

us look things square in the face. There is lots of playing church nowadays.

Building church houses and organizing churches not always serving God or making Christians. But adhering to the principles and teachings of our Lord doth both. I think there is some times too much stress put on sister churches.

The church is not the way or door to heaven, but Christ is a church that disregards the principle and teachings of God is a synagogue of Satan. The great apostle of the Gentiles says there are some that have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof, from such withdraw thyself.

This power is the spirit of Christ, for if we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of his.

Brother Crooks says the cause of Christ is suffering, so it is, and will as long as those who cause the suffering don't confess and repent. There is no other way given. The only cure for sin is through this channel. It matters not how plausible your plan may be. Paul says, "Shall we do evil that good may come?" God forbid. It matters not whether you are a preacher, or an elder, or a bishop, this is the end. You must comply with the conditions set forth in the word.

Now as far as names are concerned this don't amount to much if this is all the way we can distinguish between ourselves, we are in a leaky boat. We must be living epistles known and read by all men.

Now Brother Crooks says he don't think the cause of Christ is strengthened by saying cutting things even though they are true. Well, I do, John the Baptist lost his head for doing this and Christ said you are of your father the Devil, and he was a liar and the father thereof. He did not hesitate to say to those in high authority, ye hypocrites and whited sepulchres. He said he came not to bring peace on earth but a sword. The right against the wrong, the truth against a lie, and it cost him his life.

In a sense we are admonished not to say smooth things, but show Israel his sins and Jacob his faults. To cry aloud and spare not. Not to daub with untempered mortar. But to declare the whole counsel of God. The world is not to be saved by smooth sayings but with the truth.

Solomon says buy the truth and sell it not. I read in the Acts of the Apostles that Peter on the day of Pentecost, unsheathed the Gospel sword and drove it clear to the heart of the Jews. By saying that, they with wicked hands, had crucified and slain Christ.

What we need now is the same as of old, to abstain from the very appearance of evil and not compromise with the world, and don't say peace! peace! for there is no peace for the wicked saith my

God. We must be Israelites in whom there is no guile, for God is not mocked, if we sow to the flesh we will reap corruption. But if to the spirit then life everlasting. True charity is to reprove the world of sin and judgement to come. Hit Liberalism hard wherever you find it. It is no new thing. It is in all churches. Paul was bothered with it and Balaam taught it and it worked ruin to the church of old.

May God help us to be more firm and steadfast, ever abounding in the truth of God and resist and rebuke all sin with all authority for this is the love of God which passes all understanding.

Adamic Perfection.

REV. D. W. BAKER.

We learn that the perfect man is the mirror of God. Man was made of the dust of the earth; for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return. The first man was of the earth; the second man was the Lord from Heaven, and as is the earthy such are they also that are earthy; and as is the Heavenly such are they also that are Heavenly. I Cor. 15. We have always heard that we do not attain to adamic perfection. Then Christ's death and resurrection was not complete in the restoration of the race of Adam, for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Adam was under law, and his disobedience brought spiritual death. God decreed that man was of the dust, and to attain to Heaven, and have a body like unto his heavenly body, we would have to be translated, for like begets like. Adam was made before God created the animals and fowls of the earth and air. They were created out of the ground and Adam named them. Adam had spiritual intercourse with his maker before he disobeyed by partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There was no condemnation so long as he was obedient to God. Sin entered and spiritual death ensued, and Adam was ashamed and hid himself—hid himself how, by disobedience. There is, therefore, no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death, for in that the law was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh. What more does Adamic perfection accomplish for us than Christian perfection? Is not God no respecter of persons? Is mercy under the mosaical law different from grace? Was not Jesus Christ the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world, the same yesterday, to-day and forever. "I am God, I change not." Adam had no preeminence over any other of his posterity. Life is real, life should be

earnest and the grave is not its goal. Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul. Paul says God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past, unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, for he says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." My spirit shall not always strive with man. The same actions under the Adamic age brings the same results. Under the Christian dispensation the sting of death is sin.

"Thy sins have separated me from you," God says he cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Sin is dishonoring all along down through the ages. It commenced with Adam, but the last Adam was made a quickening spirit; the same amount of grace that saved Enoch will save us, and enable us to rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

That Virginia Decision.

REV. J. E. HOTT.

In a recent issue of the *Telescope* it is claimed that the court decided in favor of the Liberals on the merits of the case. The decision is that the statute, 1,400 of the code does not govern cases where the deed was made prior to the statute. That the law is *ex post facto*. In consequence the deed for the Fairview church governs the case and holds the property. Now, that deed is special and deeds the property for the use and benefits of the United Brethren of that neighborhood, all of whom belong to the Radicals, so the property is ours under the deed. That is all there is of the case so far as we are concerned. But in relation to others the case is important. This decision will give the churches and church property now held by the Southern Methodists and Southern Presbyterians to the old churches in cases where the deeds were executed prior to the war. In plain words it reverses the law of the State governing church property. This, however, is only in that district. I am repeatedly asked to appeal the case and have it reversed, as I am assured the Supreme Court will readily do. I see no reason for it. Let the court reverse its own mistake or abide consequences.

ObeY Your Parents.

AUNT LYDIA GOBLE.

I am so glad that I always obeyed my parents when I was a little girl, and now that I am old, the thought makes me feel glad. When they would say, go, I ran, and then they would praise me and that would encourage me to still do more to please them. Then when my school days came around, how I did want to be good and please my teacher. He did not have to correct me