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A Scriptural Basis for Christian Unity

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Surely no one can fail to see the need for unity. Let us not confuse the terms union and unity for there is a vast difference in their meaning.

Union can exist without unity. A joining together is suggested in the term union, but discord and weakness can easily be the result. A cat and a dog could be tied together and a union would exist but they would not be one nor would they be in agreement with each other.

"How can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 6:5. Denominations sometimes hold union meetings together, but doctrinally speaking, they are not in agreement with each other. They teach different doctrines and wear different names. This is condemned by Paul in I Cor. 1:10-12.

In UNITY there is strength, power and agreement.

Now a question: Is there a scriptural basis for Christian Unity? Yes. The answer is found in Eph. 4:1-6

Read it just now. Keep in mind that in this scripture the inspired apostle with regard to keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace named seven different things and said positively that there is one of each. If all people would accept in faith these statements, there would be unity among all those who profess to follow Christ.

Consider in detail the seven things mentioned in Eph. 4:1-6 and see how many of them we really believe. The Bible is its own interpreter, so when it tells us what a certain thing is, then it is just that. When it tells us there is a certain number of certain things then there can be no more and no less than that number. When the word of God says that there is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God it means simply that there IS one and only one of each.

Looking at the first, consider:

What is the one body? The Bible answers in Col. 1:18, "And he is the head of the body the church." Also read Eph. 1:22-23. So the Bible says that the church is the body of Christ, and the body is the church. The only conclusion then is that there is only one church. No other conclusion is possible without perversion.

But someone is ready to say that would be too narrow and prejudiced or even unchristian. But the same people will agree and contend that there is one God. Why accept one statement Paul made and reject the other? If we disbelieve what the Bible says about one church, how can we believe what it says about God? In other words, if we disbelieve one statement of the Bible, on what ground can we affirm our faith in another? And if we affirm our faith in the Bible as being God's word, how can we deny anything that it says? Just as truly as there is just one God, there is just one church. That church is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is almost universal agreement in acceptance of the fact that there is one Spirit, one hope, one Lord and one God, and Eph. 4:1-6 is sufficient proof. But when we read in the same connection one body, one faith, and one baptism many are ready and willing to challenge this statement. If, however, they are not true, how may we know that the others are true? No process of reasoning can accept four out of seven statements as being true while rejecting the other three and still remain reasonable.

Now to the one faith Paul says faith comes by hearing the word of God. Rom. 10:17. Anything taught and practiced in the name of religion should be according to God's word in order to be of faith. If not taught in God's word it would come in the field of opinion. Whosoever is not of faith is sin. Rom. 14:23.

If we adhere to the one faith that would exclude church creeds, manuals, and disciplines. All who are creed bound are admonished to throw

off that yoke and accept the liberty that is in Christ Jesus and his word. John 8:32.

The one baptism is as clearly defined in the New Testament as are the other things of Eph. 4:16. When Paul said one baptism that excluded all others except the one. Now what is the one baptism Paul mentioned? It could not be John's baptism for eight years before Paul wrote this he was in Ephesus and found twelve men who were baptized with John's baptism and he commanded them to be baptized this time in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:1-5. It then is evident that the baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus is the one baptism that Paul was talking about. Acts 10:47-48 tells what the element of this baptism is. Peter said, "Can anyone forbid water that these should be baptized which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Water then is the element of the one baptism. But what is the purpose of this baptism in water, in the name of the Lord Jesus? The answer is given in Acts 2:38. 'Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' Paul's one baptism is a baptism in water for the remission of sins and can only be performed by a burial in water. Rom. 6:3-5.

When a person has been buried in the waters of baptism and raised therefrom, this baptism being in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the remission of sins, he has obeyed the one baptism. God then adds him to the one body, the church, wherein he rejoices in the one hope, being led by the one Spirit, he walks by the one faith in the worship and service of the one God. This is the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and he who removes one of these links from this chain of unity, breaks the unity of the Spirit and destroys the peace of God's children.

The admonition to join the church

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EDITORIAL

You will remember last month's editorial with it's printed correspondence and comments on the correspondence. It is not the desire of the sponsors or editors of this paper to cause its pages to be filled with bitter tirades, vicious backbiting, and personal bickerings. But we trust we will never refuse to expose false doctrine and reprove false teachers. The truth is sought and error exposed without fear or favor. This correspondence arises over the question of whether baptism saves or does not save. It either does or does not. God does not teach both. Since I Pet. 3:21 says it does save, we are within all rights to question any who shall say it does not. Will any who say baptism does not save, please explain I Pet. 3:21. We open the pages of this paper to anyone who will and invite a discussion of the issue. "Does Baptism Save?"

In reply to last month's editorial the following letter was received:

Mammoth Spring, Arkansas
August 21, 1955

Mr. C. F. Miller
Mammoth Spring, Arkansas
Dear Mr. Miller;

I notice in the current issue of the so called "fulton county news" you had much to say about me, i suppose you think yourself wise and uplifting to do such a thing, I can honestly say this, Mr. Miller, I can prove anything I Preach and I am not sorry for anything I say and make no apology to men, Angels or Devils, I seriously doubt if you can do or say that.

My Wife said in the letter that she wrote me that she was going to ask me some questions, with my per-

mission, I do not recall giving your wife permission to ask me questions or moreover to give you my permission to print my letter in your paper, I think you overstep your power of authority, better stop and think about what you are doing, but you are the type that respect nobody but yourself and I can't understand why you do that, Suppose a hornet were to sting you between the shoulders, zip!! and then say, with your permission, I sting you, that is your way of doing things as well as your whole church, tear down anything that you know is doing good and do all the harm you possibly can, you mentioned that the Church of Christ is the one who is run down and damned, well, I did not say anything about the so called Church of church, but I will now, it is just as rotten as hell itself and a stench in the sight of God, all you people do is cause trouble and make fools of yourself.

You printed my other letter mr. Miller, print this one and let the people know the truth if you dare.

Yours Very Sincerely
Homer Burrow

Please read the above letter. On that letter I will base these remarks.

Mr. Burrow said I had much to say about him. I wish to make it clear that I have nothing against Homer Burrow. I'm sure that everyone who read the previous edition of the Fulton County Gospel News can see that it was his doctrine which was criticized and not the person.

As for the insinuation that it is degrading rather than wise and uplifting to question one's interpretation of the scripture I refer you to I Jno. 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

In II Tim. 2:2 we find the apostle Paul speaking to a young evangelist saying "and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." I use this to illustrate that the teachings in II Timothy are to be taught by preachers to other men, who in turn will teach them to others.

Now notice this quotation from the same epistle

chapter 4, verse 2. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort will all longsuffering and doctrine." Read and study these verses. Now I ask you, brethren and friends, isn't it wise and uplifting to question one who says over the air in a public address that "Baptism never has saved anyone and never will." That statement is so obviously a direct contradiction of I Peter 3:21? If, as he says, he can honestly prove anything he preaches, why hasn't he?

Certainly not because he shouldn't, Jude 3 "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In James 4:17 we find "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Apparently I will not have the opportunity to prove what I say to him as he has refused to reason either by public debate or privately with me. I ask you, even if I am wrong is he right in refusing to set me straight? I wonder if he is really disturbed about our asking questions without permission or is it because even though he repeatedly says he can defend his teaching that he can't. If he has the truth why object to questions? In Bible times people were commended for trying the spirits. The writer of the Acts speaking of those of Berea said, Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Friends, do as the Bereans did, search the scripture to see whether the things preached today are so, whether I, Mr. Burrow, or your local preacher, prove the doctrine by the Bible.

If Mr. Burrow's letter contained his straightforward answer, why his objection to it being printed? It was a simple question and he did not even attempt to answer it. In view of the scripture I have repeated I do not see how we have overstepped our authority to investigate the things publicly taught in this community. It is my duty to do so.

"BUT HE WAS A LEPER"

II Kings 5:1-14

Marion Farley — Dallas 17, Texas

In the above scripture we have an account of a great and honorable man. "A mighty man of valour", through whom the Lord had given deliverance to the Syrians, he being captain of the King's armies. But his greatness did not save him from the dreaded disease of leprosy, neither will morality save one from the disease of sin.

Many today have missed the mark as far as salvation is concerned, by going to the old Testament and applying it to their lives, as did Naaman by going to the king of Israel, instead of the prophet Elisha to be healed.

Naaman was told to go down to the river Jordan, and dip himself in it seven times, and he would be healed of his leprosy. We can readily understand his being healed was conditional; that is, on dipping "seven times", but he could see no sense in dipping in the muddy river of Jordan, when as he termed it, there were better waters in the rivers around Damascus, "than all the waters of Israel." He turned away in a rage to go back home, when his servant, pointing out to him the fact that if the prophet had told him to do some great thing" that he would have gladly complied and constrained him to change his mind and obey, and was healed.

Our salvation today is just as conditional as was Naaman's. It may be you are one of those that can see no reason for being baptised, but it IS a commandment of the Savior. (Mk. 16: 16), and that in itself should be all the REASON anyone should need.

Notice the similarity of Naaman and individuals today who question the authority of the Bible. He went away in a rage and they become angry when they are told what the Lord requires them to do to be saved. Did getting angry alter the command of the prophet concerning Naaman's being healed? Neither will it change in the least one of God's commandments. It still remains, we MUST OBEY or be lost.

Too many today are being guided by opinions, and disregard what God has to say about the matter. They often say, "I think". Naaman said,

"behold, I thought", he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and will recover the leper," yet this did not lessen his responsibility in obeying the command.

We are not supposed to know the reason for everything the Lord has said for us to do. We are to "walk by faith, and not by sight." If we could see it, it wouldn't be faith.

Naaman wanted his leprosy "prayed away," even as many honest people of our times want their sins "prayed away," but this is not God's law of pardon to the alien sinner. There is not one example of a person becoming a child of God in this way in the Bible. This is wholly man's opinion.

Neither can we substitute the human for the Divine, any more than Naaman could wash and be healed in any other waters, although he wished to.

It is all so fitly summed up in the words of the Master Teacher in Matt. 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

CHRIST'S BRIDE, THE CHURCH

By Charles Coil—Formerly of Burk's Chapel—now of Florence, Ala.

"Wherefore, my brethern, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4. The above verse is the language of Paul to the church at Rome. To the Corinthians he wrote as follows: "For I am jealous over you with a Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." For a further discussion of this same thought the reader may wish to study Eph. 5:22-33, and Rev. 21:9. From a reading of any or all of these passages the inevitable conclusion is that Christ is married to the church. Spiritually speaking, Christ is the husband and the church is His bride. When we once realize that such a relationship exists we can then learn several valuable lessons. In the space below it is my purpose to point out some of

these lessons.

The first lesson to be learned is that marriage relationship demands purity and holiness. Did you ever know a man, even one that was wicked and immoral who wanted a wicked and adulterous wife?

No! Even wicked men want a wife that is clean of life and pure in heart. How much more then does the sinless life of the Son of God demand such a bride? Think of this relationship before you tip the beer bottle or blaspheme God and tell shady, vulgar stories. Paul told the Ephesians to "let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Even with that admonition some so-called Christians will repeat every dirty story they hear and "he-haw" while telling it. Such conduct is a disgrace to the name of our Lord and unthinkable for one that is a part of His bride.

The second lesson we should learn is that Christ's bride is to be respected. Suppose a friend marries and we are personally unacquainted with his wife. Even so, we automatically respect her for the sake of our friend. Further, I am confident that every true husband would prefer that anyone insult or slur him rather than his bride. We are aware of these facts in the world about us, but how often do we hear the church slurred, insulted, and spoken of disrespectfully. WE FAIL TO EXTEND TO CHRIST THE SAME COURTESY AND RESPECT THAT WE SHOW OUR FRIENDS! How it must grieve Him. Christ respected His bride so much that He founded it upon the rock of himself, Matt. 16:18, purchased it by His blood. Acts 20:28, makes known by it the manifold wisdom of God, Eph. 3:10, and through the church will glorify God forever, Eph. 3:21. The man who says that the church is unimportant thus insults Christ and declares that His blood was shed in vain. Truly, we ought to respect the church.

A third lesson to be learned concerns the burning question of denominationalism. How many brides does Christ have? Can it be that every denomination in the world is a bride of Christ? God forbid! Let us never accuse our Lord of spiritual adultery. Then let us put away the corrupt idea that Christ is married to all

these so-called churches.

The fourth and final lesson of this article arises out of the fact just demonstrated — Christ has only one bride. The question which this fact brings to mind is, "Which of the many religious bodies now in existence is the bride of Christ?" Is the Roman Catholic body this bride? "No"; someone will answer, "their doctrine fulfills New Testament prophecies concerning the false or apostate church." Well, which of the protestant groups is this bride? The answer, none of them. Did you realize that the first protestant denomination began in the year 1517 when Martin Luther broke away from the Pope, and that from this break the Lutheran denomination began? And that the prominent denominations in your community and mine have even later beginnings? Now answer a question for me: Was Christ without a bride for 1500 years and more? No! Then we must look for a bride for our Lord earlier than either Catholics or Protestants. That bride can be found as we read of the church of the New Testament. We can become part of that bride today if we are willing to lay aside our human creeds, obey His word and be called by His name. **Acts 11:26.**

Many people have money for nice clothes, ice cream and pop for the kids; nice tops and presents for holidays and birthdays, but never feel able to give "as prospered" to the Lord. They are ashamed of their contributions and make excuses. Why?

PRAYING THROUGH

Boyd E. Morgan

There are only two spiritual Masters. One is God, the other is the devil. Everyone serves one or the other. If one serves God, then God is his spiritual Father. 1 Cor. 4:15. There is only one Father whom he can serve at one time. Because one must destroy the old relationship and crucify the old man of sin and begin anew with a new Father, he must be born again to have God as his Father. If God is his Father, then in turn he is God's child. No unsaved person is God's child. All of God's children are saved people. To Gala-

tian Christians, Paul wrote, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Now if one serves the devil, the devil is his father. Rom. 6:16; John 8:44. As long as one serves the devil and has not been born again, God is not his Father. The devil is. Should one who has not been born again, say that he is a child of God, he would be plainly and simply, a liar. To this all must agree.

Then how can one who is a child of the devil address God through prayer, "My Father, who art in heaven?" God is not his Father. Neither is he God's child. If he were

God's child he would already be saved. Since he is not God's child and is the child of the devil, there is something he must do besides crying out a thing that is not so, and praying to God as his father when God is not his father. What he needs to do is to crucify the old man and be born again. This will change Fathers for him and he can honestly pray to God. John 9:31. "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."

The way to be born again is not by praying, but is to do God's will. God's will to alien sinners is to hear His word, believe, repent, confess and be baptized.

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EDITORIAL

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Mr. Burrow says think of what I am doing. It does not mean that I disrespect him personally because of his religious teachings. It wasn't that I was disrespectful, but I asked a question he could not answer by the Bible. He admitted by his figure of the hornet that the question stung and wants to make it appear that his objection was not to the question, but because it was without permission. The essence of the matter is that he cannot answer the question and continue to teach his doctrine.

The charge that I want to tear down anything I know is doing good is a false one. How can preaching error do good. The Psalmist said: "I hate every false way." Psalm 119: 104.

Mr. Burrow has said the church of Christ is rotten, yet he refuses to try to convert me by public or private proof of his teaching. Anyway, he has stated on the radio that church membership is not essential and that there is salvation to be had in any denomination. The church of Christ of course is not a denomination, but the church our Lord Jesus Christ died to establish and the one that wears His name. Even at the time the Bible was written, the church was spoken against. Acts 28:22 "But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against." That the church is rotten is just a man's condemnation, and not God's. We find in Jno. 12: 48 that we will be judged by the word, that is the inspired word of God, not the word of man.

Mr. Burrow says all we do is cause trouble and make fools of ourselves.

We only trouble those who are preaching a perverted gospel. We are not troubling the Christ's church. Also in I Cor. 4:10 Paul said, speaking of the apostles, "We are fools for Christ's sake." I am willing to be a fool for Christ's sake.

Some try to excuse the teaching—of Mr. Burrow by saying he is only a boy. Anyone who is teaching and preaching will stand accountable to God for the things he teaches whether he is seventeen or seventy. We do not dispise youth.

Brethern and Friends, I write this with no malice whatsoever. I have nothing against Mr. Burrow or anyone else. I do think it my duty as a Christian to expose false doctrine. I realize that I, and everyone who teaches the Bible, shall stand accountable to God in the day of judgment for the things we teach.

Study these letters and articles and decide for yourself the truth. One of the local Baptist preachers made the statement to Ira Woodward that he wouldn't change if proven wrong. I ask you in all love and sincerity, if that the sort of man you want to trust with the salvation of your soul? I write this in hope that you will not take the word of any man but trust in the word of God, prove the things preached before accepting them.

My hearts desire and prayer for Mr. Burrow and others who are living and preaching in error is that they will see the error of their way before it is too late.

Claude Miller

NEWS

As this paper goes to press we are engaged in a Mission meeting at Camp.

The meeting at Welcome Hill resulted in two baptisms. It is reported that the meeting at Sturkie resulted in ten baptisms.

Bro. L. N. Moody of the Main and Oak Streets church in Jonesboro, Ark. will do the preaching in a series of meetings beginning September 30 and continuing through October 9. We urge all to attend. Bro. Moody is a very capable gospel preacher and you will do well to hear him each evening. Portions of the meeting will be broadcast over KALM.

SHORTS

One dog barks at something, and a hundred bark at the sound.

You can't make a hit with the bat on your shoulder.

To pray when one is sick only or in trouble is like writing a letter only when one wants to borrow money.

It's proper to be on the right track, but if you sit down there you'll get run over.

No criticism was ever heard of Jesus until he started telling people about their sins and that they were going to hell unless they repented. Then they said he had a demon, was

a blasphemer, a sinner, and was worthy of death.

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A WISE MAN HAS SAID

If you want to go up, step down,
If you want to be seen, get out of sight;

If you want to be great, forget yourself.

Do not get discouraged, it may be the last key in the bunch that opens the door.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made the one and the tailor the other—Don't judge a man by his family—for Cain belonged to a good family—Don't judge a man for his seeming failure in life—for many a man fails because he is too good and too honest to cheat in order to succeed. Don't judge a man by the house he lives in—the lizard and the rat often inhabit the greatest of structures.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the word, Rom. 10:17.

Believe, Acts 16:31; John 8:24.

Repent, Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38.

Confess, Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10.

Be Baptized, Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16.

Live Faithful, Rev. 2:10.

Repentance before faith is an intellectual impossibility. How would it be possible for a person to repent with reference to God in whom he did not believe. Furthermore, it is a scriptural impossibility. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6. But if repentance precedes faith it could not be well-pleasing because without faith it is impossible to please God. —Gospel Light

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of your choice may be sound commercially, but it is unsound scripturally, for such promotes division and destroys the unity for which Christ prayed when he said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. That all may be one, as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. John 17:20-21.

SERIOUS THINGS TO CONSIDER BY AN ELDER

Aubrey Vanwinkle — Bay, Ark.

If I really believed that one church was as good as another, I would be interested in all the churches in my locality. I would visit each and ask about their welfare. I would divide my money between them and also my time. I would be afraid to neglect one because if it failed, I would feel responsible. Anyone who believes that one church is as good as another could not be envious or prejudiced. He would sing the praises of each.

There are many reasons why I cannot believe that one church is as good as another. The apostle Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians about their divisions. He told them that where there is divisions there is evil. I Cor. 3:3. In I Cor. 1:13 he asked them who died for them? and called attention unto who's name they were baptized in. We can see that he wanted them to be one. His mind was in harmony with Christ's when the Saviour prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:21. Paul was one with Christ.

The world realizes something is wrong. There are too many different stories. Lo! here. Lo! there. Confidence in their fellowmen leads many to fail to see that the error is in division. When Paul wrote the Corinthian letter he said "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and

that he arose the third day according to the scriptures." ICor. 15:3-4. When he gave an account of his conversion in Acts 22 he said, Ananias told him to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins." He obeyed the Death, Burial and resurrection of Christ in baptism as he explained to the Roman brethren. Rom. 6. The Lord then added Paul to the church as he does all the saved. Acts 2:47. He will add anyone today to the same church if they will obey the same gospel that Paul obeyed. When Paul's sins were washed away he was saved and the Lord added daily to the church such as should be saved. There is the record of many conversions in the book of Acts and if all those converted were added to the one church by the Lord himself, don't you think it would be much safer than joining one of the modern denominations? In Eph. 4:5-6 Paul said, One Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God. In verse 4 he said one body, one spirit, and one hope. The same apostle who said 'one body' said the body is the church in Col. 1:18. The church is big enough for all the saved just as the Ark that Noah built was big enough to hold all the saved. All the redeemed were in the Ark. The Lord adds to the church that should be saved. Won't you be added to it?

YOUTH AND CHRISTIANITY

Clovis Ragsdale

One of the worst habits that young people can indulge in is the use of intoxicating drink. God's word strictly forbids the use of strong drink by Christians. Gal. 5:21 tells us that drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

A person cannot be himself while under the influence of strong drink. We might say that a drunk man is a man temporarily insane. His reasoning power is taken away and is, in fact, on a plane with the animals of the field.

While under the influence of alcohol men have committed all manner of crimes. These same people in their sane and sober moments were known as honorable and respectable people.

Solomon tells us that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and

whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1. Whiskey is within easy reach of everyone. Radios, television, printed matter is advertising whiskey in glowing terms. The writer can remember when the laws of the land prohibited the sale of intoxicants. Even though whiskey was sold illegally by 'bootleggers,' yet there was far less drinking than in our present day. Many today, drink 'socially.' This is often the first step in becoming a drunkard.

A Christian cannot afford to use whiskey even though he may not drink to excess because drinking is looked upon as sinful by everyone. Drinking will destroy the influence that every Christian needs to win souls to Christ.

Drinking is harmful to the body and the mind. When one drinks repeatedly it has shattering effects upon the nervous system. Paul tells us in Romans 12:1 that we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice unto God. Our body is the temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells. We cannot glorify God in our bodies by taking a poison unto our bodies which we know will wreck our health and ruin our minds. A description of whiskey and what it will do is to be found in the twenty-third chapter of Proverbs. "Be not among winebibblers; among riotous eaters of flesh; for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when moveth itself aright. At the last it biteeth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

If young people will never allow strong drink to touch their lips they will be spared the temptations that have drowned countless millions in the mire of sin, and doomed them to eternal punishment.

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendships, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

—Basil