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The holiness and purity of God is in the church that Jesus built. His Law is her rule and He sets all the members therein as it pleases Him.

While fraudulent churches, replete with self-proclaimed preachers, abound and mar the landscape today, God’s genuine church—that holy, little flock—is enjoying the “old paths” of the blessed narrow way. We are shouting-happy to be separate and free from this sin-contagioned world. What a marvel to be partaking of the holiness of God, being kept unspotted from this world by His great mercy and power!

Glory to God for His wondrous works in raising up this people that are not afraid to stand and declare the truth with conviction before a mocking, unbelieving world. They are not negotiating with the world for a “peace treaty” but rather are urging souls to forsake all of its deceitful, sinful paths ere the wrath of God befall them.

To every honest soul out there, we give you an early invitation: Plan to come to our international camp meeting in West Milton, Ohio at the end of May. If you hunger and thirst after righteousness, you shall be filled. If you long for a unified, holy people, you shall rejoice. If you are weary with compromised religion with all of its worldly-minded cohorts, you will be pleasantly surprised and greatly refreshed. If you are serious about getting ready for the Judgment Day, your needs can be met here.

Join those of us that have our backs to the world and our hearts and souls pressing heavenward. 

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Not a Sinner Anymore
Dear saints,

Praise the Lord! I am so thankful for what God is doing here in Bolivia. I am so thankful that God has called me out and that I don’t have to wait until I am big.

I was a big sinner, but I don’t have to be a sinner anymore, thank God! My desire is to serve God more and more. God bless you all.

Sis. Justina Neufeld (Age 12)
Bolivia

Your Love for Christ Is All-inspiring
I met some members of the church of God when they were in Glasgow several years ago. Pat O’Shea and I spent some short but sweet time together and his love for God witnessed with mine. Tonight I listened to hymns and the link on the hymns led me to this site where to my great surprise I saw Pat’s name and I listened to some of the sermons.

Your love for Christ is all-inspiring. I have rededicated my life to Jesus tonight and ask for your prayers.

Love in Christ,
Bill Glasgow
Scotland

Food for Worms
As a child I read fairytales, but not anymore. I do not believe that gnomes, witches, angels, devils, and other strange creatures exist. I do not believe in GOD, for if He existed, there would not be all this on earth.

Do not tell me about trials on earth, for a better future on the other side. Once I have died, I will be food for worms or ashes.

Keep your magazine and NEVER bother me again!!!!

Norbert Dräger
Germany

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Kindly include me in subscribing to the print edition of The Gospel Trumpet. We will be glad to have such a magazine for our spiritual growth.

Thank you, and more of our great Creator’s blessings upon your ministry!

Ruben Gallego Ramos, Jr.

I Love the Music
I love the music. I always listen when I am down or right before my church choir practice. Keep up the good work for the Lord.

Website

Saved at a Young Age
Dear saints,

I am thankful to be saved at a young age, and to be with the saints in the church of God. It is a great privilege to be in the church of God. Please pray for me to be faithful to the end.

Bro. David Simser (Age 9)
Manitoba, Canada

All Revealing and Truthful
Re: The article, “Once Saved Always Saved?” This is all revealing and truthful. I would like to have some of your journals/publications for Bible study in these days when heresies are all over.

What is assurance of salvation?

Ewa, Website

What Price Can We Pay?
Dear Bro. Tinsman,

Your e-mail is very much edifying and thank you for sending the contact of the ministry’s representative in Kenya. Because I feel impacted by the
Anti-Denominational Holiness Paper

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This definite, radical, anti-sectarian holiness paper is published in the name of the Lord for the edification of the church of God. Its mission is to point souls to full salvation through Christ and to expose the errors of spiritual Babylon (false religion). We desire this paper to be used as a sharp instrument in the hands of the Lord, breaking the spiritual silence in this time of restoration.

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How Do You Spend Your Paycheck?

How do you spend your paycheck
That you get on Friday night?
Does it dim your vision;
Hinder your spiritual sight?

Where do you put your cash?
Is it miserly stowed away,
With little given to the Lord
While souls perish day by day?

How do you spend your money?
Is it glibly spent on self;
On many things you do not need,
That will end up on the shelf?

What will the Lord then say to this?
How can you then expect
A financial blessing on you poured
When the church’s welfare you neglect?

Where then shall I put my gold?
The offering box is fine.
You cannot keep it anyway,
When the Lord has said, “It’s Mine.”

—Bro. James Bontrager
To the Philistines who defeated Israel in battle and triumphantly carried away the ark of God’s covenant, nothing seemed more natural than to set it in a place of esteem beside their respected idol Dagon. Had it not been a source of power to Israel, and could it not bring them untold prosperity as well? Why not worship it along with their manifold deities and enjoy multiplied benefits?

Yet, they had failed to realize the full power of the ark. An unusual sight met the dismayed men of Ashdod who entered the temple of Dagon the next morning–Dagon had fallen from his place! They hastily replaced the idol, but it seemed no longer able to stand. The following day found Dagon not only prostrate before the ark, but with head and palms also broken upon the threshold.

How strange and dreadful was this power, which demanded that all other powers must bow! Apparently the God of Israel did not wish to be worshipped on an equal level with Dagon. The two obviously could not coexist, and since the Philistines had no intention of deposing Dagon, they sent the troublesome ark away to another city.

The conflict between God and Dagon is not a mere far-off, captivating story, but is real and meaningful in our time. The painful decision which faced the Philistines has faced not a few others who have tried to unite God with sin or error, and have found the experiment impossible. Could men but worship the god or idea of their choice and at the same time worship the God of heaven, what conflict they would be spared! Hundreds would cheerfully serve the Lord, if at the same time they could hold onto their sin, their worldliness, their dating, their cowboy spirit, their false religion, and such like. But, while some urge that this is possible, the God of heaven has never operated this way. He does not cooperate with the spirit of the world. The line has been clearly cast with God on one side and everything else on the other, and each soul must make his choice between the two. Either Dagon must go or God must go, for they cannot be reconciled.

People hesitate to touch the issues lest they should make God appear unloving, but few realize how angry a loving God can be.
havior or vile affection in their midst. Their pretense is to win the world, but in secret they adore it. Can such a system truly be fueled by the God of heaven, or is it fueled by Dagon bearing the mask of Jesus Christ? If the Spirit of God were there in any power, would we not see false experiences crashing to the floor in regular order? Would we not see ungodliness rebuked and uncleanness exposed? The fact that many get along so well with the world is a sign that the glory of God has long fled. Men started by trying to reconcile God with Dagon, but found that the ark of God was grieved away.

Toleration has become the cry of the age, and lines have been blurred to make God appear eager to find common ground with sinners. People hesitate to touch the issues lest they should make God appear unloving, but few realize how angry a loving God can be. God is not on a mission to make everyone feel comfortable, but is willing to cast down anything that competes for His glory.

The book, “Ten Hot Potatoes Christians Are Afraid to Touch,” seen at a recent book sale, is one example of love being confused with acceptance. While the author bravely ventures to say that homosexuality is wrong, he quickly assures us that it is the duty of a loving Christian to make his homosexual “brothers and sisters” feel accepted in society. With this attitude of acceptance the Word of God disagrees. True love and mercy compel us to rebuke sin as surely as John the Baptist rebuked the adultery of Herod. Although homosexuality is indeed a sensitive issue, it is neither so sensitive nor so troublesome to handle as the fire of God’s perfect wrath against sin. Christians dare not but condemn what God has condemned.

Acceptance of sin can be traced to a lack of the fear of God and a misunderstanding of who God is. The glory that knocked Paul off his horse into the dust, forbade Moses from approaching too near the burning bush without removing his shoes, and caused Isaiah to exclaim “Woe is me!” when He saw the Lord high and lifted up in His temple, is the same glory that still demands an approach of absolute respect and supreme carefulness. The psalmist’s cry, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight!” shows how well he understood that there are words and meditations not acceptable to a holy God, and if words and meditations, how much less open acts of sin! In the minds of multitudes, God has been redefined to such a low level that they feel He is generous and accommodating toward sin, but this is not so. God never winks at sin. While He loves every sinner, His nature of uncompromising holiness simply cannot lower itself to give room to anything less.

Too many will discover this truth too late, when they stand at the dreadful White Throne beholding Him from whose face earth and heaven flee away. May we rather now realize with whom we have to do, and in reverence and fear keep the gulf as wide as possible between us and sin in all its forms.

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Indulgence of the flesh dulls the sensibilities of the soul. There are only comparatively few people that can come into the presence of God and talk heart to heart with Him, that can feel His presence, that can see the realities of the unseen world, that have any particular realization of Christ through the spiritual senses. It is all because they live too much after the flesh.

Many have to acknowledge that their private devotions are not satisfactory. They do not talk to God face to face as they believe is their privilege. It is because the veil of flesh is too thick. They are in too direct communication with the world. They mind earthly things too much. Their life is a feasting rather than a fasting. Their life is a self-indulgence rather than a self-sacrifice. Charles E. Orr

Heavenly Life for Earthly Living
7 SEALS & TRUMPETS

REVELATION Expounded
The Fourth Seal:

“And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”

Revelation 6:7-8.

After seeing the destructive work of the black horse rider, John is shown another rider, this one also representing a militant, unyielding, apostate system destroying like the previous two riders. Again, horse and rider are one symbol, yet the weapons of his warfare are changed.

A pale horse is not clearly white, nor fully dark. His name is Death, the very antithesis of Life, who is Christ. Hell, in the Greek here means Hades, or the realm of the dead. This rider’s name, as well as what followed him is easily understood to be the horrible spiritual effect of his destructive power.

John saw this rider using a wicked armory against God’s people, including a sword (false doctrine), hunger (spiritual starvation), death (spiritual death), and the beasts (beast-like spirits) of the earth. Peter, in his first epistle said, “But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption” (2 Pet. 2:12). Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:32, “If after the manner

Protestantism

– the Devil’s Next Strategy

Some good things happened; things which needed to happen. The spirit of popery had been darkening the earth for about 1260 years. It needed a strong blow upon its beastly pate. The sixteenth century brought the hour of this judgment. It was good that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door in Wittenberg, Germany, having been awakened to the papal errors.

But the reformers and those who followed did not dig deep enough in the Word of God to continue the pursuit to return to the biblical foundation. The ensuing result was the rise of man-made creeds and denominations, mixing light and darkness and propagating false doctrine, hence creating ways that seem “right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”
of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus…” Jude corroborates both of these passages by referring to apostates as brute beasts.

In the period following the twelve-hundred sixty years of papal darkness, we are presented with a new form of apostasy. From approximately AD 1530 to AD 1880, reigned a destructive power unlike any ever seen in the world. Specifically, what is pictured in the fourth seal is the soul-damning work of Protestantism or denominationalism—false churches made by man.

Protestantism is an insidious form of false religion, because during the time of the 16th century Reformation what was protested—the raging beast power of the papacy, both Roman and her Orthodox sisters—was a worthy cause. However, it did not produce the pristine glory of the primitive church, which the Bible calls the church of God. In the place of the church it produced heresies, divisions, sects, schisms, and destroyed souls by the thousands through its unbiblical teachings. Examples of sect making include the following:

- The Lutheran Church started taking form at the Diet of Augsburg on June 25, 1530.
- Queen Elizabeth had an act passed imprisoning the Puritans for not attending the Anglican Church in 1593.
- Thomas Helwys and John Murton organized the General Baptist Church in England in 1611.
- George Fox organized the Society of Friends Church (Quakers) in Westmorland, England in 1652.

Sadly, multitudes of sects have been formed since that time.

In Revelation 11:8-10, another picture is presented depicting the same scene. In order to accomplish the work of Death by spiritual starvation, this pale horse spirit contrived to kill the effects of the two Witnesses—the Word and the Spirit. How can you “kill” the Word and the Spirit? By usurping their governing power over the church, and substituting them with the creeds and doctrines of men. This false religious system propagates damnable doctrines, thereby quenching the Spirit and despising prophesynings, or the preaching of God’s true Word (1 Thess. 5:19-20), hence the people are deprived of the life-giving, sin-delivering gospel.

Clearly, many of the Reformers of the 16th century had good, legitimate, even divinely inspired reasons for protesting the Catholic Church. Many of these were monks who had been deprived of the Word of God. On account of their passionate search for the satiating Bread of Life, God began to open the light of truth to them. Men like Menno Simons and James Arminius saw that wars, though they be religious, were wrong. They saw that marriage was not forbidden, and that salvation was not obtained by works, but by grace. However, others of them, rather than continue in the same pursuit of the truth of the Word which delivered them from the yoke of the monastery, yielded to the apostate spirit of the day, and formed creeds and divisions whose effects still exist. Men later began to create “churches” in the names of men—Mennonites, Lutherans, Amish, Hutterites—and proved the carnal condition of their hearts. Instead of relying on the purging power of the Spirit, and the judgments of the Word, they developed unbiblical sects. This is nothing less than an insult to the Father who “added to the church daily such as should be saved,” to the Son who said “I will build my church,” and to the Spirit, through whom the saved “are builted together for an habitation of God.”

Revelation 11:10 says that men made merry and gave gifts one to another—appointing their own preachers as they pleased, and creating unbiblical offices and ministries. This is in direct opposition to the work of the Giver of gifts. Ephesians 4:8 and 11 plainly states that God “gave gifts unto men.” “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.” 1 Cor. 12:18 declares, “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.” This giving of “gifts one to another” seen in their conveyance of ecclesiastical offices upon one another was the foundation for what would become present-day seminaries.
“And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.” Revelation 8:12.

As with the previous seals and trumpets, John is again shown a new prophetic scene of the same events of the fourth seal, which is to us history. In the time of the Protestant reform, there was a general darkness that prevailed in the spiritual atmosphere. Clear preaching producing a pure salvation experience, through a clear understanding of the Word of God, was overshadowed by the smitten sun, moon, and stars. The heavenly bodies referred to are symbols of the New Testament gospel (the sun; Isa. 30:26, Mal. 4:2), Old Testament prophecies (the moon; Deut. 33:13-14, Isa. 30:26) and the ministry (the stars; Dan. 12:3, Jude 13, Rev. 1:20). Again, John is shown that in the midst of reform, there would also be much bad.

In Matthew 13, verse 33, Jesus prophesies in parabolic form about the same time period. He shows that the spiritual conditions of the time included good (three measures of meal) full of bad (leaven). Leaven is a type of sin (Matt. 16:6, 1 Cor. 5:7-8). You may ask, how can the whole Protestant reform be called bad, in light of all the good accomplished? Paul answers for us in 1 Cor. 5:6: “Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?” The little bit of what was added was designed by the enemy of the truth to secretly penetrate and diffuse its power within the whole. As reformers worked to translate the scriptures into the language of the people and stop papal idolatry, they also developed new forms of apostate religion. Sects began to proliferate all over the world. Instead of standing on the Word of God alone, party lines were drawn in the sand. There was a deep dive into new forms of religious formalism, segregation, intellectualism, and fleshliness.

In Revelation 13:11, John saw a beast having two horns like a lamb. This beast comes up from the earth or from among unregenerate people (Jer. 22:29, John 3:31, 1 Cor. 15:47-49). And to show that he was a leavened loaf, it says he spoke as a dragon (paganism). The mixture consisted of a form of Christianity and a denying of the power thereof. The scripture goes on to say that he exercises the power of the previous beast (papery), and deceives and kills souls. Looking more lamb-like or innocent than the beasts before it only increases its power to deceive “them that dwell on the earth” (Rev. 13:14).

Vast multitudes have and will die lost due to the false teachings propagated by this beastly religious system. So aggressive is the devouring power of this beast that those who refused to accept his denominational affiliations were sometimes expelled from all fellowship, even to the point of death. History supports this with multiplied examples of the many that lost their lives because they would not bow to the religious system of Protestantism. The spirit that waited to devour the man child in Revelation twelve was the same spirit penetrating and spreading among this apostate system in the time of the fourth seal and trumpet.

To the Christian, these events and conditions are appalling. Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, which produces the one visible body—the church of God, is the longing of every born-again soul. A divided Christendom is a mockery to the work of Calvary. And we say with the song writer, “We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood washed one.” Let us forsake all division and error and unite on the Word of God, letting “God be true, but every man a liar” (Rom. 3:4).

Bro. Ernest Benion, Jr.

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**Did you know?**

1536: Menno Simons, a former Catholic priest, joins the Anabaptist movement.

1611: The King James Bible (KJV) was published under the auspices of King James I of England.

1660: The Martyr’s Mirror is published.

1682: A large wave of immigrants, including many Quakers, arrive in Pennsylvania from Germany and the British Isles.
What a precious promise to God’s children to have pastors that are according to the very heart of our most holy and loving God—pastors that are not pursuing selfish motives, not chasing after a big paycheck, and most certainly not after the church secretary! They are not preaching for their own gain, but have a God-inspired love and burden for the precious sheep that the Lord has entrusted to their care.

God has called pastors that are not afraid to lift up their voices when they see danger approaching in “harmless looking guises,” but that have a discernment that sees the enemy approaching in various forms from miles away. They are not wielding the sword of the spirit to tickle the itching ears of the congregants, but will be true and faithful to declare the whole counsel of God. They have a great sense of responsibility as they watch over the souls of their congregants, as ones that must give an account before Almighty God on the great Day of Judgment. They are not crying out “peace, peace” when there is no peace, but will be faithful to “reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine,” and yet will compassionately help the confused, seek the lost, and encourage and lift up the broken-hearted.

As we see the spiritual decline around us in the religious world—where the spirit of the world is not only creeping in, but flooding in, while sin and the flesh are given extraordinary room—we realize that someone is to blame! Those who should be the spiritual watchmen are blind, loving to slumber; are too cowardly to sound the alarm when spiritual danger approaches; are too scared to risk offending an “itching ear.”

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” 2 Tim. 4:3-4. This is what we see today. People want to hear smooth, unbiblical fables presented by a religious speaker who will ease their consciences and make them feel good about going to “church.” Tickling ears and smooth speeches are not an option for true preachers of God, no matter how much those with “itching ears” may clamor. They will preach the true everlasting gospel at any cost.

Sadly, many false preachers today view their “ministry” as a job. They are satisfied if they get their money, but they lack a real burden and vision for the spiritual well-being of their flocks. As long as the congregants show up for “church” at least once in a while and give their money, everything is alright. The thought that the everyday lives of the sheep entrusted to their care should be a concern to them is a foreign thought to the hireling ministry, nor is there authority to do much of anything except to preach

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15.

Sis. Eva Martens
what the congregation wants to hear. Congregants are satisfied to go to “church” and hear a pleasant sermon, but otherwise they cry, “Preacher, leave us alone and stay out of our business!” The immodesty and immorality, the grudges held between “brethren” and the lack of love is none of the preacher’s business! Yet God’s mercy and love will move the true God-called preacher to “get into the congregants business” in order to help them make it to heaven. This is divine, heavenly love!

When you have pastors whose credentials for leading are that they hold a degree from a prestigious university, possess a handsome face, speak eloquently, or know how to entertain an audience, instead of being filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, then you have spiritual chaos reigning; chaos in regard to lukewarmness, lightness, immorality, and dysfunctional family life. No one is showing the youth how to live pure and holy lives or how to give themselves joyfully to God as living sacrifices. Mothers are not instructed to be keepers at home and take care of their families. Few in authority are telling the fathers to be spiritual, to love their families and to lead them to heaven. Children are not trained to live obedient, contented lives, but instead are given room for rebellion and celebrity worship. True preachers are so desperately needed in our time!

True preachers will not gingerly introduce their message, hoping not to offend or hurt anyone’s fleshly feelings, but the urgency of the hour will constrain them to use great plainness of speech. They will use plainness of speech in regard to holy living and in regard to the issues of today. God’s preachers will not bow down to the opinions of men, no matter how popular or how reasonable to the fleshly, non-biblical ear they may be.

Countless preachers of today do not have the courage or the vision to touch on the evils of abortion, homosexuality, the internet, “gender confusion,” television, pornography, the public school system, divorce and remarriage, etc.

Many preachers will risk neither their reputation nor their pay check in order to speak the whole truth. The results of this negligence are disastrous for the lives of innumerable souls not only in this present world, but how much more on the Judgment Day! Multitudes will perish eternally that have been soothed by a false preacher telling them, “Peace, peace,” when they have no such thing!

In this evening time, God is again restoring His church to its primitive glory. God’s pastors and preachers are no longer bound (Rev. 9:14) or pushed into a corner (Isa. 30:20), but they are free to preach, exhort, and expound the whole counsel of God.

Where God’s preachers are free, the congregants as well are free and are taught how to live in God’s divine order. Righteousness, peace, and joy are once again reigning in the hearts and homes of God’s people. Families are being restored, life is given purpose and hope, and a bright light is shining forth to a lost and dying world!

We rejoice in what God is doing and extend a heartfelt invitation to all honest seekers of truth to come and see and find rest for their souls. It is our prayer that God would raise up multitudes of preachers to preach the pure, everlasting gospel to every nation and kindred and tongue and people before the coming of the Lord! Amen.

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—J.A. Wood

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ARMAGEDDON NEWS

Reported by Bro. Daniel Eichelberger

“And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged.” Revelation 11:18. We are in such a time. The nations of this world, both spiritual and literal, have gathered themselves against the Lord and against His Christ. A furious conflict it is indeed, for the nations are a force to be reckoned with.

Today, backed by religious Babylonians, they take the life of the Spirit out of unwary believers. Tomorrow, they may very well kill the bodies of those who run not to the same excess of riot with them. And rioting it is!

More Wickedness in High Places

Just how far will Canada go in its support of moral corruption? Just as far as they can, if Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has anything to say about it. Mr. Trudeau, a professed Roman Catholic, is set to become the first known world leader to participate in a gay pride march on July 3, 2016 in Toronto. We say professed Roman Catholic, because that organization is supposed to be opposed to the homosexual lifestyle. In reality, the Catholic Church has no heart to discipline world leaders who are members and is itself losing its battle on moral issues.

The BBC reports, “Mr. Trudeau will
Don’t Trust the Sign on the Door

With the national gender dysphoria craze accelerating in the United States, near-sighted and spineless politicians and administrators are caving in to the far left in regard to so-called “transgender rights.” Public schools all across the country are being pressured and threatened by the Department of Education to allow students to use the bathroom of the gender with which they identify—another very good reason, dear reader, to pull your children out of such institutions of immorality.

The city council of Charlotte, South Carolina (a bastion of the religious South) recently voted to expand transgender rights in public bathrooms. And this was despite the overwhelming response from the public decrying the move. This leaves visitors to Charlotte’s public bathrooms in the unenviable position of wondering just who (or what) is in the bathroom with them. The sign, obviously, no longer has meaning.

Governor Pat McCrory warns that the law may be overturned by the state legislature, and that he would support and sign a bill overturning it. God bless him. God bless all who stand in the face of the monstrous evil unleashed by a wicked president that is unopposed by apostate churches that are devoid of the Spirit of God.

Playing God

In a historic vote, politicians in the British Isles have approved an amendment to the 2008 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, reports The Telegraph. The amendment, also known informally as the “three-parent baby law” legalizes the practice of “using genetic material from [the egg of] a ‘second mother’ to mend DNA faults” in the unfertilized egg of the original mother. In effect, the procedure requires in vitro fertilization and will lead to the destruction of some human life in order to create others.

Despite the obvious ethical concerns, the bill passed overwhelmingly, with Prime Minister David Cameron himself voting in favor of it. Critics rightly argue that this precedent is a slippery slope and will lead to the practice of developing “designer babies” in the future.

The One We’ve Known

(Lucretia Michelle Hargrave)

This is not the one we’ve known:
This icy clay,
This sealed expression.
To some bright orb of light she’s flown!
Ah, blissful day,
What vast possession!

This is not she who walked among us
Now in hopeless trance,
In rigid posture;
She soars unseen in light above us!
That glad expanse,
That copious rapture.

This is not she—tis but a wardrobe—
This outer cover
Put off at present,
With which the soul
was dressed and fore-clothed.
Behold she hovers
All blithe and pleasant!

But this is she whom we have known:
A new companion
Of cheered immortals.
So far from lonely and alone,
With throngs and millions
In crystal portals.

Yes, this is she whom we have known:
Alive and feeling—
A happy story!
Yes this is she, our sister, now home,
With her son sailing
On waves of glory!

—Bro. Jason Hargrave
Matamoros, Mexico: We rejoice greatly to report to God’s dear children what the Lord is doing in Matamoros, Mexico. A good number of saints came from various parts of Mexico, the USA, and Canada to support the meeting held here Jan. 13–17.

The strong preaching on true salvation resounded in the hearts of hungry souls. God also sent messages to expose Babylon and reveal to blinded eyes the beauty of the true church of God. There were a large number of visitors in attendance throughout the meeting.

A street meeting was held on Saturday morning with good success. Souls were touched and the town felt the impact of the presence of God’s people.

We rejoice as the Lord has raised up a people in Matamoros who love the truth and desire to fully measure to God’s precious Word. Pray that the Lord will increase the work in this area.

Sis. Mely Estrada

Haiti: We thank the Lord for the profitable time in Haiti, February 9–16. A group of 12 met in Port Au Prince, received by Bro. Amos Joachim, who is always faithful to receive us in his country. He wants to make sure that we are as safe as possible. Haiti is presently experiencing a lot of political unrest.

We rented 3 vehicles and drove the three hours to Gonaives for our meeting. Of course, the highlight of any meeting in Haiti is always the precious children in our children’s home. What a welcome we received as we walked in! The children were beside themselves. Bro. Amos tells us that this is always the most special time for the children when the “missionaries” come. Right now they are feeding and educating around 300 children in the home.

The preaching at the meeting was translated into Haitian Creole by Bro. Amos. He puts a lot of effort into making sure the translation comes across just like it is being preached. The Lord helped us and gave us a good entrance into their hearts.

A number of people came for the meeting from farther away. May the Lord gather the honest ones to His fold.

On Saturday, the children were packed into a bus and taken to a town about an hour away for a special treat. What joy they expressed to be able to go on this outing!

The missionaries spent that evening with the children in the home giving them the clothes they had brought for them. The sisters at home had spent much time making these beautiful outfits for them. They eagerly received them and had their pictures taken. Most of the children have been “adopted” by a family amongst the general body of saints. That is so special for the children. Some of us had the privilege to spend some time outside of the home with our adopted children. We desperately need a new home for the children to properly accommodate them.

Please continue to pray for Haiti.

Privileged to be in His body,
Bro. Henry Hildebrandt

Philippines: We thank the Lord for the wonderful meeting He gave us February 17–21. Bro. John Strizu preached a series of doctrinal messages that were divinely inspired by God. He preached
on the importance of doctrine, godly sorrow, the necessity of justification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the one Spirit, God’s economy, the justice of God’s wrath, and the necessity and advantage of being one with God’s people.

The Holy Ghost dealt with every soul present. No one was left out. Saints were encouraged to study more, souls received a greater vision of the church, and sinners were under strong conviction.

During the song services, we had wonderful times of rejoicing. Our young people are thrilled to be delivered from sin and the public school system.

This may have been our largest meeting yet, with saints gathering in from all over the Philippine Islands, Nepal, and North America. Beautiful was the unity and holiness seen among us.

In the last months, we have been doing a great amount of outreach. God has been richly blessing these endeavors. In the last three months, He has added more than 15 souls to the congregation in Mindanao.

He has also been blessing in two provinces located on Luzon Island—Aurora and Batangas. He has been continually adding souls to these two locations.

Our hearts rejoice to see the things the prophets dreamed of! God’s children are gathering in from all the places where they have so long been scattered. Surely this is something the angels desire to look into!

As always, we have a real shortage of laborers. Many have been the cries from different places asking for preachers, teachers, and missionaries. May God swiftly raise up to Himself more laborers who are consecrated to give up all—jobs, money, houses, pleasure, loved ones, and personal comforts—for the sake of the gospel.

There is no way to describe what God is doing over here. You just have to come and see for yourself! Sis. Elizabeth Oppel

**Aylmer, Ontario:** The Lord powerfully visited His people through the preaching of Bro. Addison Everett during the week of February 22–28.

The Word of God had free course: sinners were pressed to choose whom they would serve, while their refuge of lying excuses was swept away.

With great urgency, the saints of God were provoked to be fully restored to the high gospel standard of practical holy living.

The prayer benches were repeatedly filled with seekers. Some received help, while others were sent back to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Visitors were in attendance in nearly every service.

How intensely serious the burden of God to prepare a people for the return of the Bridegroom who is even now at the door! Bro. Thomas Tovstiga
Though sinners may be long spared, they will be punished at last. They did sin's work and must receive sin's wages...it will be destruction from the Almighty, and who knows the power of His anger?  

Matthew Henry