could put us on the mailing list to receive all future issues. Would it be possible for us to receive two copies of each issue? We could then put one on the reading rack and file one for binding for our permanent archives relating to the Restoration Movement. Thus the work would be kept before our students constantly and also be preserved for future use.

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they said that you may use sprinkling or pouring as a mode of baptism.

This was a dagger to the heart of Jesus and his church. From that moment on divisions of thinkings began to show in the church from the already evil saboteurs within the church. This produced in the world definite divisions or sections in Christ's church, and was the weakening influence that has retarded the church from that day to this. I quote Jesus in this statement: "In vain they worship me, teaching for doctrine the com-

mandments of men." These powers had set up a doctrine of division and disobedience in Christ's church. I say to the brethren, you cannot go into these camps and produce a pure church for Christ. And I will ask you, can a leopard change his spots, and can an evil power produce a righteous power?

In Rev. 13:11, we find that John said: "I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." We have in this beast this Protestant beginning (1312 A. D.). You will notice that the beast was deceptive. He appeared as a lamb, but he spake as his grandparent, the red dragon. Because no dragon can produce a lamb, this was a complete deception in this symbol to deceive men into believing that they were setting up a humble church, when at the same time they were using the spider and the fly method. With this background of the Protestant and Roman and Jewish churches, we can never hope to produce a pure church in the name of Christ. Fear has caused some of the liberal Christians to run into the camp of these evil influences. Therefore, Christ says to the churches, as to Peter, "Holy Spirit desires to sift thee that thou mightest be usable."

What eventually will happen in this great movement of federated churches is that the Christians who accept the broad way instead of the narrow way will be victims of this great evil movement, and being a remnant as we are, we will have no voice in their doings. And sooner or later in the post-war era, the scheming of the great leaders will suggest a Protestant Pope or Bishop, and then he may say, "We are the universal church, so we will dictate and give authority to you." And again, the world will be in the clutches of the great red dragon, and the remnant of the church as spoken of by Jesus will be at war with the greatest evil force of the earth, and there will be only a few of the faithful Christians left to represent the true church in the world. Then we will be the same as in the days of Nero.

"He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches." The evil hours of the earth are approaching a climax in these last days, and only fear will make us submit to the gesture of the Protestant churches. So we will have to put on the whole armor of God and prepare for the final fight for the doctrine that was once delivered unto the saints, and only the Holy Spirit within us will cause us to face these powers and defend them unto death in the name of Jesus Christ, and those who remain faithful in this hour may be martyrs. I would like to say as Apostle Paul said in his final hours, "I have fought a good fight, and I have kept the faith, and now I am ready to be offered."