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## THE CHILD.

DEAR EDITOR:—I would like to impose on you again, if you will allow me to do so. While this is the same character as the Babe it is never the less a different sketch. As a child he was a wise and bright one. After Herod had threatened his life, and slain so many children of His age, of course it frightened Joseph and Mary. Being in Egypt they heard of it, and would not go back to their native city to live anymore; as Herod's son reigned in his stead, he was doubtful of the young child's safety, although being told by the angel of the Lord, to the land of Israel. He turned aside, and in Galilee he went to dwell in a little village called Nazareth to await the changes in the kingdom, if any. While waiting, he no doubt became attached to the people and place, and concluded to reside there and rear this child of God, the only son of heaven was the first born of his spouse. He knew all this, for God had warned him too many times, for the least doubt on his part. See the carefulness they take of Him! This king of Israel that no harm should come to Him. After staying in Nazareth for quite awhile, we can tell how long before he decides to remain, and commences his trade as a carpenter, but we do know that he was mindful of his step-son, for the Book tells us that he was subject to his parents, and waxed strong in wisdom, and increased in stature, and in favor with God and man. In wisdom because, He was wise, in stature, because as well as other boys He had to become a man in due course of time, in favor with God and man, because he was the only son of God, and had a mission to fill that no other child could fill. With man because he was the Son of a virgin mother, and the first born and was a great blessing among the Jews in that day. So it was a double blessing to Mary because it was an earthly one, also a heavenly blessing. Well might she be proud of this noble child of which heaven itself named, and gave it the name of Jesus in whom we glory to day. We can say he was working a plan of salvation for us, through his childhood, on the streets and in the work shops, with his father in the village of Nazareth, away down in Galilee, where it was said, no good thing could come from. This child knew all the while the purpose for this He was willing to be brought up any where, His parents thought best. How different from all other children! We get the of our information from St. Luke, of his childhood days, which is very little with the exception of the scene in the temple at the age of twelve years. If he could astound the best men of the land, at that early age, what do you suppose he could do to those around Nazareth,

and its adjoining localities when he grew older? It would be a good lesson if we would study the scenes of this child, I mean imagine the company he would be seen in, and his associates, and how he would correct rude boys and girls when they did anything that was displeasing to him. How he taught them the right way. He must have instructed children then, as he did men and women in after years. As we do not know exactly all that occurred in those days by reading the Bible, we only know he was a good child, because that is his record, and we love to read over there in Luke because he gives us more of his young, tender life than either of the Evangelists. By reading carefully we can surmise a great deal more that he did than is written of him. There is one thing we do know and that is that he went about his Father's business, at a very early age, and that should teach us that he meant to do good at the very earliest opportunity, and continued to do so all through the thirty three years of his life. I remain your Bro.

JOSEPH RIGSBIE.

Pinner's Point, Va.

## THE LINE OF DUTY.

DEAR BAPTIST:—Another year has almost past away. I wonder how we have lived up to all those wonderful resolutions we made, to do so and so for Christ? I was at church last New Year's day and listened to some fine resolutions, wonder how they have been kept? I will freely confess, dear brothers and sisters I made some resolutions myself, that I have fell short of, and as for me this coming year I only make one resolution, and it is this, I am resolved to live for Jesus. I know that life is too short and precious to be spent in foolishness. So dear sisters, and brothers, let's let those foolish resolutions alone and resolve, God helping us, we will live for Jesus. I enjoy very much some of the articles I read in our paper, especially, Eld. St. Claire's articles. We await the paper each week with much anticipation of his articles and we have so many good writers. All Free Will Baptist ought to take our dear paper and thus commune with some of our best people. Brother Upton, one of our National Evangelists, was with us when we received our last paper and pointed out to us as special, brother Pool's letter from Tenn. Wish we had about a hundred Pools in our church, we could have some work done in our denomination then. Yes, if we were properly organized, and had a few good live men with an education, and ability such as is needed in the world to day, we would do something in our day and age of the world, if we were properly organized and had a few good educated men, and the money in our general treasury to put them to work and to keep them into the fields all the time. Brethren, we would

soon sweep the world with a mighty wave of Christianity, and the grand old Free Will Baptist would stand first in the ranks of winning souls for Jesus. Then brethren, let's sit down and quietly study the matter over and see if we can not see the matter as Bro. Pool puts it, and get properly organized, and secure a college equipped with the very best teachers, and plant a Seminary in each state, and have it carried on by Free Will Baptists and none other.

Now dear brothers, do not take this in the wrong light, to be sure we have our dear old Seminary in Ayden, and we love it very much, yet it is too far for some people to attend, and if we only had one in each state there would be no excuse for any body for not getting an education, for that is what we need above all things. Then if our people were properly educated, we would be properly organized, and there would not be so many blunders made among us. I know what I am talking about for I have no education myself, and every day I see the need of it. O, why don't the young Free Will Baptist educate themselves in order to understand just what to do, and know how to do it? But, dear brethren, forgive me, for I did not mean to preach to you, or advise you what to do, (especially not knowing what to do myself) but getting started I said more than I intended to, and a great deal more than I should. So I will say no more now.

Your Sister in Christ,

LAURA HOBSTETTER.  
Sciotoville, Ohio.

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR JESUS.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please give me space for a few words. As the year is about gone, I think we ought to examine ourselves, and see what we have been doing for our blessed Jesus, the one that has done so much for us. Have we been holding up the blood stained banner to a sinful world, or have we been crucifying him anew? If we are not doing our duty we are a stumbling block to the sinners. They can see our faults better than any one else, and we ought to so live that others seeing our good works may be constrained to glorify our Father who art in heaven. Brethren and sisters, let us be true followers of Jesus, the one that has done so much for us, and promised us life everlasting beyond this vale of tears. Let us put on the whole armor of God, and the breast-plate of righteousness, so that we can stand the temptations of the evil one. I am afraid some of us are getting careless, and letting the things of this world come before us and our Lord. The Lord says, first seek Him and his kingdom, and all these things shall be added unto you. Now, let us stop for a moment and think over our past life, and see if we have been living as we ought

and if we have not, let us begin to-day, to live more devoted to our blessed Saviour than we have before. Let us do more for the Lord, than we ever have before. We may hide our faults from the world to a certain extent, but we cannot hide from God. He knows our evil thoughts, but oh, how merciful and freely he will forgive, if we only will go to him and ask forgiveness. Just think how many blessings he has bestowed upon us! He has spared our lives when we have done things contrary to his will. We ought to live each day as if it were the last, for we know not the day nor hour wherein the Lord cometh. Dear readers, it is my desire to live in this world so when I come to die I can have a clear conscience, and can say fare-well to the vain world, that I am going home. I ask the prayers of all praying people, that I may hold out faithfully unto the end.

Your sister in Christ.

MRS. NETTIE WELCH.  
Beunavista, Ga.

## FROM FAIRCLOTH, GA.

DEAR BAPTIST:—Please allow me space in your paper for a few lines. I am enjoying the blessings of God every day I live. He wonderfully blesses me by letting me live and enjoy health. There are so many people, even church members, that seem never to think of God, only in trouble, and then they are ready to abuse him. Let me beg you not to abuse God for what the Devil has done for you. God has only promised to care for those who love him, and keep his commandments, and to do that I find that we must pray always, without ceasing, and for all men. If you will get your heart in this condition, you will not want to abuse God when trouble comes, but will want to praise his name, for the blessings he has in store for you. If you will bear with patience the troubles and trials of life, trusting him the rewarder of those who diligently seek him, don't you think that everything would work together for your good? The Bible says, "everything works together for good to those who love the Lord." We see in 2nd Thes. 2:11 12 these words are written: "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned, who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." So now if we don't believe the truth some things may work to the destruction of our souls, and that would not be good. And now, if you do not want trouble to come, just read St. John 14th chapter, and act according to its teachings, and Christ will bear your troubles, and make you happy in this life, and give you a home of pleasure in the other world.

Yours for Christ,  
A. L. SELLERS.

The last word of God is not doom, but redemption.

## WHY SPIRITUAL COLDNESS.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—As I like to read the letters that are printed in the BAPTIST, if the Editor will allow me space, I will say a few words, concerning the church, and the cause of so much coldness. Brethren, I for one think it is for the lack of Christ-like love for one another, I fear there are more Akins in the church, than there were in the camps of Israel. I fear there church members just as guilty as Akin was. My Bible teaches me that God is love, and if we have not the love of God in our hearts, we are not the children of God. If we love God with our whole heart, and Christ as our elder brother, we then can love each other in a Christ like manner. Let us examine our hearts, and see if we have God's love, and if we have not, then let us ask God for His love, that will enable us to reform, and come out from among the world. I believe we need a great reformation. You cannot reform for me, neither can I reform for you, for it is an individual matter with us. Let us as church members, of all the different denominations, serve God in spirit and in truth, and let us live for God and each other. Let us walk Godly, and prove to the world that we have been with Christ. Let us live in Christ day, for He is the light of the world, and if we live in the light, we are, the children of God, and it will guide us in the way of peace and life. Let us humble our selves as little children, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. We that profess Christ let us live for Christ, and for the glory of God. Let us teach our children and grand-children that to love God is the beginning of wisdom. Let us thank God for his great love for us. Now, dear Editor, as I am behind some on my paper, you will find enclosed \$1.00 on my subscription. Please send the paper to Sprotts, Perry county, Ala. R. 1. Now, Editor, with your consent I may write again. I will close by asking an interest in the prayers of God's children. Your brother in hope of heaven

JAMES ORR.

Sprotts, Ala.

## SIN AND SINNERS.

Every one that has read or heard read, the fall of our fore parents, Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, knows something of the beginning of sin and its deadly work in this world of ours. Every one that has reached the years of accountability, and has slided in word or deed, and was made conscious of the fact that they had sinned knows something of the beginning of sin in their own person. They that have continued in sin, know truly that they are sinners in deed, therefore it is not needful on the part of the preacher to tell them they are sinners. It is very necessary that they

should tell how and why they are sinners, and tell them the danger of living and dying in sin. They should point them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world, who came not to call the righteous to repentance, but did come to call sinners, that through repentance and forgiveness, that they might have eternal life. Some think that sin originated in Eden, when Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, but I am sure that sin was of the Devil and in the Devil, and the first act of sin showed itself in heaven just before the great battle was fought between the devil and his angels, and Michel and his angels. Michel and his angels prevailed, because they fought against sin, and for the righteousness of God. So will every one prevail in the name of Jesus, if he is living and walking in the righteousness of Jesus. A man in sin, who is obeying the lusts there of, and knowingly doing things, that God says not to, surely he is not in Christ, and never will be, without a wonderful change, wrought only by the love of God, and power of the Holy Ghost, through which we are able to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. When we get the victory over these three we can fight a good fight, keep the faith, finish our course with joy and know that hence forth there is a crown laid up for us, that the righteous judge will give at his appearing. He that forsakes and confesses all his sins he it is to whom the blood of Jesus has been applied, which cleanses from all sin, and he it is who enjoys full salvation, and is able to point and lead men along the gospel path of rectitude, to the fountain of life, and pure waters of God's wonderful love and grace. Paul said after a man had received the power of God and the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good things of the world to come, if he sins willfully there is no forgiveness for him, and what can that be but sinning against the Holy Ghost. Can one drowning man, help to save another? If so one sinner, can help save another sinner.

L. T. PHILLIPS.

## THE GOOD WORK GOES ON.

DEAR EDITOR:—Allow me a small space in the FREE WILL BAPTIST for communication. I have just closed a two weeks meeting at Lodi church which resulted in twelve conversions and accessions. I have began protracted work at Chase Chapel. Christianity is at a low ebb at both places. We organized a Sunday-school at Lodi church. There seems to be a general revival at Lodi now, considering the condition in which I found it on my first visit there. There were none who would take part in worship of God. To the brethren who read this paper, we ask your prayers that God will bless the work.

W. J. CARRIER.  
Carlton, Ohio.