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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

19 ¶ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. A-mén

Matt. 28:19-20



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BAPTISM—A FIGURE

HONEST READING OF SCRIPTURE SHOWS THAT SALVATION IS IN CHRIST—NOT IN BAPTISM

By ROSCO BRONG
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"... when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by (through) water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (I Peter 3:20-21.)

Verse 21 can be more accurately translated and punctuated as follows: "With reference to which also an antitype—baptism—now saves us: not a putting off of the filth of the flesh, but an asking of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

THE TYPE—FLOOD WATER

"Water" is the antecedent of "which" at the beginning of this verse—or the antecedent of "whereunto," as we have it in the King James version. A glance at the Greek text is enough to establish this fact with anyone who knows Greek.

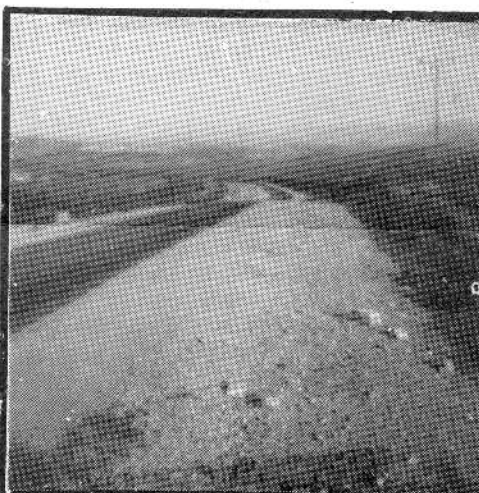
That is, Peter is comparing New Testament baptism to the water of the flood "in the days of Noah." But did the water of the flood save souls? Figuratively speaking, the answer is yes:

"... the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein [literally, into which] few, that is, eight souls were saved by [better, through] water."

SAVED THROUGH WATER

How did the water of the flood save the lives of Noah and his family? If they had trusted in the water itself, they must have perished along with the ungodly who would not believe that the judgment of God was about to fall upon them. **Belief that the**

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VALLEY OF ELAH

Pictured above is the Valley of Elah, I Sam. 17:1-58. You are looking eastward and Bethlehem is just over the mountain to the right. David came over this mountain and into this valley to meet the challenge of the Philistines. He slew Goliath here and won a victory for Israel in the name of the Lord. The editor and tour group had the opportunity to go through this valley on Friday, March 7, 1969.

Bible Study

There is to be a Bible Study conducted at Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. each Thursday and Friday night beginning on Thursday night November 13 through Friday night December 12. Services each night 7:00 P. M.

Elder H. B. Eaton is the pastor of the church and Elder F. L. Ray, Goodlettsville, Tenn. is to be the instructor in the study. Young and old ministers, Sunday school teachers and any individual who wishes to attend are invited.

Cedar Cross church is located about eight miles north of Scottsville, Ky. on Highway 252.



Elder F. L. Ray

Ordination Service At Ohio Church

There is to be an ordination service at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Maco Drive, Barberton, Ohio on Saturday, November 29. Brethren Charles Langford and Tommy Parham are to be ordained as Deacons. Elder Don Curtis is pastor of liberty church.

Services are to begin at 3:00 P. M. There will be a break in the services for supper which will be served at the church and the services will conclude with the ordination Saturday night.

Missionary Baptist Churches of like faith and order are invited to send their ordained help to assist in the ordination. Anyone who may be able to attend the services is invited to come.

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Long View Missionary Baptist Church
Gallatin, Tenn. recently called Elder F. L.
Ray to her pastorate. For several months
he had served as pastor of Madison
Missionary Baptist Church, Madison,
Tenn. His work with Long View began on
Sunday, October 19.

Elder Paul Patterson who had been
pastor at Long View Baptist Church in

Gallatin, Tenn. for several years, has been
called to the pastorate of Sulphur Fork
Missionary Baptist Church near Portland,
Tenn. His work began there on Sunday,
October 19. He succeeds Elder Everette L.
Fields. He had pastored Sulphur Fork a
number of years.

Bro. Patterson has asked that thanks
and words of appreciation be offered to the
churches who manifested an interest in
him in recent months concerning appoint-
ments and consideration for pastoral
work.

BAPTISM—A FIGURE

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water itself would have saving power must have been at least as fatal to their salvation as refusal to believe that the water would come. But—

"Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his son's wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood." (Gen. 7:7.)

The water of which God warned him drove Noah and his family into the ark, and so through water they were saved into the ark.

No great intelligence is needed to see that actually these lives were saved in and by virtue of the ark, and not in or by virtue of the water—from which, in fact, the ark saved them while others drowned in that same water.

Moreover, the same water which overwhelmed and destroyed the wicked became the means of lifting up the ark as the true refuge and savior of those who trusted not in the water but in the ark as God's appointed means of their deliverance.

THE LIKE FIGURE

Now, that water of Noah's day was the type of which baptism is an antitype, or "the like figure," as King James has it.

If the type or likeness is perfect, we must suppose that baptism does not really or literally save anyone, any more than did the water of the flood, but only symbolically or figuratively. And our supposition becomes certainty when Peter hastens to declare that baptism is "not a putting off of the filth of the flesh."

Obviously "the filth of the flesh" means sin, not merely physical dirt, since physical dirt can be washed off in baptism. But only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from sin, and the merits of this blood are obtained through faith, not through baptism. John 3:16 should be sufficient evidence on this point.

A GOOD CONSCIENCE

For readers who think that the King James version is inspired, I would say that I have rather liked the word "answer" in our text and might have kept it if honesty permitted. But accurate translation tells us that Baptism is "an asking of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Either way, baptism appears as a Christian duty, whether as an answer or an asking of a good conscience toward God. The believer in Christ who neglects or refuses to be baptized cannot possibly have a good conscience toward God on this point. If his conscience does not condemn him, then his conscience is as bad as his conduct.

THROUGH THE RESURRECTION

With the parentheses of the King James version we are made to read, "Baptism doth also now save us . . . by [through] the resurrection of Jesus Christ." This must mean simply that when we witness scriptural baptism we are reminded of the death, burial, and (especially) resurrection of Christ our Saviour, through Whose resurrection we are saved, since He "was raised again

for our justification." (Rom. 4:25.)

Baptism which points us to Christ does not any more really save us than did the water of the flood save Noah and his family when it drove them into the ark for salvation. (Gen. 7:7.)

It is possible, and I think preferable, to connect the phrase "through the resurrection" with the noun "asking." Thus we read that baptism is "an asking of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

"Because I live," said Jesus, "ye shall live also." (John 14:19.)

So the born-again believer, already passed out of death into life (John 5:24), now in the "figure" or antitype of baptism draws a picture in this physical act of spiritual truth already spiritually received.

So through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, living the life of his risen Savior, in this act of obedience he asks for a good conscience toward God—a good conscience such as is unknown to disobedient Christians.

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM CALIFORNIA

8115 Gardendale St.
Downey, Calif. 90242
October 4, 1975

Dear Bro. Vanderpool and readers of the Baptist Banner:

We hope all is well with you and all our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tennessee, Kentucky and other areas. We are enjoying reasonable good health for which we are thankful.

The Lord has blessed us since our last letter to the Banner with the privilege of hearing the testimony of a new-born soul in this needy place. She came to the altar one time, then got saved at home in bed. We are so thankful for the salvation of her soul. She is a middle-aged lady. She later united with the church and was baptized and is making a very good member.

Please continue to remember the work here in your prayers. We desire that God's will will be done in our labors here. We are receiving the Banner each month and enjoy it very much.

Following is a report of offerings sent to us for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of this year. The offerings were recorded in the months they were received.

April — Bro. and Sister Stephen Carter, R. B. Spgs., Tenn. \$10.00; Mt. Zion Bap. Ch., Holland, Ky., \$20.00; Union Hill Bap. Ch., Gallatin, Tenn., \$50.00; Enon Bap. Ch., Lafayette, Tenn., \$72.91; Bro. and Sister Sam Dillehay, R. B. Spgs., Tenn. \$10.00; Ebenezer Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$121.00; Calvary Bap. Ch., Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Rough Hill Bap. Ch., Allen Co., Ky. \$10.00; Mt. Tabor Bap. Ch., Smith Co., Tenn. \$15.07; Sunrise Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$50.00; Faith Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$36.26, April total — \$436.24.

May — Union Hill Bap. Ch., Gallatin, Tenn. \$50.00; Enon Bap. Ch., Lafayette, Tenn. \$67.75; Mt. Zion Bap. Ch., Holland, Ky. \$20.00; Mt. Tabor Bap. Ch., Smith Co.,

Tenn. \$19.50; Calvary Bap. Ch., Carthage, Tenn. \$50.00; Faith Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$30.00; Rough Hill Bap. Ch., Allen Co., Ky. \$10.00. May total — \$247.25.

June — Sunrise Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$50.00; Union Hill Bap. Ch., Gallatin, Tenn. \$50.00; Enon Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$41.38; Mt. Zion Bap. Ch., Holland, Ky. \$20.00; Mt. Tabor Bap. Ch., Smith Co., Tenn. \$7.32; Bro. Kenneth Davis, Louisville, Ky. \$20.00; Rough Hill Bap. Ch., Allen Co., Ky. \$10.00; Calvary Bap. Ch., Carthage, Tenn. \$50.00. June total — \$248.70.

July — Sunrise Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$50.00; Faith Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$37.96; Rocky Hill Bap. Ch., Monroe Co., Ky. \$25.00; Bro. Thomas Earl Roark, Lafayette, Tenn. \$20.00; Enon Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$25.23; Union Hill Bap. Ch., Gallatin, Tenn. \$50.00; Bro. Wendell Flippin, Lafayette, Tenn. \$100.00; Mt. Tabor Bap. Ch., Smith Co., Tenn. \$9.93; Parkwood Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$150.00; Mt. Zion Bap. Ch., Holland, Ky. \$20.00; Faith Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$26.67; Bro. Rusaw Carter, R. B. Spgs., Tenn. \$20.00; Bro. G. W. Morgan, Nashville, Tenn. \$10.00; Brethren Gene Oldham, Jerry Tuttle, Melvin Stinson and Thomas Carter, \$33.00, given at Antioch Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. during revival; Bro. Junior Farley, Hartsville, Tenn. \$10.00; Bro. Joe Tom Stinson, Scottsville, Ky. \$10.00; Bro. O. D. Blankenship, Lafayette, Tenn. \$20.00; Bro. Gerald L. Carter, Lafayette, Tenn. \$30.00; Bro. Stephen Carter, R. B. Spgs., Tenn. \$10.00. July total — \$657.79.

August — Calvary Bap. Ch., Carthage, Tenn. \$50.00; Bro. Carlos Gammons, Indianapolis, Ind. \$5.00; Rough Hill Bap. Ch., Allen Co., Ky. \$10.00; Maple Grove No. Bap. Ch., Lafayette, Tenn. \$154.50; Union Hill Bap. Ch., Gallatin, Tenn. \$50.00; Sunrise Bap. Ch., Lafayette, Tenn. \$50.00; Enon Bap. Ch., Lafayette, Tenn. \$37.64; Mt. Zion Bap. Ch., Holland, Ky. \$20.00; Clavary Bap. Ch., Carthage, Tenn. \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Bap. Ch., Smith Co., Tenn. \$9.48; Parkwood Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$150.00. August total — \$586.62.

September — Eld. Melvin Stinson, Fountain Run, Ky. \$20.00; Faith Bap. Ch., Nashville, Tenn. \$28.91; Sunrise Bap. Ch., Macon Co., Tenn. \$50.00; Union Hill Bap. Ch., Gallatin, Tenn. \$50.00; Mt. Zion Bap. Ch., Holland, Ky. \$20.00; Rough Hill Bap. Ch., Allen Co., Ky. \$10.00; Bro. and Sister Arnold Stinson, Scottsville, Ky. \$10.00; Sister Pearl Higdon, Lafayette, Tenn. \$6.00; Calvary Bap. Ch., Carthage, Tenn. \$50.00; Dixon Creek Bap. Ch., Dixon Spgs. Tenn. \$54.00; Mt. Tabor Bap. Ch., Smith Co., Tenn. \$18.35. September total — \$317.26.

These offerings are appreciated more than words could ever express. May God's richest blessings rest and abide upon each of you, and may He bless your labors for Him with the salvation of lost souls. Please

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REVIVAL REPORTS

Cedar Cross Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. One profession of faith and one addition to the church. Pastor H. B. Eaton was assisted by Elder F. L. Ray.

Grace Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich. No visible results. Preaching by Pastor Eugene Brown.

NEW BAPTIST MISSION

Elder Berlon Roy of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church and Bro. John Keen, Jr., of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. begun a new mission work—Campbell Chapel Missionary Baptist Mission—at Veetersburg, Ind. This is two miles east off U. S. 41 on Frontage Road and two miles west off 341 from Hillsboro. This is the first road north of I 74. Sunday school, 10:15 A. M. Preaching 11:00 A. M. by Eld. Berlon Roy; at 6:30 P. M. by Bro. John Keen, Jr.

REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A revival is to begin on Sunday night, November 9, at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Old Shackle Island Road, Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor Jesse Farley, Jr. is to be assisted by Elder Loman White. Everyone is invited to attend.

BENEFIT SINGING

On Saturday night, November 22, there is to be a benefit singing at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Old Shackle Island Road, Hendersonville, Tenn. for Bro. Ezell Woodard. Bro. Woodard has had open-heart surgery. Singing groups will be announced later. Service begins at 7 P. M. Come if you can and help out in this worthy cause.

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CONVENES

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association of Indiana and Illinois convened in their 18th annual session on September 19, 20, 21, 1975, with Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 2861 South Randolph, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Officers elected were: Elder Hugh E. Hudson, moderator. Bro. John Keen, Jr., was elected clerk and Elder Carlos Gammon was elected treasurer.

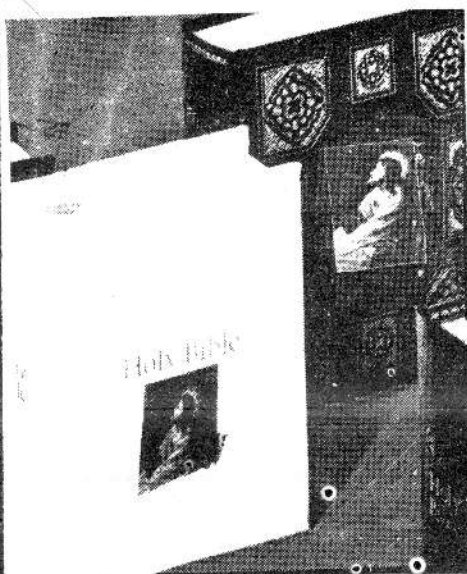
The introductory sermon was preached on Friday night by Bro. John Keen, Jr. On Saturday the memorial sermon was delivered by Elder Lewis Holland and on Sunday Elder Billy Moran preached the doctrinal sermon.

The association is to meet in 1976 with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

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SINGING AT BOWLING GREEN, KY.

On Sunday, November 9, there is to be a singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Tenth St. Bowling Green, Ky. The service begins at 2:00 P. M. and the featured singers will be Jackie and Elaine Wilburn of Carthage, Tenn. and The Believers of Nashville, Tenn. The public is invited.

Radio Ministry

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:00 A. M. conducted by Elder James (Pete) Porter and Elder J. W. Briley on WHIN (1010) Gallatin, Tenn.

Each Sunday at 7:30 A. M. Elder Rex Hunt can be heard on WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn.

Elder Cordell Earps broadcasts each Saturday at 8:45 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Program each Sunday at 2:00 P. M. over WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Charles Moore in charge.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Ind. Broadcasts on WNTS (1590) Indianapolis. Pastor Billy Moran is the speaker.

Broadcast each Sunday at 8:30 A. M. on WAMG (1130) Gallatin, Tenn. The speakers are Elders Bobby Sutton, Harold Dunn, Tommy Ashford and Tommy Oldham.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Broadcast each Sunday at 1:30 P. M. on WKCT (930) Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth Massey in charge of programs.

Bro. Jimmy Cox of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. can be heard each 2nd and 4th Sunday on WEVT (1600) Huntsville, Ala. at 8:30 A. M.

Each first Sunday at 9:30 A. M. Elder Doc Johnson can be heard on WEEN (1460) Lafayette, Tenn.

Each Sunday at 9:30 A. M. broadcasts are presented on WLCK (1260) Scottsville, Ky. by Elders Earl Patterson, Charles Brunsen, Johnny Meador, David Taylor and Douglas Blankenship.

Each 1st and 4th Sunday on WRKM (1350) Carthage, Tenn. Bro. Donnie Skelton can be heard at 1:30 P. M.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Broadcasts each Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., at 4:10 P. M. and Sunday at 8:00 A. M. on WNAH (1360) Nashville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool conducts the broadcasts.

ORDINATION SERVICE
LEBANON, TENN.

There is to be an ordination service at Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tenn. on Sunday, November 30. Brethren Jerry Jones and Farley Smith are to be ordained as deacons. Services are to begin at 2:00 P. M.

Sister churches of "like faith and order" are invited to send their ordained help to assist in the ordination. Churches that are questionable on alien immersion are asked to please abstain for the works sake. Elder Bobby G. Sutton is pastor of Rocky Grove.