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FOREWORD

The questions on the Bible which have been incorporated in this book were asked originally by members of the radio audience of the Back to the Bible Broadcast. The pastoral department has been answering these questions and others like them for years; and it is from their files that the questions have been gleaned.

For some time now, Rev. Richard M. Canfield who is head of the pastoral department, and Mr. Epp, have been dealing with these matters on the Friday broadcasts. Mr. Canfield asks the questions or reads the letters with the questions in them, and Mr. Epp answers them.

Widespread interest in these weekly sessions is evidenced by the large number of requests for the answers in printed form. Only a few of them could be given in a book of this size. What are here, however, we trust will whet the appetite of God's people for further Bible study. According to the First Psalm the blessed man is the one who makes the Bible his counsellor and guide.

—John I. Paton
Literature Editor

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Bible Answers

To Your Questions

JUDGMENT OF BELIEVER'S SINS

At the Judgment Seat of Christ are believers judged for any sins committed before they are saved?

We must carefully understand the different judgments of God. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a special judgment for Christians. It is for sins committed after they became Christians but which were not personally judged or confessed before they left this earth. Let us look at a few Scripture verses: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). You see, the Judgment Seat of Christ is really a rewarding place. But, if there are things left undone or unconfessed after we became Christians, they

shall be taken care of there. To substantiate this, we read in Romans; "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:10,12).

Now, to completely answer the question, "Will any sins be brought up in that day that were committed before one was saved?" I answer that they will not be. And the reason is, that when a man accepts Jesus Christ, the full condemnation of sin is taken away. Only those sins committed after one is saved and left unconfessed shall be judged. Notice the words of I Corinthians 3, beginning with verse 11: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." There is salvation.

See now what follows: "Now if any man build upon this foundation"—after the foundation is laid, after you have been saved, you are to build upon the foundation. Then after this, "every man's work shall be made manifest." What work? That which is built upon this foundation. Everything a believer has done after he has been saved will then be settled up there unless it was settled down here.

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

If death is a result of sin, then what do we mean by saying that sinners will live eternally in conscious misery?

In order to answer that question we must understand, first of all, what the word "death" means. Death does not mean annihilation. Let us get that straight. Annihilation is a word that means something has been completely put out of existence. That however, is not what "death" means. We read in the Scriptures in the very first chapter of Genesis, that when God created man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, man became a living soul. Now as I understand that, it means that the living soul is a soul having eternal existence. Let's note that expression "eternal existence." Once a soul comes into being it can never be annihilated. It has the quality of eternal existence which distinguishes man from any other earthly creature that was ever made or born. It is an eternal soul.

If a person sins and dies without receiving forgiveness of sin he will receive death as

his wages. The wages of his sin is not annihilation.

Definition of Death

Death means a separation. Think of it just from the physical standpoint first. When someone dies in your home there is a physical separation. Something has happened so that that person and you can no longer have fellowship. You may even keep the body for a week and gaze upon it and touch it, but you have absolutely no fellowship. That person has passed into another world, another existence. The body is here but the soul is continuing its life in another place, which place depends upon whether that person was a believer or not.

Let us look at one or two Scripture verses on this subject. From Revelation 20:14,15 we have this statement: "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Now here the Holy Spirit uses the word "second death." The second death, or lake of fire, are in this sense identical terms and they refer to the eternal state or

existence of the wicked. Now it is second in this sense, that that person died once physically, but because he died in unbelief he was temporarily separated from God. Later he will be brought back into God's presence, Revelation 20, for the final judgment and then put into the lake of fire where he will be eternally separated from an eternal God.

Man's Spirit

Now man has a body, soul, and spirit. The body is separated from the other two when a man dies physically. The soul is separated from God if that person has not believed Christ. But what about the spirit? And this is the reason I want you to get it. The spirit is God-consciousness which God has given to man and to man only, and it belongs to God. In Ecclesiastes 12:7 we read that when a man dies, believer or unbeliever, the spirit goes back to God from whence it came. The spirit is that which makes a man God-conscious. It is that which makes us different from an animal. An animal does not have a spirit. It has a certain form of soulish life but not an eternal soul.

Therefore, when a man passes into the second death, he undergoes an eternal separation from God. The spirit returns to God and that man is never, never God-conscious again. He has only self-consciousness in an eternal existence in a lake of fire which is the second death. That is a terrible, terrible state to be in. Do not take the man in hades as an example because that was before the Great White Throne Judgment. At the Great White Throne Judgment, the final judgment, when men shall be cast into the lake of fire, the second death, they will never be God-conscious again. They will be separated from God, eternally. That is eternal death, meaning eternal separation, but not annihilation. Without question this person will remember his opportunity to be with God, but the desire for fellowship is gone.

Now notice what Jesus said to a group of Pharisees in John 8:21,24. His words are, And ye "shall die in your sins." Why did He say that? In verse 24 he explains it: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." In other words, "your sins will stick with you and you shall die or be separated from Me because I will

have nothing more to do with sin except the judging of it.

JUDGMENTS OF GOD

Some people say that the Bible states that at the judgment day everybody, both the sinner and the righteous, will be judged, while others say that the Bible indicates that the unrighteous will be the only ones judged.

I think that we can point you to a particular passage of Scripture which seems to be the basis of some of the confusion on this particular subject. Now if we take one particular Scripture out of its context we can prove almost anything by the Bible. But when we take the Bible as a whole and begin to compare Scripture with Scripture it becomes its own commentary.

In Matthew 25, beginning with verse 31, we read about a certain judgment: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall

separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

A little later He says that those on the left side will go into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Now, some have thought this is speaking of a final judgment when all the people shall stand before Him and be judged.

Great White Throne

In the 20th chapter of the Book of Revelation we read of a judgment. There nothing is said about nations coming, or about the throne of His glory. Instead He talks about a white throne. No mention is made of sheep or goats or of the right hand or left hand. All He says in the Revelation 20 is that there stood before Him the dead, meaning those who died without Jesus Christ. In Matthew 25 He is speaking about people who will be living on this earth at the time when He

comes again. In Revelation He is talking about people who had died and gone to hades like the man in the 16th chapter of Luke. Such will all be brought up before Him for the final judgment and, according to the 20th chapter of Revelation, will be cast into the lake of fire.

The two judgments we have discussed are alike on some points and different on others. This immediately opens our eyes and causes us to realize there must be several judgments, and that is true. In fact, we sometimes divide them into seven different ones. Here are some of the more outstanding ones.

Judgment Seat of Christ

Jesus Christ was judged for our sins on the cross. Therefore, he who believes in Jesus shall not come into judgment, or condemnation. He has already passed from death unto life. So you see, the person who is saved is not going to be brought into the judgment of the dead described in Revelation 20. He has already passed from death unto life. Well then, is there a judgment for the Christian? Yes, there is a judgment for the Christian, II Corinthians 5, verse 10, "For

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." It is held in a different place than the one in Matthew 25 or Revelation 20. It is neither the throne of glory nor the white throne mentioned in Revelation 20, but the judgment seat of Christ. There every person who appears shall be rewarded according to what he has done in the body, whether it was good or bad. That is for the believer who has received Jesus Christ.

The condemnation is now gone, but he is going to be judged on the basis of what he did after he was saved, whether good or bad. It has nothing to do with eternal life. Jesus settled that. It has only to do, shall we say, with heavenly pay. It is like payday, when you will either receive your pay or you will be judged and told you did not deserve any pay.

Judgment of Living Gentiles

The passage, Matthew 25:31-46, has to do with Gentiles. The word "nations" means those people who are living when Jesus comes again. It also has to do with the kingdom that He is going to set up. "Come inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the

foundation of the world." It will determine who is going to participate in the thousand year kingdom that is to be on this earth.

HARMONY OF SCRIPTURE

Does the Scripture contradict itself occasionally, or do you feel it can be harmonized? How about Matthew 5:17-19 where Jesus says He is come to fulfill the law rather than destroy it, and Colossians 2:14, where Christ says that He nailed the ordinances of the law to the cross? If Christ refers to the Ten Commandments, isn't Paul doing the same?

Most certainly these verses refer to the same law. Now then, in order to arrive at a correct answer, we have to understand that there is a time limit to the law of the Old Testament. For the moment we will not consider the matter of destroying the law and nailing it to the cross. Let us get this straight concerning the time limit of the law.

According to Galatians 3:17-21 God made a covenant with Abraham. He confirmed that

covenant, then 430 years afterward He added the law. He brought in the law, but in the same breath he tells exactly how long that law was to be in effect. Very clearly this is stated in Galatians 3:19. "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added . . . till the seed should come." Because people were sinning, they needed the law to show them that they were sinning, and it was added "till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." Now who is that seed that should come? You do not need to go outside the Bible to get it; it is right here in the 16th verse: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." God has made it very clear, then.

The Law a Schoolmaster unto Christ

I want you to look at Galatians 3:24 for a moment. There are three words in italics that have sometimes confused us. In the King James Version, words in italics mean that those words were added by the translators to try to make the meaning clearer. Such words are not in the original manuscripts.

Sometimes however, they do not make a passage clearer, sometimes they confuse. In this case it is the latter.

Here is what Paul said, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster unto Christ." The law is a schoolmaster, like a whip, unto Christ; until the time that Christ came. Now with that in mind, here is what I want you to see from Matthew, the 5th chapter. Jesus, then, was the Seed. The law was given until Jesus should come. Now does that mean when He was born or when He died? Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Using this Scripture some people have felt that the law must be in force today. Those who believe this are discrediting Christ for they are saying that He did not fulfill the law.

Christ Fulfilled the Law

Not only did Christ keep the law but He fulfilled it in two ways. The law is in two divisions, the moral law and the ceremonial.

The moral law tells one how to live acceptably before God and prescribes a stiff penalty for disobedience. Jesus fulfilled every jot and tittle of that law. He did not do one solitary thing contrary to it. He claimed to fulfill it and when on the cross He said, "It is finished" that is what He meant. He also completed, or fulfilled, the second phase of the law which was called the ceremonial law. This was the law of the offerings all of which typified Christ. When He was crucified He was the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. He fulfilled every type of the ceremonial law.

So in the first case, He fulfilled the law to prove that He and He alone could actually keep it. No natural man ever has or ever can fully keep it. In the second case He died for us because we did not or could not keep the law.

Now as we turn over to Colossians 2:14 we find the same truth taught from another angle.

There is no more condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, for He blotted out the handwriting of ordinances or the law that was against us. The law was against us, for it said we must do right or die. Since we

could not keep it we must suffer the second death, eternal separation from God. Christ saw our hopeless condition and took the law out of the way by nailing it to the cross.

Does that mean then that I can live like a devil if I want to? That is not what it says at all. In Romans, the 8th chapter, we learn that He having fulfilled the law, first of all, is now living to fulfill that law in our lives in the practical sense. He has already fulfilled it for our salvation, and what He did counts for us,

THE CHRISTIAN'S DAILY CROSS

What does it mean to take up our cross daily and what is the Christian's cross? See Luke 14:26,27, Matthew 10:38, and Mark 8:34.

Let us look at the passage in Luke beginning with verse 25 because that is where the sentence begins. "And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and

children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." The other passages in Matthew 10 and Mark 8 refer to the same thought, namely, that we must bear the cross.

Let us first look at the word "hate." I am sure that many of us have stumbled over that word "hate" because we did not realize that it had several meanings. One meaning is referred to in the Epistle of John where he says, "He that hateth his brother is a murderer." It is not only the losing of temper but it is an attitude of animosity toward a person that can lead to murder. However, in Luke and the other passages similar to this it has another meaning. It means a preference of one thing over another. Take, for instance, a father and mother or brothers and sisters. If they claim our attention more than Christ does then we hate Christ. If this is true then we cannot be His disciples. The word "hate" here does not mean that we should have some kind of an inner feeling against our relatives or antagonism toward them. It means that they should not have

first claim on our life. Christ alone should have this place.

Another passage of Scripture says, "That ye cannot serve two masters." In other words, God and your relatives cannot have first claim on you at the same time. It is impossible. One of these must come first and the other second.

What Is the Cross?

So then what does it really mean to take up the cross and to take up the cross daily? To some people the cross seems to have been sort of a heavy load. Well it is in a way a heavy load. The idea and thought came from the custom of having condemned people carry the cross on which they were to die. When Christ first talked to the disciples about taking up the cross they did not know what he was talking about. They could not at this time grasp the spiritual lesson inherent in the Saviour's words.

Let us see the picture. Jesus on His way to be crucified carried His cross. Now we know that He broke under the load and so another man carried it for Him; but ordinarily the person to be crucified carried his own

cross. Usually a mob of people would follow a person on the road to his crucifixion, but there was no difficulty in identifying him because he would be carrying the cross. He was the man marked for death.

The Application

Now let us make it applicable to our own personal lives. The cross speaks of death, not merely of a heavy load. The man who carried the cross did not do so because it was so heavy nobody else could. He carried it because He was the person who was to be crucified. The spiritual application is simply this: we must take upon ourselves the mark of death.

That is explained by such a passage as Galatians 2:20 which reads, "I am crucified with Christ." Or look at Romans 6:11: "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God." The thought here is that I, together with Jesus, was crucified to sin. Therefore I am dead to it. Whoever does not bear his cross, that is, does not daily take up this attitude of death toward the world, toward sin, toward self, cannot be His disciple.

I believe that it is Mark 8:34 that clarifies this passage the best of all. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself." The word "deny" means to disown. Consider that you do not have any right to yourself, no more right than that man had who was carrying the cross. He was marked for crucifixion and had no more right to his life. So you and I have no claim on this old selfish life. Christ has prior claim on us. Therefore, disown yourself and take up your cross and follow Him.

As you take up your cross please do not make the mistake that some folk make. They think only of the death aspect. They forget that in Christ we are resurrected. The last phrase in Romans 6:11 makes that clear: "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God." Be sure that you realize that.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

I am really confused about the unpardonable sin. Several years ago I accepted the Lord and enjoyed fellowship with Him. I have heard about the unpardonable sin and

now I am wondering if I have committed it. If I have, and it is unpardonable, then I am not really saved, or am I? If it is unpardonable then it can never really be forgiven, can it? Therefore what good does it do to accept Christ for the forgiveness of my sins?

First of all, the expression "unpardonable sin" is not found in the Bible; and secondly, it has been used to designate, at least, three different kinds of sin. All have been branded the unpardonable sin, so no wonder some of you get confused.

Then in the third place the real unpardonable sin—and we will have to use that word because everyone does—is Satan's pet, and he loves to confuse people with it.

Wherever I go, I seem to meet one or two people who are confused. Satan has somehow doped their minds to believe that they have committed the unpardonable sin.

I want, first of all, to discuss at least two of the sins that are often referred to as unpardonable by well meaning people.

First False Idea

The first one is that a person commits the unpardonable sin by rejecting Jesus Christ.

Well, frankly, the rejection of Jesus Christ is unpardonable, that is true. But I do not think that is what the question is referring to. In John 3:16 we read: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then in verse 18 we read: "He that believeth not is condemned already." And so in one sense of the word rejection is AN unpardonable sin. That is, God cannot pardon one's unbelief.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life. They were deliberately refraining from coming to Him to have life and were, therefore, condemned as seen in John 3:18. But that is not what it is referred to in the Scriptures by the unpardonable sin.

Another angle to this sin is the teaching that an individual can reject Christ so much that he will sin away his day of opportunity. This confuses people for it implies that the Holy Spirit will depart and do no more convicting work with such a sinner. That is not true. What actually happens is that if you put off and put off the Holy Spirit you are

the one that gets hard. After you have done this long enough you get so hard and so deaf, spiritually speaking, that you cannot hear His voice. The Holy Spirit is striving to convict you of sin just as much as before, but you cannot hear Him.

Remember that old clock in your home. You heard it ticking for awhile when it was new but afterward you became so used to it that you just cannot hear it anymore. May I suggest that any of us can become hard and unresponsive to the voice of God. You should take a little time to stop and ask the Lord if He is talking to you.

Second False Idea

Then the second sin that is often referred to as the unpardonable sin is the one mentioned in I John 5:16 where it speaks of a sin unto death. That, however, is not the unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost by an unbeliever. I cannot take time to go into that here except to say that the sin unto death is a sin committed by believers resulting in physical death. This has only to do with the body and not with the soul.

A Key to the Problem

The sin that comes the closest to the term, "unpardonable sin," which is the sin against the Holy Ghost, is the one referred to in Matthew 12:31,32 and Mark 3:29,30.

Let us look at Matthew 12 and note carefully what happens. The key to the understanding of this passage, and the key to the understanding of the sin against the Holy Ghost is found in what you see Jesus is doing or saying to those Pharisees. He knows their background and their motives. This includes not just what they say but what goes on in their hearts.

We begin reading at verse 22: "Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, inasmuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?" Then notice please, and here is where the sin comes in, "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils." Verse 25 says, "And Jesus knew their thoughts." He did not pay any atten-

tion to their words. What they said was that He was casting out devils in the name and by the prince of the devils, Beelzebub. What they thought was more than they expressed in words.

Let us read on and I will come back to that. "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges." He knew their thoughts so He answered them according to their thoughts and not according to their words. "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you." Then verse 31: "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost,

it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

A Sin of the Heart

Quickly then, what was this sin? It was a sin of the heart. Here is the background to it.

The reason this sin is unpardonable or cannot be forgiven is due to what it does to the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ died for men. That is His work. He rose from the dead in order to live in us. That also is His work, and all of that can be either ignored or spoken against. However, if a person keeps that attitude to his dying day and leaves this world without having received Christ as Saviour, he has no further opportunity to be saved. The work of the Holy Spirit on the other hand is to convict men of the fact that they are sinners. He persuades men that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Now then, these Pharisees to whom the Lord Jesus was talking were convinced by the Holy Spirit that Jesus was the Son of God and that He was casting out Satan by the power of the Holy Spirit. They knew that. Jesus knew their thoughts. But what was

back of their thoughts? They were not going to allow Jesus to displace them in ecclesiastical leadership and popularity. So in their hearts they resisted and spoke against and blasphemed the Holy Spirit who was convincing and convicting them.

They had to turn deliberately against better knowledge in order to make such a statement. They treated the work of Jesus as the work of the devil. The thing that they did, ascribing the work of Christ to Satan was the result of their blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. The Pharisees knew in their hearts that Jesus Christ was truly the Son of God. Jesus said of them "Ye will not come unto Me." Again He said, "Even so shall it be unto this wicked generation that will not turn to Me." You know better, but you will not. There is the sin. If any man deliberately says, "I will not; Holy Spirit, leave me;" then is when the unpardonable sin can be committed. It is not a sin of procrastination or neglect or continuous rejection which ends up in the hardening of one's heart. It is definitely knowing the truth and definitely opposing the truth with one's thoughts and actions and words. This is the unpardonable sin.

SATANIC ATTACKS ON BELIEVERS

This year I've been passing through hard experiences in the spiritual realm. I've been so frightened at times my nerves are almost shattered. I had an experience the last of March in the spiritual realm that is the cause of my fear. Could it have been Satan trying to stop my spiritual attainment? I've had to exercise will power to refuse thoughts of doubt that have flashed into my mind at times about my relationship to Christ.

"I am a most distressed person because at one time I was in true fellowship with the Lord, but at present I am far away in unbelief and fear. The devil constantly brings before me suggestions that my sins are not forgiven, and that I am not born again. Can you give me any help in assurance of sin forgiven and victory over the enemy?"

This particular problem, I have found, is becoming more and more common. It reminds me of a statement that a great servant of the Lord made many years ago. He is now with the Lord, but he had searched the Scriptures, and this is what he noted. When Jesus came

the first time, Satan's activity and demon activity increased tremendously. He predicted, on the basis of the Scriptures, that at the second coming of Christ Satan's activities would again be increased and would constitute an outstanding sign of His second coming. It may be that I am just waking up to these facts in these past few years, or else there has been a great increase in demon activity. Nevertheless I'm finding many people on every hand who are being oppressed and vexed by satanic forces. Just such words as these letters expressed—frightened, nervous, unnerved, confused, distressed, unbelief, fear, wondering whether my sins are forgiven—are typical. I believe I have been dealing with at least one person a week on these matters. Some have driven hundreds of miles to ask for help; others have hunted me up at Bible conferences. In just the last three or four weeks I have dealt with four or five persons who have had exactly the same trouble. I am beginning to believe more than ever that Satan's working is on the increase.

Here is what the Scripture says: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but

against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph. 6:12,13). And then in I Peter 5, verse 8, we read, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith."

Satan and His Forces

First, let us note that Satan is the enemy of God. It is well that we understand this clearly. The third chapter of Genesis reveals that Satan came on the scene after man was created. That he was an enemy of God before man came to this earth, is well known. Since then Satan has surrounded himself with millions of different demons, each one being assigned to specific duties. This is seen, for instance, in the Ephesian passage quoted above. God calls them in this passage, principalities, powers, rulers of the

darkness, spiritual wickedness in high places.

Let us examine the organization headed by Satan. The reason for this is that we might see how he works. First, there are the principalities. These are certain high ranking demons or princes. They are given authority over other demons and over human governments. They are evil spirits of great energy and power.

Then there are the powers. Like Satan himself they come disguised as angels of light. They are tireless in their efforts to destroy the peace and lives of people. Under their influence people commit sins such as revenge, gratification of lust, selfishness, gossip, slander, hate, and quarrelling.

Then there are demons who are the rulers of the darkness of this age. They foster superstition, fortune-telling, heresies, spiritual blindness, and many other things.

But then there are the wicked spirits in heavenly places whose work is carried on against the children of God. These demons pervert truth as they intrude in all kinds and manners and means and ways in an effort to

disorganize and disrupt the Christians in their feelings, and so on.

The Wiles of Satan

Next, we read here about the wiles of the devil: "Put on the whole armour of God," we are warned, "that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." These wiles of the devil are his devices, his fiery darts. They are the many, many different ways and forms in which he comes.

First of all, I would say that Satan or his demons come to oppress us. In Acts, the 10th chapter, we read of the work that was being done by the apostles. Notice especially this particular statement by Peter in the 38th verse: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." Now then, what is oppression by demons? It is the means they employ in order to gain control over a particular person. They work from the outside trying to get a foothold in order to enslave that individual. Now get this straight, the demons will stop at nothing

to try to accomplish their purpose. They bring pressure to bear on the saints, working on the hearts and minds of believers. That is why we need the whole armour of God.

This oppression, this bringing of pressure, is something that I say comes from without. However, if these demons get their foot in the door, if they find any response or weakness, they will bring more trouble to the victim. The next thing that will happen is vexation or harrassment.

I read about Jesus, how that He healed those who were vexed. Such passages as Luke 6:18, Acts 5:16, and many others speak of Jesus healing those who were vexed by evil spirits. Now what is this vexation? It is an attack against the mind, not the body. We are tempted to doubt God's goodness and holiness and become obsessed with evil ideas about God. This is when Satan, or the evil spirits capitalize on tampering with the mind, causing worry, fretting, complaining, evil thoughts, impure thoughts, harshness, suspicion, irritability, a critical spirit, spirit of revenge, fear, greed, contention, impatience, pride, sensitiveness, frustration, and many other things. The evil forces begin to dominate the mind, at first only part of the

time then later, perhaps, all the time. And from here the Satanic forces advance to the nerves. It is important to know Satan's strategy so that we can be better prepared to meet these "fiery darts."

How to Resist Satan

Now, how do we successfully resist this onslaught of Satan? One of the questions mentioned something about the battle of trying to control the mind to think right. I have had many people come and tell me, "There's nothing I can do about it." I read in the Scriptures that we are to resist the devil. Mark this down in your heart and mind: Any time that he comes with an evil thought, resist him in the name of Jesus because Satan has already had his power broken and all of the demons with him, through the cross (Heb. 2:14). They do not accept it, however, and will stand their ground until you take the name of Jesus and consciously resist them.

That is what is meant in Ephesians 6, "Having done all, stand." In other words, you use the name of Jesus Christ, protect yourself by the blood of Jesus Christ, and

oppose Satan. Do not just ask God to oppose him. That is where some of us make our mistake. We are inclined to say, "Now, God, you oppose," but God says to the Christian, "You, Christian, oppose him; you resist him. You are the Body of Jesus. You belong to Me; you have my Name; you have my blood, all of which has already broken his power. Now you resist him." How do I do it? I simply use the name of Jesus Christ against him, when he begins to oppress. I say to him, "I'm protected by the blood, and the same blood which protects me has broken your power; now be gone!" You may have to do that a dozen times in an hour and do it over and over again, but the time will come when you will realize the victory. Then believe, the moment you do it, that you have overcome him. I have been told that you can actually frighten a wild, fierce animal by looking him straight in the eyes and show him that you have no fear. I do not know how true that is, but I know one thing: you can frighten the devil and put him on the run when you stand your ground fearlessly in the name of Jesus, protected by the blood. Then he has to run, for he is already a defeated foe.

REASONS FOR BODILY AFFLICTION

Does Satan tamper with our bodies to bring cancer, polio, and other afflictions upon us? Do we have diseases and afflictions because Satan has gained entrance to our bodies? If so, what must we do to keep Satan from doing this?

There seem to be three questions in one here, but we shall attempt to answer them in that way.

The first question is, does Satan in any way tamper with our bodies to bring about cancer, polio, and other afflictions. Perhaps the second question is closely connected with it, do we have diseases and afflictions because Satan has gained entrance into our bodies?

First of all, let us see that sickness as a whole is the result of Adam's sin. Now then, it is not always true that a person has sickness because he, himself, has committed some gross sin. However, sin and sickness would never have been here had there not been sin. Sickness is definitely a result of Adam's original sin.

Now when we come to individual cases, that is a different thing. This question is not as easily answered as it may seem on the surface. I will have to cite you two illustrations to show you that it is not always true that Satan has had something to do with a certain sickness.

The Suffering of Job

First, there is the case of Job. Those of you who are familiar with the Scriptures will remember that when Satan talked to God with reference to Job, Satan said, "Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord" (Job 1:9-12). The remainder of that chapter describes how Satan destroyed the property of Job, killed

many of his servants, and wiped out all his children.

Then Satan came back to God a second time complaining, Job 2:4-7: "And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he shall curse thee to thy face. And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his feet unto his crown." Here we have a definite case where Satan brought about sickness and disease. We do not know exactly what these boils may have been, though some feel that it was the disease of leprosy.

The Man Born Blind

Now here is another case. This one is found in John 9:1-3. "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor

his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." The indication is that in this case the disease or affliction was blindness from birth which was permitted by God for the purpose of glorifying His name. Evidently Satan had nothing to do with it, for he is not interested in glorifying the name of Jesus.

Now on the basis of the cases that we have before us, I would say this: it is true that there are times when Satan has the permission to afflict men. If you are a child of God, He will give that permission only under unusual circumstances, and I doubt if He will often do that.

How to Resist Satan

The question before us is, "What can we do to keep Satan from bringing harm to us?" No doubt, God will permit us to have some conflict with Satan in order to teach us the lesson of resisting him.

In I Peter 5:8 we read that we are to resist the devil steadfastly. Resist him, but how? I cannot use my fists and get anywhere with him. In fact we cannot use any of the ordinary methods of protection because we

are not dealing with flesh and blood. We are dealing with spirit foes and these enemies are endowed with great power. Being spirits they have a distinct advantage over us who live in bodies. Nevertheless we are not doomed in this conflict. There is a way out.

Let us see what the Scriptures say. From several passages such as Hebrews 2:14,15, or Colossians 2:14,15, we learn that Christ, in His death, broke the power of Satan. Therefore, we now as children of God have a tremendous privilege and I think that this privilege is summarized best in the 12th chapter of Revelation, verse 11. There are three things stated there that we can do to resist the Devil. In the previous verses it says that this great serpent, the accuser of the brethren is cast down out of heaven by Michael and his angels. And then in verse 11 it says that believers overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death. Did you get it?

First, they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb. When Jesus shed His blood He defeated Satan. So you can claim that defeat.

Secondly, they overcame him by the word of their testimony. By the Word of God you

resist the devil. "It is written," says Jesus in Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

Thirdly, they loved not their lives unto death. In other words they stood their ground. It looked as though they might have had to die at the hand of Satan, but they stood their ground in the name of Jesus Christ. They resisted him, and Satan had to give in. There is your remedy.

INFILLING OF HOLY SPIRIT

Can you tell us how to appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit? Tell us how to make it real in our lives.

Now the word, "appropriate," I think is the word that bothers some people. I remember one time one of my daughters asked me, "Dad, you talk about appropriating. What do you mean by appropriating?" "Well," I said, "when you sit down to the table and have a meal before you, and then start eating it, you are appropriating it. Appropriating means taking it to yourself, and making it your

own." I think that is what we should think about with reference to the Holy Spirit.

Now, first of all, how can we appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit? Are you hungry for it? Do you desire that power for God's glory or so that you can show off? Steam can do a lot of things. The steam in a steam locomotive can really roll that old engine along; but it can be used to blow the whistle, too, whichever you want it for. If you use all the steam to blow the whistle you will not have much steam left to drive the wheels.

Thirsting

John 7:37-39 will answer the question to start with. "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)."

Now there you have, I believe, the key to the problem of appropriating the power of the Holy Spirit. We must remember that when we are born-again He comes in, and gives us new life. But He cannot take full possession of us until we give Him that full possession. So to start with, we take this passage in John 7:37,38. Do you thirst for the power of this Holy Spirit? Keep this in mind, the only reason that you can have a right to thirst for it is that the Holy Spirit might have constant control of your life; and secondly, that He might flow out through you to others. So, the first prerequisite is, thirst; second, "let him come to me." You must come, then, to Jesus with this matter.

Drinking

But the third point is the one where the most of us fail. "Let him come to me, and drink." That is appropriating, that is taking. In other words, before I go to the broadcast, I say, "Now Holy Spirit, according to the Word, you told me that if I come and drink of the infilling of the Holy Spirit, then rivers of living water shall flow forth." And that is exactly what happens. I do not wait on any

feeling; I do not expect any feeling, I do not expect to look at it any differently. I simply take this verse and say, "Lord, I come. Lord, I thirst. Lord, I drink. Thank You, Lord. Now I believe." And then I go forth to the preaching of the Word or whatever I am doing. That is the simple recipe as given by the Lord.

I think in connection with that we might want to look at a passage or two in Romans. Romans 6:11-13 says, "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Romans 12:1 reads, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

When the Bible speaks of God here, it is speaking of God, the Holy Spirit. Give your life to Him, a separated, holy, acceptable life. Then He will fill it. Believe that He fills it, and that is appropriating the Holy Spirit. Is this once for all? Friends, we are

leaky vessels. We need to constantly come for re-filling so that we will constantly be overflowing.

THE NEW BIRTH

Please help me in the understanding of John 3:5. What does it mean for a man to be born of water and of the Spirit?

This was said by Jesus when addressing Nicodemus: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

I can see where this could be a perplexing question, and it has been one that has been discussed down through the years since it was first recorded. But look now at the statement: "Born of water and of the Spirit." Let me first take the one that I think most of us would understand, namely, born of the Spirit. We know that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the godhead, equally God, the very Spirit of God, is the One who effects this birth. Unless one is born by the

power of the Holy Spirit and the Word, ("born again," means "born from above,") he is not a child of God.

The Problem Verse

I think the problem lies in that other statement: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." I believe the third chapter of John really would be sufficient to answer that question, for the Bible is its own commentary. I believe the word, "water," would clarify itself if you could see Nicodemus. Put yourself in his place for just a moment. Nicodemus, not being born again, and Jesus knew that, could not understand certain spiritual truths. And so, when Jesus said to him in verse 3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," Nicodemus said unto Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" In other words, he is thinking of a second physical birth. So Jesus answers that question. First of all, He answers it by simply saying, "Except a man be born of water and

of the Spirit." And in one sense, then, this question could be speaking of both the physical and the spiritual birth.

Those of you who know anything about birth know that the first birth, the physical birth, is a birth of water. The second birth, the birth from above, is a spiritual birth. Now that is clarified in the sixth verse. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." That is the physical. What is born of the flesh remains flesh. The other is true also: "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." It is not another physical birth. The physical birth will remain physical. If you could be born a second time in the flesh, you would still be flesh.

The Water is the Word

But frankly, I think that the word "water" has a much deeper meaning than that. And I shall show you from other Scriptures what I really think it means. I believe it refers to the seed, namely to the Word of God. You say, "Oh, no, I know what it means; it means baptism." Listen to the Holy Spirit as He speaks through the Word. In James

1:18, He says, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth." The second verse is I Peter 1:23: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Is that clear? How are we born again? By the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever. In John He adds that the Holy Spirit must apply the Word of God, for the Word of God lives forever, and abides forever. The water is the Word of God.

You say, "Wait a minute, how can you say "water" means "the Word?" Let me show you that God Himself uses that term. I did not get that out of thin air. Note Ephesians 5:26: "That he might sanctify and cleanse it (speaking of the church), with the washing of water by the word." There is God's own expression. Jesus, Himself, in John, chapter 15, and again in His final prayer, intimates that men have already been cleansed by the Word which He has spoken. In John 17:17, He says, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." And in Ephesians 5:26, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." God speaks plainly. There is no reason for confusion here.

Baptism Represents Death, Not Birth

Now if this passage speaks of baptism as some have interpreted it to teach then I want you to clarify a very important question. Have you ever noticed that there is not one single passage in the Bible that speaks of baptism as having anything to do with birth? Baptism is a symbol of death and not birth. In Romans 6:34 we read: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" We are not baptized into His birth. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death." Surely in John 3 He is not speaking of a birth by baptism and the Spirit, but most likely, by the Word and the Spirit because that harmonizes with all the rest of the Scriptures.

SECOND CHANCE FOR SALVATION

Even though the church will be caught up before the Tribulation, will any Gentiles be saved during this time? If so is that not giving them a second chance?

I can see where this might cause confusion; the idea that this is a second chance. By the words "second chance" we are thinking of a person who has died and then gets another chance in the next world to be saved. But the person who has not died and is still living on this earth, regardless of what condition he might live under, whether it is tribulation or what it might be, if he is still living, he is still having his first chance to receive Christ. Now in one sense, he may have had not only one second chance, maybe he has had five dozen chances or maybe he has heard the gospel five thousand times. Everytime he heard the gospel and rejected it, God in His mercy gave him another chance but only as long as he was in this body before he died.

Listen to this verse, Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Once he is dead there will be no more chance for salvation. Another passage that is very clear on this is Luke 16:19-31. Here an unbelieving dead man is told that a great gulf separates him from Paradise and that he cannot cross it.

During this dispensation of grace, millions of people are rejecting our Lord as Saviour.

Some reject Him out of ignorance, some by procrastination (possibly the greatest number), and some deliberately against better knowledge.

Many Saved During Tribulation

That there will be multitudes saved during the tribulation is clearly set forth in Revelation 7:9-17. Who then are these that are saved during the tribulation? First: I would say those who ignorantly missed Christ, possibly because all they knew about Him was what our liberal churches gave them. The Holy Spirit had no real opportunity at their hearts. I believe these will see their great mistake and will then come to know Christ.

Second: there is a great possibility that those who procrastinated (simply put it off), will awaken to their lethargy and mistake when the church is suddenly removed. Then they, too, will act more quickly and receive Christ.

Third: without question there are many who will somehow recognize that because the church was taken away, they missed the

way, and many of them will seek and find salvation.

Some Deliberately Refuse

However, I believe there is a fourth class who deliberately against better knowledge refused the gospel, not out of ignorance or procrastination, but by deliberate refusal. These possibly will come under the condemnation spoken of in II Thessalonians 2:8-12 where God gives them over to the working of Satan and allows their minds to be perverted that they will then believe the anti-Christ. These no doubt sealed their doom when they deliberately refused Christ when they had all the knowledge they needed.

I feel the latter are spoken of again under the judgments of the wrath of God in Revelation 16:9,10,11 who, when the heat of God's tribulation judgment was turned on them, they literally blasphemed God.

A similar description of God's activities against such is spoken of in Romans 1:18 where the wrath of God is revealed against all who hold "the truth in unrighteousness." This means that they deliberately hold down the truth so that it cannot awaken them, and

they even hinder others from knowing it. These are the ones of whom it says, "God gave them up" (vv. 24,26,28).

When a man has deliberately, and purposefully rejected Christ, against better knowledge, and against the wooing of the Spirit, God does not offer him any more opportunity. On the other hand, if men have been misled or beguiled or Satan has caused them to procrastinate, we must recognize that God's mercy is longsuffering and "He wills that all men should be saved."

Therefore, to say that anyone being saved during the Tribulation has had a second chance is as much a mistake as saying that anyone who heard an evangelist three times in a campaign and finally received Christ, had a third chance. Frankly, he just had his opportunity extended because of God's everlasting mercy.

OBSERVANCE OF SPECIAL DAYS

Paul in writing to the Galatians in chapter 4, verse 10 made the statement: "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years."

Now a friend asked us this question about observing certain days: What does this verse mean? In applying it to my life, am I wrong in keeping Thanksgiving and Christmas?

The Galatian churches had been taught by other teachers known as Judaizers, that is, teachers who still held on to Jewish law keeping: "Unless you abide by the laws and rules and regulations, you can never be saved." And among the rules and regulations, they were observing certain monthly feasts, certain months, and certain days and times and years.

I think there is another Scripture that actually speaks plainer of this very same thing, namely, Colossians 2:16: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect to a holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

What Paul is talking about is this: these feasts that the Jews celebrated do not make us children of God, nor do they make us better Christians. It is for that reason that He says, "Don't let men judge you according-

ly." He is not referring to our keeping of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a day set aside by our government. In order to thank God we should definitely at least have that day and then 364 more a year. Christmas is a day set aside to commemorate the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ when He came to be born. We have a right to celebrate His incarnation but we should think of it in the right way. Keeping the day does not make us a better Christian, nor does it make us a worse Christian if we do not keep it. Some say, "You should not keep it; it's wrong." Those who feel that way should not observe it. But it does not make you a better Christian whether you do or you do not.

HEALING OF BRIDE OF CHRIST

Does the Bible teach that the bride of Christ has to be physically healed to be acceptable? I know that our souls need to be saved and be made acceptable to Christ, but does this also refer to the healing and the making whole of our bodies?

I will be glad to answer that question from three Scriptures. First of all, look at Romans 8:23. Paul lets us know without any doubt about this matter of the body. "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Please keep that verse in mind while I take you to another one, this time Philippians 3:20,21. "For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Now one more, and this from I Corinthians 15:51-53. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we (that is, we that are alive at His coming) shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

A Twofold Answer

Now, taking all these Scriptures together, what do we have? The answer to the question is twofold—it is yes and no. It is yes, first of all, that our bodies must be acceptable unto Him. But how they will be made acceptable is the question. We, who belong to the bride of Jesus Christ, are not going to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in these physical bodies. This earthly body, regardless of how well healed it may be physically, is a corruptible body. This body is under the condemnation of constant decay, and I am told by science that about every seven years every particle of our body has been replaced. In some cases, some people's bodies are ravished by sickness so that they are confined to their beds. The thing I want you to get is this, however. We will never meet the Lord in this physical body at that time, for we will be changed and those believers who have died will be raised incorruptible. Remember that Philippians 3:20,21 tells us that He will change this vile body and fashion it like unto His glorious body. That is the only kind of body that is good enough for the Lord

Jesus Christ—when we as members of His Body become His Bride.

So, physical healing has nothing to do with the preparation of this body for the Lord Jesus Christ. There may be other reasons why God would have us to have a well body when at all possible. On the other hand there are those to whom God has allowed sickness to come; some because of sin, others for other reasons. On the other hand, the man that was born blind was born that way so that God could be glorified in him.

THE SABBATH DAY

What day of the week do you believe is the Sabbath Day or the seventh day? God said for us to remember it, and is it a sin to eat pork?

This question comes up over and over again. It is one that is very perplexing to some people. Let us turn to some plain, simple Scriptures for our answer, and let us read them exactly as God has given them

and then I do not think you will have any question.

The first question was, "Which day do you believe is the Sabbath Day?" Well, there's only one Sabbath Day and that's the seventh day, the day we call Saturday. That definitely is the Sabbath Day that is spoken of in the Scriptures.

And then this person says, "God said for us to remember it." I challenge that statement. Did God say for US to remember that day? or WHAT PEOPLE did He say should remember it?

Note Exodus 31:12,13. "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou unto the children of Israel saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." Then verse 16, "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever" God gave the Sabbath to Israel for a remembrance, not to anybody else. It was to be a sign between Israel and God.

No One Keeps the Sabbath Today

In Exodus 35:1-3 we read, "And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day." I'm going to make a very frank statement: there isn't a living person today who is fully keeping the Sabbath Day. I don't care how much they say they are; they are not. We have just read two rules that they are not keeping.

But now, going back to the Scriptures again, what does God say about keeping the Sabbath? He says in Colossians 2:14,16: "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us"—you cannot keep the Sabbath, not in a cold country. You are not supposed to light a fire on the Sabbath day. The law, however, has no power over us because He took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.

The Answer Concerning Meats

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat” —is it wrong to eat pork? Let no man judge your Christianity, whether you eat meat or not. That does not make you a good Christian and it does not make you a bad Christian. Do not let any man judge you according to pork or drink or keeping of holy days or of the new moon or of the Sabbath day.

Let us look at one more passage, Ephesians 2:14,15. “For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace.” What has He done? He says, “I’ve put out of the way that which could not make us one; but now through Jesus Christ we become one with Him.” That is the way man should be judged. Let no man judge you according to what you eat or what days you keep.



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