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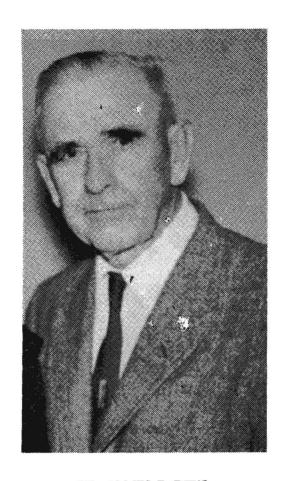
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DR. JAMES F. DEW

"James F. Dew, Dedicates his part of this book to his loyal wife, Lelia Mina Dew".

FOREWORD

Dr. James F. Dew and I have had three or four public oral discussions, each defending his respective belief, and denying the justification of some of the things taught and practiced by the other. Yet we have made a practice of, although vehemently, contending we are still friends. We contend without being contentious, disagree without being disagreeable.

Although there have been debates published, and many books written, John said if all the good things were recorded "I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." (John 21:25).

But a discussion between the church of Christ and the Baptist chuch has not been published in quite some time and some of the thoughts herein contained have never been offered the reading public, therefore we make no apology but place this, the premeditated truth, as we see it, after having come together and reasoned on these important Bible themes, (Isa., 1:18. Read also Proverbs, 25:9), before the reading public.

We pray that you will consider well, after a thorough unbiased study of the subjects discussed, then if you have learned one truth or gotten one iota of good from it, our labor has not been in vain. And if you will let us know what you have learned to help you, we will rejoice with you (Rom. 12:15). May the Lord bless this work to his glory and satisfaction as it goes forth to humanity, the offspring of God, Acts, 17:28,29.

J. Porter Wilhite



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Wilhite's First Affirmative

PROPOSITION: "BAPTISM is FOR (in order to) the remission of past sins, to the proper subject, and without water baptism, there is no promise of remission of sins, and the Bible so teaches."—

Friends: I signed that as my affirmative, expecting to prove it.

DEFINITIONS: "FOR" I mean, as indicated in parenthesis, "In order to". Remission of sins", to get rid of sins. "Proper subject a believer" who has repented, without water baptism, NO baptism. Promise of remission, or forgiveness of sins already committed. The promise is to those who obey, including baptism. Bible. We all agree.

One thing we all know, and that is that there are commandments in the New Testament! The difference between Dr. Dew and myself, as well as between the Baptist church and the Bible is that the Bible and I say we must obey all commandments applicable to us, while Dr. Dew will distinguish between divine commands, saying at least one, baptism, is not necessary to our salvation. I would like to know where he learned that! Where is remission of sin promised?

Remember, Jesus is the author of ETERNAL SALVATION to those who obey him, Heb. 5:9, and he will take vengeance on those who do not OBEY THE GOSPEL, (II Thes. 1:8) The only place that tells us how one rejects — REFUSES — God's gracious council is where they refuse to be baptized, Luke 7:29, 30. How can we know when we have obeyed to the satisfaction of the Lord unless we obey all commands applicable to us? Are we saved any way? Dew will not tell us. He doesn't answer questions. Watch and see!

"This is his commandment, that we should BELIEVE" I. John 3:23. Dew says we MUST obey that or be lost. I agree. "Now commandeth all men every where to REPENT" Acts 17:30. Again, Dr. Dew says that commandment MUST be obeyed if saved, and again I agree. BUT "He commanded them to be

BAPTIZED" Acts 10:48. Dew throws up his hands in holy horror and says that command "has NOTHING to do with salvation of the soul." The same inspired Book commanded that one that commanded the others. To me, it means just as much, but to Dew and man ruled churches it doesn't. Here is a question Dew will not answer: By what method do you distinguish between divine commandments? Readers see if he answers! He would if he could and hold up his erroneous, yet popular doctrines. WHERE IS REMISSION PROMISED?

Too, I would like all, especially Baptist, remember exactly where he put water baptism, he puts the Baptist church, because you can't have a Baptist church without water baptism. They stand or fall together! He will tell you one MUST be baptized to get into the Baptist church, but he says you can get to heaven an easier way. In other words, you can be a Christian without water baptism, but you can't be a Baptist without it, therefore HE makes a difference between a Baptist and a Christian!

We agree that one must believe to be saved, but some believers were not saved. John 12:42, I Cor. 13:2, I Cor.15:2, James 2:19. What makes the difference? OBEDIENCE, of course, since God is no respecter of persons, Heb. 5:9. First Gentile group said they would hear ALL commandments of God. Dew will not do that. He is misleading you. Acts 10:33, I John 2:3,4.

A man asked "Sirs, what must I do TO BE SAVED?" Acts 16:30. He was informed that he and his family must become BELIEVERS. In becoming believers, even at midnight, they were baptized, then it is said they all BELIEVED, Acts 16:30-34. Did you ever know of a modern Baptist preacher baptizing people at midnight like this? After baptism these people were called BELIEVERS, but Saul persecuted BELIEVERS, Acts 22:19. What kind of believers were persecuted? THE CHURCH, or BAPTIZED men, Acts 8:3. Thus we see what Jesus means when he said the baptized believer will be saved, Mark 16:16. These words from one after being raised from the dead! Will you accept them or be like Abraham said some would be, Luke 16:30? Friends, where is the promise of remission of sins?

Salvation is IN Christ, II Tim. 2:10. ONLY ONE way told how to get INTO Christ, and that is for the penitent believer to be baptized INTO him, Rom. 6:3. Can one be saved OUT OF CHRIST? No answer by Dew! Where is the promise of remission? In some sense "BAPTISM DOTH NOW SAVE US." BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE US. Which will it be? Jesus told Saul he MUST do what he was told to do Acts, 9:6. He was told to arise and be baptized and wash away his sins, Acts 22:16. Did he have to do it? When were you, Dr., born of water? In the Bible, is resurrection after death, ever referred to as a birth? PLEASE ANSWER ME!

Dew's First Negative

Distinguished Opponent and Kind Readers:

Your decision of whether Baptism helps to save your soul, or whether Salvation is before and without Baptism, will determine whether you go to a Topless Heaven or Bottomless Hell. Therefore, read carefully and consider prayerfully all we say.

1. My oppent says (his article I, Paragraph 2) "The DIF-FERENCE between us is that I say we must obey ALL commandments APPLICABLE to us. Dr. Dew will distinguish between Divine commands."

The word "applicable" is NOT in the entire Bible. Since APPLICABLE is NOT in The Bible, How can you know which commands are "APPLICABLE" to Salvation? Can you afford to follow a leader who not only places his salvation, but Y-O-U-R Salvation on a word NOT IN THE BIBLE?

- 2. He says, "Dr. Dew will distinguish between Divine commands." REPLY: Commands on Salvation are stated both positively and Negatively. "REPENT and BELIEVE" Mark 1:15. (Note Christ put Repentence BEFORE Faith, Mt. 21:32). In Lk. 13:5 Jesus said, "EXCEPT ye Repent." In Jn. 3:18 Christ said "believeth NOT." Then in Jn. 1:12-13, "Power to become Sons of God, that BELIEVE, which were BORN . . . of God". In Jn. 3:3 "EXCEPT ye be born again." Baptism is not so stated.
- 3. If my opponent will find one verse in the Bible with Negative: "EXCEPT YE BE BAPTIZED ye SHALL PERISH," in The Bible, I'll surrender and admit Baptists are wrong. Will he accept?
- 4. Eld. Wilhite (1-2) asks; "Where is REMISSION OF SINS?" REPLY: "The BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL SIN" (I Jn. 1:7). The Blood of Jesus is NOT in the water of baptism, hence baptism cannot have any part in the remission of sins.

5. My opponent says (1:3), "vengeance on those who OBEY NOT The Gospel" (2 Thes. 1:8), which he infers includes baptism. REPLY: The Gospel is the story of Death, Burial and Ressurrection of Christ, I Cor. 15:1-4. No baptism is in Gospel.

HOW DO WE OBEY THE GOSPEL?

Not by any physical act of baptism, nor intellectual act of HEAD-faith. Devils have HEAD-faith, Jas. 2:19. The Heart can REJECT, harden, DISobey, Heb. 3:8. The ONLY ACT of obedience any heart can do it TRUST, BELIEVE, Romans 10:9-10.

- 6. In baptism the body and heart are PASSIVE. In OBEYING the Heart is ACTIVE. Rom. 6:17. The body is baptized AFTER the Heart OBEYS by BELIEVING. Ro. 10:9, RECEIVING, Jn. 1:12.
- 7. As to Luke 7:29 teaching baptism saves, Christ said: "THY FAITH HATH SAVED THEE, Go in Peace," Lk. 7:50.
- 8. Will Eld. Wilhite answer YES or NO, Jesus was exactly right in saying, "Thy FAITH hath SAVED thee," Lk. 7:50?
- 9. My opponent should know Acts 10:48 does not teach baptism is "in order to remission of sins," for Acts 10:45 says, "was poured out the gift of The Holy Spirit" upon them. John 14:17 says of The Holy Spirit. "Whom the world canNOT recieve." Receiving Holy Spirit, Acts 10:45, proves in Acts 10:47 were ALREADY SAVED BEFORE BAPTISM. It kills baptismal remission of sins. Also read Acts 10:43.
- 10. In 1--7 he asks: "Did you ever know of a Baptist preacher of modern times who baptized at midnight?." REPLY: Yes. In Fall of 1920 when I preached my last sermon in Trees, La. Frenchman with artificial arm, with whom I had talked and prayed was saved in M. E. Revival. He wanted me to baptize him. That night the Baptist Church BOUND (voted, Mt. 16:19) him into the church, and we went out to a clear pool, near an old oilwell. As they held flashlights, James F. Dew led this dear brother into the water and buried him "the same hour of the

night," exactly like Jesus Christ.

- 11. Eld. Wilhite says (1-8) "the only way to get into Chirst is to be baptized into Him, Rom. 6:3." REPLY: Read Ephesians 2:10: "CREATED in Christ Jesus." We are first DIVINELY "CREATED" in Christ (Eph.2:10), then we are SYMBOLICALLY baptized into Christ, Gal. 3:26-27. Baptism as the Supper (John 6:53) is SYMBOLIC, not procurative.
- 12. My opponent asks (1-8) "Baptism doth now save us. or does not save us. Which will it be?" **REPLY:** Why did he not quote the first part of that verse (I Peter 3:21)?

"The LIKE FIGURE whereunto Baptism doth now save us." In the Greek "LIKE FIGURE" is Anti-TUPOS. Saves in FIGURE or PICTURE. In Romans 5:14 is "Adam, who is a FIGURE of Him that was to come." "Figure" in Greek is "TUPOS". Baptism is no more a part of salvation than Adam was a part of Christ. Both are FIGURES, TYPES, PICTURES.

13. Salvation is a BIRTH (Jn. 3:3). Baptism is a BURIAL, (Col. 2:12). Burial at the END of life canNOT produce a BIRTH at the beginning of life.

Wilhite's Second Affirmative

Friends,

"Baptism is FOR (in order to) the remission of past sins, to the proper subject, and without water baptism, there is no promise of remission of sins, and the Bible so teaches."

- 2. This has been established by citing 24 scriptures in its defense, with only SIX of them noticed slightly and most of my questions ignored. Don't blame the doctor, blame the doctrines, they all do that way. But at the outset I wish to give my endorsement to the best statement Dew had in his article. You can decide your eternal destiny by "reading carefully, and considering prayerfully," what takes place during this discussion. If you are willing to act as prejudice, and accept just what commands you wish, ignoring others, like Dew does, I fear your eternal destiny. Acts 10:33. Even Dew himself said: "It is illogical, unreasonable and unscriptural to separate . . . one command from all other commands" (Flag of Truth, Nov. 1945 p. 5)
- 3. If my opponent were interested in truth, and the salvation of souls, instead of gaining a victory, which he CANNOT do. he would not dodge and refuse to answer pertinent questions. He asked ONE, and said I wouldn't answer, but I AM. YES JESUS WAS RIGHT IN LUKE, 7:50. Is that plain? Why don't you do it that way? Because your doctrines contradicts itself is why. Are you going to lose your soul and lead others off the straight way? Remember some rejected God by refusing to be BAPTIZED, Luke 7:29,30.
- 4. He wants me to quote the first part of I.Pet.3:21 which I will do, then all of you can see that was only a dodge, because it doesn't change the meaning one speck. "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also NOW SAVE US." There It is Dew! He will not answer yet, watch and see if he does Don't blame the Dr., blame the doctrines. It can't stand the pressure, friends.
- 5. Doctor, why don't you think ahead and not get into so

many traps? If you do though I will baptize you, as you know. So you just can't change from a church NOT one time mentioned in the Bible; yet you say the word "APPLICABLE" is not in the Bible. That is quite a feat for a man of your standing step into such a trap. Defending a church whose name is not in the Bible, yet accuse me of using a word not in the Bible.

- 6. "They that HEAR shall live" John 5:25. That is a promise. Looking forward. He will give POWER, to "BECOME THE SONS OF GOD" WHO? The believer. John 1:12. So belief also points forward "Godly sorrow WORKETH REPENTANCE TO SALVATION" II Cor. 7:10 therefore when one repents he is still looking forward, so where is remission of sins? "With the mouth CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION" Rom.10:10. Confessing what he has already believed, but still looking forward to remission of sins. So we BELIEVE UNTO (Toward), Rom. 10:10, repent UNTO LIFE (Acts, 11:18) confess UNTO SALVATION (Rom. 10:10), then ready to be BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST, Rom. 6:3". We are the only people who teach such great and lasting truths, all of which is a part of the GOSPEL. The good news, or glad tidings.
- 7. Dr. Dew keeps saying death, burial and ressurrection constitute the WHOLE gospel. Are you defending the gospel, in this debate? Gospel make Christians, Paul, (Rom. 1:16), Dew says baptism is NO PART of the gospel, but baptism "is a prerequisite to full privileges of church membership" (Flag of Truth by Dew Nov. 1945, p. 15), Baptism make Baptists, gospel make Christians, and baptism is no part of gospel. Poor Dew, from one trap into another. "To disobey God is sin" (Ibid, Aug. 1945 p. 12).
- 8. In his speech, Dew said: "In baptism the BODY and HEART are PASSIVE" but in his paper said: "Baptism is a WORK OF MAN" (F of T. June, 1945, p. 18). A plain contradiction, which goes with Baptist doctrines. Its the doctrines, I tell you. Is one passive, or is it a work, Dew?
- 9. According to Dr. Dew that work prepares one for the wedding and Honeymoon Jesus will take with—NO NOT ALL CHRISTIANS—but Baptist. One must be BAPTIZED to be a

Baptist, therefore the Dr. has surrendered to my teaching. HE MUST BE BAPTIZED TO GET ALL OF HEAVEN. "WEDDING GARMENT REPRESENTS BAPTISM" (F. of T. June, 1961, p. 9. "The greatest blessing of heaven will be in bride" (F of T. Feb. 1961 p. 16) "Jesus will have only one wife, composed entirely and exclusively of Missionary, Bible Baptist churches" (Ibid. Aug. 1945, p. 13):

- 10. He says the wedding is future, yet claims that children are being born. Surely Baptists can see what Dew is calling them, being born out of wedlock.
- 11. Dew's anxiety to answer ONE question caused him to tell about baptizing a man, "the same hour of the night, like Jesus was." People don't laugh, Dew is serious. He makes rash statements.
- 12. Not knowing HOW nor WHY, but he knows baptism has nothing to do with entering INTO Christ, Rom. 6:3, and he knows we are "created IN HIM" to which I agree, but I asked about HOW we enter in. He didn't answer Dr., Jesus died for all. Will they be saved OUT of or IN Him? Where is remission of sins located? He says the blood saved, and again I agree, but HOW do we contact that blood? Shed in his death, Jno. 19:34; HOW do we enter his death? So again I ask is a resurrection from the dead ever called a birth? When were you born of water? Did Saul have to do what Jesus told him he MUST DO? Dew will never, in this world, answer me.

Dew's Second Negative

Distinguished Opponent and Kind Readers:

I call attention to the fact that my opponent by-passed my Reply No. 1. To attempt to obey "applicable" commands is misleading, confusing and impossible, for "applicable" is NOT IN THE BIBLE. Will you trust your soul's eternal destiny to what my opponent calls an "applicable" command, when the word is not in The Bible? It is better to be safe than sorry forever.

15. I closed my reply (No.13) with the statement:

"Salvation is a BIRTH; Baptism is a BURIAL, BURIAL at the END of life canNOT produce BIRTH at the BEGINNING of LIFE." These are self-evident truths.

16. Replying to my question: "Did Jesus tell the truth in Luke 7:50, when He said to the weeping woman "THY FAITH HATH SAVED THEE! Luke 7:50"

my opponent wrote (His paragraph No. 3):

"Yes, Jesus TOLD THE TRUTH."

- 17. Since Christ said that the woman was saved BY FAITH, WITHOUT and BEFORE Baptism, and Eld. Wilhite says "Jesus TOLD THE TRUTH," here is one EXAMPLE of SALVATION WITHOUT, and BEFORE BAPTISM, and my opponent testifies (His paragraph No. 3) IT IS TRUE. Inasmuch as The Bible says there is "ONE Faith" (Eph. 4:5) then all people must be saved alike like this woman AT FAITH and BEFORE BAPTISM. So, away goes his theory of Baptism is for, "in order to," remission of sins.
- 18. In my first reply (No. 3) I offered to surrender, admit my opponent was right and Baptists are wrong, IF he could give just one Biblical verse, reading: "EXCEPT YE BE BE BAPTIZED, ye shall all likewise perish," as of Repent, Lk. 13:3-5) and Believe (John 3:18). What will he say?
- 19. Quoting only a part of what I said in The Flag is mis-

leading. Why didn't he quote the entire sentence? I never said what he says.

20. My opponent declares, quoting ALL of I Peter 3:21. (his No. 4) "does not change the meaning a speck." REPLY: Compare below and see how mistaken he is:

Eld. Wilhite: ". . . baptism doth now save us."

The Bible: "The LIKE FIGURE whereunto even baptism doth also now save us," (I Pet. 3:21).

Consider this illustration:

Eld. J. P. Wilhite is in Houston, Texas

THE LIKE FIGURE

of Eld. Wilhite is in Editor Forrest's magazine, which I have in Ft. Worth, nearly 250 miles from him.

Is there any difference between The Reality. J. Porter Wilhite in Houston, and The Like Figure in Magazine here? Therefore, there is a difference between The REALITY of salvation, and the LIKE FIGURE of salvation, or baptism.

- 21. Salvation is in Christ Jesus, Acts 4:12. Baptism is NO PART of Christ Jesus, (He never baptized, Jn. 4:1). Therefore, Baptism is NOT "in order to remission of sins."
- 22 Eld. Wilhite refers to "the church not mentioned in The Bible," (His 5). Remember, "Church of Christ" is NOT in The Bible, but "Church of God" is (I Cor. 1:2). Why does he not call himself and people "Church of God?" Both names above are in POSSESSIVE Case, but NOMINATIVE in NAME Case.
- 23. He refers to Baptists as "a church not mentioned in The Bible" (His 5). When a Catholic baptizes one he makes that one a Catholic. So of Mormons and Methodists. When John, sent from God, Jn. 1:6; called "BAPTIST" by Divine Inspiration before he preached a word or baptized a person, Mt. 3:1, baptized Jesus Christ (who walked some 60 miles to get a Baptists to baptize Him). This first Baptist outwardly made Jesus a Baptist, as He already was INWARDLY, so the church which Jesus started was a BAPTIST Church.
- 24. Alexander Campbell said he could trace Baptist churches, in every century, back to Christ and the Apostles (Walker

Debate, p. 262). Campbell was baptized by a Baptist, Matthias Luce.

- 25. My opponent says (His 6) "Believe UNto (toward) Romans 10:10; confess UNto Romans 10:10; Repent UNTO SALVATION Acts 11:18; then be Baptized INto Christ, Romans 6:3". That is English. But, the same Greek preposition EIS is used for UNto and INto in all above places. If each Greek word were translated by the same English word where would he be?
- 26. He says in his No. 10, Christ is The Groom; The Church is The Bride and he (Dew) says the wedding is future, yet claims that children are being born—"born OUT of wedlock." His unScriptural theory that the Church is the Mother and Christ The Father of the Believer is UNTRUE. Not one time is Christ said to be our Father. He is the BROTHER of believers (Rom. 8:17). No where is the church declared to be our mother. Paul, speaking of Grace, says, "BUT JERUSALEM which is above is free, WHICH IS THE MOTHER OF ALL", Gal. 4:26. Then, in I Cor. 4:15, the great Apostle under Inspiration wrote: "I (Paul) have BEGOTTEN you through the GOSPEL". Away goes your insinuation that Baptists are illegitimate, and away goes your whole theory of HOW TO BECOME SONS OF GOD.
- 27. Replying to his No. 9, YES, ALL BORN AGAIN Are Going into Heaven. But Heaven is a glorious country (Heb. 11:14 and 11:16), and in that country is THE HOLY CITY (Rev. 21:2) 1600 miles in every direction, which is The Home of The Bride of Christ, and The Invited Guests (Rev. 19:9). ONLY The Bride, or born again ones "bound" in The Kingdom of Heaven (Mt. 16:19) or Baptist Churches (Rev. 1:6 ASV or Greek) and invited guests will occupy the Holy City as their eternal home. I invite you, kind reader, to come to a true Baptist Church, tell your experience of being saved, ask them to bind you therein by their vote, and have the BEST that Heaven offers. A royal welcome awaits you at every true Baptist church. Visit just one.

Wilhite's Third Affirmative

- 1. One can only standaghast and marvel at the reckless ingenuity that would dare lay unholy hands on a scripture involving the destiny of thousands of souls! Why, oh why, will my opponent try to exasperate a friend by ignoring his half time pardner, by refusing to notice arguments or answer a question? Faithful men who study the Bible to get only the meaning and mind of the Holy Spirit could never concoct such ways and means. It is not honest, my friends. In our agreements, Dr. Dew and I agreed to "answer PERTINENT questions in as short a manner as possible "YES or NO." I have asked more than thirty, to have every one ignored. I asked to get his idea, but he refuses to let me know what he believes. How can we debate if he acts so cowardly? I thought surely he would do what he agreed to do.
- 2. Oh ye of little faith! "Birth at the beginning and burial at the end" of life, so the man is baffled. How do the dead hear Jno. 5:25? How is Jesus head and foundation of his church? "With God all things are possible" but Dew don't live by faith, but by sight. Another silly thing he introduced by saying "FIND EXCEPT YE BE BAPTIZED YE SHALL PERISH" and I'll surrender. No you wouldn't! You wouldn't believe if one should rise from the dead and speak to you, as Jesus has, Mark 16:16. You don't believe that. But I'll surrender if you read "EXCEPT YE HAVE FAITH YE SHALL PERISH." Only offer that to show how silly it is. Quit fooling Dew, and get down to debating IF YOU CAN. Exacting a certain wording, so I DEMAND just the word VOTE, which you use freely, also word BAPTIST CHURCH.
- 3. He says "Campbell was baptized by a Baptist" and "I invite you to come to a true Baptist church, ask them to bind you therein by their VOTE, and have the BEST that heaven offers." If Dew hasn't surrendered his position I simply don't know. He says you MUST go through a Baptist church to get the "BEST HEAVEN OFFERS" but you MUST be baptized to get INTO a Baptist church, therefore YOU MUST BE BAPTIZED TO GET ALL, or "THE BEST HEAVEN OFFERS." That

is what he is denying, while I affirm baptism is necessary to that heavenly home. Thanks Dr. if you'll confess, I'll come and baptize you.

- 4. So Campbell, one of my brethren, was baptized by Baptist, but Jesus was baptized by Baptist, says Dew, therefore these two men were brothers. In order to be a brother to Jesus one must do the Father's will (Matt. 12:50), but Campbell in becoming his brother, convinced the Baptist preacher he must be baptized on simple confession that Jesus is son of God, instead of having a vote like Baptists. Dew's apostle Graves said it was "contrary to Baptist usages" (Trilema, p. 192) therefore in going contrary to Baptist teachings one becomes a brother to the Lord. I advise ALL to do that and be safe. But since Dew says ONLY those baptized by a Baptist will get the "BEST heaven offers" Campbell is entitled to that, but Dew was saved by a Methodist.
- 5. Neither did Campbell ever say Baptist churches could be traced back to the Lord, but said they could be traced in name to 1641 which agrees with Baptist Whitsitt, (p. 92).
- 6. WHEN WERE YOU BORN OF WATER DEW? IS A RESURRECTION EVER CALLED A BIRTH IN THE BIBLE? Remember, Jesus, one raised from dead, said "teach them to observe ALL commandments" and that is the WAY we KNOW Jesus. (I John 2:3, 4). We are COMMANDED to BELIEVE, (I John 3:23). We are COMMANDED TO REPENT, (Acts 17:30). We are COMMANDED to be BAPTIZED, (Acts 10:48). Dew, if you don't attempt to explain this, you make an impression on people that do NOT believe it, else just CANNOT EXPLAIN IT. Where is salvation promised? DO-YOU SAY "baptism does NOW SAVE US" or do you say "baptism does NOT SAVE US?" Did Saul have to do what Jesus told him he MUST DO? EXPLAIN YOUR FLAG CONTRADICTIONS!
- 7. "Repent, and be baptized every one of you FOR the remission of sins—I have 19 versions before me. FIVE of them render it "IN ORDER" "THAT YOU MIGHT" etc. FOUR put it "UNTO" or "INTO." TEN say "FOR" all on same Greek word EIS, which was never used as "ON ACCOUNT OF" looking

back up to 1685 (J. W. Wilmart, Baptist, Bap. Quarterly, p. 320). Neither is it thus rendered in any standard translation on earth, and Dew knew it.

- 8. Wilmarth, a great Baptist scholar said this EIS translated "BECAUSE OF" as Dew and modern Baptists translate it is unauthorized, but to translate it "IN ORDER TO" in Acts 2:38, they translate correctly" (Bap. Quarterly, July, 1877, p. 302-5). I offer these to convince my readers and not to convince Dr. Dew, because he has already acknowledged I am right on it, which makes me mighty happy for my long time friend.
- 9. Where does baptism belong, Dr. Dew? Is it connected with law, grace, truth, gospel or error? If you are interested, surely you will help me find it. If you are not, get out of the pulpit. Thayer says EIS expressed the end aimed at, (Lexicon p. 94), Pendleton, the author of your Baptist Church Manual, says it is clear that same person is told to repent that is told to be baptized, (Three Reasons for being a Baptist, p. 20). Goodspeed, a Baptist, translates it "IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR SINS FORGIVEN," to which Baptist C. B. Williams agrees in his version. BUT THERE IS NOT ONE TRANSLATES IT BECAUSE OF AS DEW ARGUES.
- 10. You can't get away from the fact that it saves, I Pet. 3:21; Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16;

It is a part of the new birth, John 3:5,

It puts INTO Christ, Rom. 6:3, where SALVATION IS, II Tim. 2:10. Dew denies all this! I'll see if this draws him out! Thanks.

Dew's Third Negative

Outstanding Opponent and Esteemed Reader:

Elder Wilhite (3rd Affirmative, Paragraph 1) says I have ignored all his many questions. By referring to my No. 2,

I ANSWERED HIS QUESTION

on Divine Commands. "Where is REMISSION OF SINS" in his 7 my 4 fully answered "in Blood of Jesus," (I Jn. 1:7). "Did you ever hear of a modern Baptist preacher baptizing at same hour of night? My No. 10. answer that.

DOES MY OPPONENT ANSWER QUESTIONS?

29. In my No. 13 I said, "Salvation is a BIRTH (Jn. 3:3) Baptism is A BURIAL, Col. 2:2." Then asked "Can BURIAL at the END OF LIFE produce BIRTH at the BEGINNING of life?" In his third affirmative (No. 2) he says:

"Oh ye of little faith! Birth at the Beginning of life. Burial at the End of life So the man is baffled. How do the dead hear?

Jn. 5:25."

I submit that as a classic example of "side-stepping." The SPIRITUALLY DEAD hearing the Life-Giving VOICE of the Son of God (Not being baptized) certainly does not explain my question:

"Can BURIAL at The END of life produce BIRTH at the BEGINNING OF LIFE?"

Spiritual DEATH cannot produce Spiritual LIFE, Job 14:4.

30. Trying to dull my offer: "If you will find EXCEPT ye BE BAPTIZED ye shall all likewise perish, I'll surrender and admit baptism is for the remission of sins", he says Find 'Except ye have faith ye shall all likewise perish, I will surrender'.

REPLY: John 3:18, "He that believeth NOT is condemned already" is a plain, positive negative.

31. "I demand the word VOTE which you use so freely 3-2 REPLY: Voting was practiced in Acts 1:23-26, "gave forth their LOTS" (voted for Matthias). Voting is expressing your CHOICE. (The First Baptist Church members "GAVE LOTS — VOTED) Thayer says that "LOTS" (KLEEROUS), "an object used for drawing LOTS, which was a pebble or potsherd (broken pottery), or bits of wood." In Pergamos that Baptist Church used WHITE and COLORED stones in voting, Rev. 2:17.

The Apostles commanded church members to VOTE, when they said, "LOOK YE OUT" brethren from among you, Acts 6:3.

In Corinth, that Baptist Church voted by RAISING THEIR HANDS, 2 Cor. 8:19 (CHOSEN' CHEIROTONEETHIS) "HAND," (Chiropractor, "hand" doctor). Most Baptist churches vote by the uplifted or RAISED HANDS, the sometimes by SECRET ballot, as "GIVING LOTS."

Paul commanded Corinth church to VOTE to exclude that son committing adultry with his father's young wife," Being GATHERED TOGETHER (Church meeting) DELIVER (PARADOUNAI) such an one to Satan", I Cor. 6:1-5. PARADOUNAI, Thayer defines "giving out or including", so "BINDING or LOOSING".

The church in Rome RECEIVED (VOTED) Sister Phoebe IN Rom. 16:2.

The Baptist Church organized by Christ was COMMAND-ED, if a personal visit & visit by Committee failed, to let an offender be as "an HEATHEN or PUBLICAN," VOTED OUTSIDE church Mat. 18:15-18. Church voting in earthly life of Christ destroys the MAN-MADE theory "church organization on Pentecost."

32. Eld. Wilhite says: "You must go thru a Baptist Church to get the BEST in heaven" (3:3) Dew writes. "But you must

be baptized to get into a Baptist church." REPLY: I said "YOU CAN BE SAVED AND GET INTO HEAVEN WITHOUT BAPTISM but you must get into a Baptist Church to get The Best that is in heaven. My opponent denies you can even get into heaven without BAPTISM. In so doing he makes himself and those baptizing "in order to the remission of sins" MEDIATORS. The Inspired Bible says there is "ONE MEDIATOR, CHRIST" I Tim. 2:15. Hence he and Dew are poles apart. But, Eld. Wilhite and Catholic priests and Mormon elders are jammed up shoulder to shoulder as HUMAN MEDIATORS, all baptizing "for or in order to the remission of sins."

- 33. You get into heaven THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS (1 Jn. 1:7, Isa. 53:11), and the IMPUTED righteousness of Jesus Christ (Rom. 4:5-8). But, you must be "BOUND" (Mt. 16:19) into a Baptist church and Scripturally baptized to get into The Bride of Christ, and get The BEST in heaven, (Mt. 11:11).
- 34. My opponent avers (3:4) "Since Alexander Campbell was baptized by a Baptist preacher he is entitled to the best in heaven." Thank you for declaring you got baptism from Baptists. BUT, No Baptist Church voted Campbell into its membership, nor authorized anyone to baptize him. Matthias Luce, "a loose" Baptist immersed Campbell, and the thing has been "loose" at both ends ever since.
- 35. In his 3:5 he says, "Neither did Campbell ever say Baptist Churches could be traced back to the Lord." REPLY: WALKER-CAMPBELL DEBATE, Page 262:

"The Baptists can trace their origin to the Apostolic times and produce UNEQUIVOCAL testimony of their existence in EVERY CENTURY down to the present time" (in 19th Century). You cannot deny what "popper" Campbell has written down.

36. "Dew was saved by a Methodist." That is just another one of my distinguished opponent's errors. Dew was saved by Jesus Christ His sins were washed away with Blood of Jesus as the dying thief, without baptism. Dew was in a Methodist meeting house, but Jesus Christ did the saving.

- 37. Eld. Wilhite is dying hard (3-6) on "Salvation is a BIRTH, Jn. 3:3. Baptism is a BURIAL, Col. 2:12, and Burial at the END of life does not produce LIFE at BEGINNING of LIFE.
- 38. Resurrection occurs over 40 times in The Bible, but not 1 time is it said to be a birth. I do not believe in ADDING to, SUBTRACTING from, nor REarranging The Bible. If a man says "resurrection is a birth" he has killed "baptism in order to remission of sins." Resurrection comes AFTER a DEATH and burial. If resurrection be called "birth", the one resurrected had died the OLD ADAMIC NATURE was DEAD before it was buried in baptism so down goes baptismal remission. Hence you baptize a SHEEP and NOT A GOAT to kill it. Thank you for that "strained" exposition of Scripture.
- 39. "Does Baptism save us?" he asks (3:6). Why does Eld. Wilhite continue to OMIT the first part of I Peter 3:21? It reads: "The LIKE FIGURE whereunto even baptism doth now save". A FIGURE is a LIKENESS, a TYPE, a PICTURE, but NOT the real, genuine thing. A picture of Eld. Wilhite is NOT LIV-ING Wilhite. The BREAD and FRUIT of the vine in Lord's Supper are NOT literal flesh and Blood of Christ. They are symbols, types, pictures of Christ's death on the cross. Supper and Baptism are both Church ordinances, hence BOTH ARE SYMBOLIC. As Adam was a FIGURE, type, picture of Christ, Ro. 5:14, so Baptism is a FIGURE or TYPE (TUPOS) of Christ. Anti-TUPOS and TUPOS are used in Rom. 5:14 and I Pet. 3:21.
- 40. Regarding his 19 versions (3:7) on EIS meaning FOR in Acts 2:38, ONE Bible EXAMPLE is better than ALL men. Christ said: "The Ninevites repented EIS the preaching of Jonah, Mt. 12:41. They did NOT repent "in order to" Jonah going 500 mi. to preach to them. They repented EIS, BECAUSE OF, Jonah going some 500 miles and preaching to them Never one time is EIS defined "in order to." So, Good-bye, "in order to."

Wilhite's Fourth Affirmative

Reader Friends,

"Baptism is FOR (in order to) the remission of past sins, to the proper subject, and without water baptism, there is no promise of remission of sins, and the Bible so teaches" is what I am affirming, and what Dr. Dew has virtually admitted. I asked SEVERAL times where is remission of sins promised? He refused to answer, as he did several other questions, but says: "It is certainly hypocritical for a scholar like Dr. James (Dr. Jas. Dew? J.P.W.) to, */not answer questions forthrightly and plainly. But how could Dr. James hold his place at the pie counter** and honestly answer brother Owens?" (Flag, 5/60 p. 18). His refusal was to keep me from exposing him earlier, but it must come Dew so here we go! He says it takes BAPTISM to get in the Baptist church, and the Baptist church members are the ONLY ones who get the "BEST heaven offers" so any one can see baptism is necessay to their full pardon and enjoyment of heaven. A complete unconditional surrender! Have you guit eating PIE, Dr?

- 2. I showed baptism is a command just like faith is. In his first negative he said BAPTISM is PASSIVE, I chided him about it, because he has said many times "BAPTISM is a HUMAN WORK." Can honest people follow such contradictions? Don't blame the Dr. blame the DOCTRINES, because they all do that way, in tights! Too, he makes a difference between God's commands, teaching FAITH is essential, but BAPTISM is not, yet he has said "It is illogical, unreasonable and unscriptural to separate ONE COMMAND FROM OTHERS" (Flag. 11/45 p. 5). He is inconsistent, but true to Baptist doctrines
- 3. He demanded a negative for baptism, before he believes it is equal to command to believe, so here goes: "EXCEPT a man be BORN of WATER and SPIRIT HE CANNOT ENTER INTO KINGDOM OF GOD" Jno. 3:5. Jesus said that before his crucifixion, then after it, he said to Saul, You MUST do what you are told to do, had Ananias tell Saul to be BAPTIZED to wash away his sins, Acts 22:16, thus TWICE we are taught we

MUST BE BAPTIZED, to get "best heaven offers." He says any thing not found in the Bible is unscriptural and brand the Bible as false. He also said if NOT in Bible "is the best evidence against it" (Ibid, p. 4). Where is your imagined BRIDE? How do we get INTO Christ? Bible sets ONLY ONE WAY, BAPTIZED INTO HIM, Rom. 6:3. Again I ask "Is baptism connected with law, grace, truth, gospel or error? He doesn't answer, but did promise to, is our agreement.

- 4. Dew and Baptist boast that brother Campbell was baptized by a Baptist but when I showed Christ was too, which made the two brothers, Dew takes "back water" and says "the thing has been loose at both ends ever since" because the man's name was Luce. But you can't get away from the fact that it made Campbell part of YOUR imagined BRIDE, while at same time it cuts John Baptist, David and many other saints out of "BEST HEAVEN OFFERS."
- However, Dew, as his custom, gets on both sides of the fence by quoting Campbell approvingly when he wants him to say Baptist churches can trace themselves back to John. Campbell said "Baptists can trace their origin" but did not say as Dew said "Baptist churches can be traced back." Instead he said "We can give to the Baptist denomination (Church J. P.) a habitation and a name 200 years old" (Mill Harb. Sept. 1841), which agrees with Dr. Whitsitt, Baptist, who said it was 1641. and 200 from 1841 makes 1641 (Question in Bap. History, p. 92). If Dr. Dew had acted honest, he would have read Campbell's definition of Baptists in history on same page of the book he quoted: "To require faith or repentance, as previous to baptism in water, in the name or into the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.... All that believe and baptize in this way, are baptists, ... I NOW proceed to show that the baptists have existed in every century from the Christian era to the present day." Meaning some practiced immersion!.
- 6. At the end of life people are buried—baptism is a burial, and NOT a birth, reasons Dr. Dew, which comes at the beginning of life. He says I haven't answered that. He is right, I didn't answer it completely. I did my best to bring him out through my questions, When were you born of water? And does the Bible refer to a resurrection as a birth? Dew must have sensed the trap, because like a sly fox, he stayed away

from it. I would have exposed that silly argument before now if he had answered me. Dew agrees Jesus was buried, and resurrected following death, and he is said to have been "FIRST BORN FROM THE DEAD" Col. 1:18, but he was DECLARED TO BE THE SON OF GOD BY HIS RESURRECTION, Rom. 1:4 BY WHAT ACT DID JESUS BECOME THE FIRST BORN? I DARE YOU TO TELL! If his being raised was a birth, and we go through a form of his burial and resurrection in water when baptized, wouldn't our being raised from water, delivered from water, be a birth of water? If not why not? Your own, as you said about Campbell, "popper" J. R. Graves said that was baptism. YOU ACCEPT HIM? Poor Dew!

- 7. I am not calling Dew this, I am quoting Bible: "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened (made alive), EXCEPT IT DIE" I Cor. 15:36. Read it again "You foolish man, the very seed you sow never comes TO LIFE without DYING FIRST" Goodspeed. "You foolish man! the seed that you sow never comes to LIFE unless it DIES FIRST" C. B. Williams. "THOU FOOL, what thou thyself sowest is NOT made ALIVE EXCEPT IT DIE" American Bible Union put out by Baptist Churches. Last three were baptists. Dr., I am sorry to ruin everything for you, but forced to for truth!
- 8. In debate with Dr. Dew, I asked "THE GREEK WORD EIS, IN Acts, 2:38, TRANSLATED FOR IN KING JAMES VERSION OF BIBLE MEANS BECAUSE OF" I gave it to him to sign Jan. 3, 1946. He refused to sign it yet he still argues it. Also to D. N. Jackson best debator Baptist have, he signed added "with reference io" then I asked refer to which, repent or baptize? He said BOTH, which makes them point same direction. I dare Dew to get onto EIS.
- 9. But I fear my space is consumed, let me THANK friend Dew for helping make this my most glorious debate in my life, even though I have baptized some here, DEW himself has made such a concession, and he is my dear friend. Thank God for it too.

Dew's Fourth Negative

Kind Readers:

- 41. Replying to Eld. Wilhite's (4:1), The Bible Says: "The BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son <u>CLEANSETH</u> us from <u>ALL</u> (past, present and future) <u>SINS</u>" I John 1:7. I believe it.
- 42. Quoting what I said re Editor James of Baptist Standard, explaining the infidel, modernistic Revised Standard Version of The Bible, which changes "virgin" to "maiden" (Isaiah 7:14) and omits "only begotten" from John 3:16, does NOT prove "Baptism is IN ORDER TO the remission of PAST SINS. Why not stick to your subject?
- 43. Replying to his 4-1, that you have to be baptized into a Baptist Church to get "THE BEST" in Heaven, does not in the slightest teach "baptism is IN ORDER TO the remission of PAST SINS." ALL BAPTISTS, EVERYWHERE, teach that EVERY BORN AGAIN PERSON IS GOING TO HEAVEN regardless of whether he was baptized, a church-member, eats pork or doesn't eat pork, is circumcised or not circumcised. Salvation does not depend upon HUMAN ACTS. Salvation is a GIFT (Eph. 2:8-10) and you DO NOT WORK FOR ANY GIFT. You work for PAY or REWARDS. Always since John the Baptist and Jesus The Baptist (made a Baptist OUTWARDLY by being baptized by this Baptist preacher, whom he walked over sixty miles to get to baptize Him) there has always been an unbroken line of Baptists and Baptist churches, preaching "REMISSION of sins is AT FAITH and BEFORE baptism," but, if you want to get The BEST in heaven, then you must be VOTED (Mt. 18:19) into a Baptist Church, and be baptized by an ORDAINED Baptest preacher. And such does not hint, squint nor wink at "baptismal remission."
- 44. As to "Baptism being PASSIVE," not only I, but ALL Baptists in ALL the years back to Christ, have ALWAYS preached that Baptism is PASSIVE on the part of the person being baptized. Of course the baptizER is active, but I was talking of the person being baptized. Therefore, to teach that Baptism REMITS, or HELPS to remit, sins makes the baptizER a

MEDIATOR. Hence, baptismal remission brands <u>I Tim. 2:5</u> (ONE Mediator) as false. Anything that contradicts Scripture is false.

45. My opponent's statement (4-2) that "baptism is a command just like faith" is utterly UNScriptural. Faith is stated both Affirmatively (Ac. 16:31) and Negatively (Jn. 3:18), but

BAPTISM IS NOT STATED NEGATIVELY

in the entire New Testament. Therefore it is not and can-NOT the same kind of command as FAITH. He may think so but he cannot give one verse of Scripture to so prove.

- 46. Quoting only a part is misleading and UNFAIR. I challenge him to quote from Flag (11/45, p. 5) The entire sentence. Is he afraid to let the readers see exactly what I said, rather than what he "edited?"
- 47. Eld Wilhite being unable to give even one verse stating baptism NEGATIVELY, like a dying man grabbing a straw, he grabs John 3:5.

Baptism is NOT in 3:5.

John 3:5 says BORN.

Baptism is a BURIAL (Col. 2:12),

As I have repeatedly said, A BURIAL at the END of LIFE is unable to produce birth at the BEGINNING of life.

- 48. Has my astute opponent never thought of the absurdity of saying "born of water" means baptism? The very next verse (Jn. 3:6) says: "That which is born of FLESH is FLESH; and that which is Born of SPIRIT is SPIRIT" Then certainly, since LIKE PRODUCES LIKE, "THAT WHICH IS BORN OF WATER IS WATER." The unfailing law that LIKE PRODUCES LIKE, forever kills his fantastic theory of "baptism is FOR (in order to) remission of PAST sins."
- 49. His signed proposition positively and solemnly declares, "Baptism is for (IN ORDER TO) the remission of <u>PAST</u> sins." This FORCES him to have ANOTHER and a <u>DIFFERENT</u> <u>WAY</u> for remitting sins <u>AFTER BAPTISM</u>, since he only baptizes a person one time. Therefore, his proposition teaches

TWO WAYS OF REMITTING SINS,

or <u>TWO FAITHS</u> on remitting sins. (1) Baptism for remitting Past sins, and (2) ANOTHER WAY for remitting sins committed AFTER BAPTISM. Regardless of how he may teach sins are remitted AFTER Baptism, that teaching SINKS and DOOMS him to defeat, for the Bible says, there is

"ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM (Eph. 4:5).

Remitting <u>PAST</u> sins by BAPTISM is ONE way of remitting of sins, plus ANOTHER and or ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WAY of remitting sins <u>AFTER Baptism</u>, makes TWO WAYS or <u>TWO FAITHS</u> on "How Sins Are Remitted."

To Teach TWO FAITHS ON REMITTING SINS

in his own signed Proposition, condemns and wrecks the Scripturalness of such a proposition. He joins and links up ARM IN ARM with holiness who teach TWO Baptisms.

50. He cannot find a verse in the Bible saying that the way sins are remitted <u>AFTER</u> Baptism, is not the right and Scriptural way to also remit sins BEFORE Baptism. So there his little cob-house goes rolling away—wrecking and ruining and damning poor deluded and deceived souls (1 Jn. 1:7, 1 Pet. 1:18-19, Rev.1:5) 51. His OMITTING a part of Romans 1:4 (just as he omitted a part of sentence of mine in his quotations from The Flag shows how desperately he is trying to bolster his unScriptural doctrine of Baptismal remission. Why did he OMIT part of Romans 1:4? The Bible reads "And declared to be the Son of God

WITH POWER

according to the Spirit of Holiness' by The Resurrection from the dead! This does not teach Christ became the first born or Only Begotten Son by the resurrection. It emphasizes Him receiving Power AFTER His resurrection as Mat. 28:18 says plainly and positively. POWER and NOT Birth is emphasized in Rom. 1:4. So down falls his all.

52. My opponent being unable to prove his proposition by the sacred Scriptures., forsakes The Bible, drags in two liberals C. B. Williams and Goodspeed, the latter from the rank modernistic University of Chicago. When a man leaves The Bible & lugs in Liberals, he cannot find anything in The Bible to prove his proposition. Even his signed proposition LIMITED him to The Bible, but he scrapped the Divine for the human.

53. Kind Reader, Remember that life and death, your eternal destiny in heaven or hell, are involved in this discussion. Can you trust him spiritually, who changes the order of RE-PENTANCE then FAITH, as Jesus Christ did preach (Mk. 1:15), as John The Baptist preached (Ac. 19:4). The order of Repentance first then Faith, as The Apostle Paul preached—Can you trust your soul with the teaching of one, who brazenly declared that when Jesus said: "ye Repented not AFTERWARD that ye might Believe". (Mat. 21:32) is absolutely wrong? Can you follow one who mistakes HEAD-faith (which every devil in hell has, Jas. 2:19) for HEART-Faith (which The Bible requires to be saved Rom. 10:9)? I challenge you, reader, to get upon your knees, confess you are a sinner, have HEAD-faith, ask God to Help you REPENT then BELIEVE from The Heart, and not only have real salvation, but KNOW YOU ARE SAVED.

Wilhite's Fifth Affirmative

Dr. Dew, Friendly Readers,

This is to be my last affirmative on the subject "without baptism there is no promise of remission of sins." I trust in this extra, suggested by Dr. Dew, he will answer my oft repeated questions. Too, this being my last affirmative, I wish to call your attention to what you owe yourself and your God! You have been blessed in many ways, so as Jesus said "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do NOT the things which I say?" (Lk. 6:46). He takes vengeance on those who "obey NOT the gospel" (II Thes. 1:8). Will you yield to the Master, on his own terms? Dew said "Jesus Christ has the right to demand of his servants the meeting of HIS TERMS" (Flag, 11/45, p. 5) and how awful to miss heaven!

- 2. My opponent says I failed to answer his question "Can burial at end of life produce birth at beginning of life?" Until his last, that was never asked, but used as an argument a time or two. I answered his questions! On this, I did my best with questions to draw him out and let him answer his own argument. He refused, so in my fourth paragraphs 6 and 7, I answered him thoroughly. He made no reply, meaning he was satisfied, and surrendered I Cor. 15:36.
- 3. He said I used "A" word not in Bible, but it is used all thru the Bible, even if not that very word Vote, so freely used, as well as his church name. are NOT IN THE BIBLE, and he says a thing not in Bible is "UNSCRIPTURAL" and "brand Bible as FALSE" (Flag, 12/61, p. 4). So his ALL is unscriptural. THANKS!
- 4. All see how he has distinguished between divine commands, discounting baptism, which make Baptist churches, an taking faith, a work (Jno. 6:29) saying SAVED by FAITH ONLY" (Flag, 4/61, p. 15), turning about contradicting that says "Faith ALONE will NOT make a disciple" (Flag, 7/45, p. 10). People don't blame the doctor, blame the doctrines! They can't rightly divide the word.
- 5. They say a Baptist church is a group believing in Christ as a crucified, buried and raised Son of God, having been im-

mersed in name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Claim their church started during life of Jesus, when people DID NOT belive in Christ as a raised Son, because he had not even died. Neither were they baptized by that holy authority, because it was not authorized UNTIL after Jesus was raised, thus you see how they contradict the word of God, and would not, today, fellowship their "mother church!" That is another way of ruining Dew's argument on BAPTIST churches. ONLY, being the Lord's BRIDE when he comes again. Hence another concession. Thanks Dr. Tetotally Wrong!

- 6. By his conceeding that baptism is NOT A WORK, which Baptists long have used as a "sugar stick" against baptism being essential, using Eph. 2:8 as proof, he has ruined ALL Baptist debaters for all time, and no doubt they will think I have converted him. So that is another grand concession for the cause of truth and gospel. Eph. 2:8 is ours. Eh? Don't cry, Dew, just get right, then you can do as well as I do.
- "BAPTISM IS NOT IN JOHN, 3:5" says Dr. Dew, but 7. OTHER Baptist doctors say differently, I'll show you. Dew's reason, one of them is if born of water, since like begets like, we'd be WATER, so I guess he is SPIRIT and no matter, take him Eddietites. Do you ever have headache? Don't have a head, eh? Truth is, at faith begotten of the Father, I Jn. 5:1. (Am. Rev.), develop thru repentance, confession UNTO, then DELIVERED born, of water, when raised, and birth is completed, Jno. 3:5. Yes, other GREAT Baptists say "Nine tenths of Christian family, living and dead, have applied these words to baptism (Wm. Cathcart, Baptist Doctrines p. 85). Even Dew's IDOL, Dr. J. R. Graves agrees with Bible and us on this saying "If **born of water refers to any thing but baptism** we never knew it, **it means nothing else, and no Baptist we ever heard or read of believed otherwise until Alexander Campbell frightened them away from an interpretation that is sustained by the concensus of all scholars of all denominations of all ages" (Tenn. Bapt. Oct. 30, 1886). Surrender to truth.
- 8. Why he gives up on his type and anti-type. Illustrated by saying Melchizedek TYPE of Christ anti-type (TUPOS), so ANTI is superior to type, will Dew agree with Baptist Version

to Bible "eight souls saved thru water, which in antitype immersion, now SAVES YOU". I Peter 3:21? I accept it. Dew? NO.

- 9. Dew will not stay with his argument on order of words, show order of events. Did they slay Jesus before nailing him to cross? Acts 5:30. Were you saved AFTER baptism, Mk. 16:16? This from one raised from dead, Luke 16:30. You accept it Dew? Most of our readers will, because they desire to be saved.
- 10. But I'm challenged to read all Dew said on the following: "It is illogical, unreasonable and unscriptural to separate either mission or money, or Lord's Supper or baptism or any other ONE command from all other commands and treat that one differently from the same great principles that should govern ALL doctrines, or servants in ALL services" (His Caps.) That's the complete paragraph, and NO change in sentiment or thought, as first quoted. Now what'll you say?
- A child is BORN into a family ONLY one time, so in God's family. When a child sins, father corrects it, but it doesn't have to be born again. So in God's family. Simon is a good example, he believed and was baptized, Acts 8:13, thus he was saved, Mark 16:16, then he sinned and was told to repent and pray, ask favor of his father, Acts 8:22 to be saved. That is what I mean by "APPLICABLE." One thing is applicable to alien sinner, another to erring Christian, as most know. Because you don't know "applicable" you mistake when Lord's will came in effect, and say it was during his life time, so I refer you to Heb. 9:16, 17 which shows "NOT WHILE ALIVE," "Do you love Lord if you will NOT do what Bible clearly teaches? **or deliberately disobey him? Answer that please" (Flag 10/45, p. 3) if not, you say you are a "sinner, vile and vicious" (Flag. 7/45, p. 5) "How do you satisfy your own conscience about NOT (OBEYING)" when it is so clear, yet disregard plain commands (Flag 4/46, p. 1). Will you answer your own questions?

THINGS DEW HAS UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDERED:

1. Baptist church name not in Bible. "Best evidence against

it," says Dew.

- 2. Makes a difference between divine commands, which is "Illogical, unreasonable and unscriptural" Dew.
- 3. THREE Baptist Versions of Bible.
- 4. Eph. 2:8.
- 5. Alexander Campbell, on honeymoon, in BRIDE.
- 6. Baptism is essential, because it gives "BEST heaven offers" Dew. And that's what he was denying.

No doubt many will be convinced because of this wonderful debate, wherein the TRUTH has shined so brilliantly, by the help, and acknowledgements of my friend Dr. Dew. Readers, please follow him and come to the truth which will make you free from sin, Jno. 8:32.

Dew's Fifth Negative

Distinguished Opponent and Kind Readers:

Replying to Eld. WILHITE'S "Things Dew Has Surrendered" (his 5-12) Just remember,

DEW HAS NOT SURRENDERED ONE THING.

55. My opponent is like the little boy who said his calf had FIVE LEGS. When doubters visited and counted only 4 legs, the kid said:

"I CALL HIS TAIL A LEG."

Whatever he is calling surrender, you readers know it is misnamed. He is not going to call a tail a leg in this.

56. All the quotations he has given from The Flag, not one helps him. J. R. Graves, Dr. Cathcart and Dr. C. B. Williams opposed baptismal remission. Garbled statements fail to bolster up his unScriptural proposition.

— IN CONCLUSION —

- 57. (1) He is still weeping over his sad mistake of saying salvation depends on obeying "applicable" commands, when "applicable" is NOT in The Bible. How does he tell an "applicable" command from any other command? Will you follow him who departs from 2 Tim. 3:16-17, saying Bible is false?
- (2) I offered to SURRENDER if he could find "except ye be baptized," or "he that is not baptized" is damned. The Book of Mormans says one is "damned" if not baptized, but God's sacred, Holy Bible never so says.
- (3) I have repeatedly quoted Ephesians 2:10, that we are, first, Divinely

"CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS" (Eph. 2:10)

and never has he answered it. We are SYMBOLICALLY baptized into Christ.

- (4) He has not, and can NOT answer.

 "Salvation is a BIRTH (John 3:3)

 Baptism is a BURIAL (Col. 2:12) and

 BURIAL coming at the END of life, CanNOT produce

 Birth at The BEGINNING of life."
- (5) He completely surrendered his proposition (his 2:3) when he answered my question and said:

"YES, Jesus told The TRUTH in Luke 7:50"

"Thy FAITH HATH SAVED THEE" (Lk. 7:50).

Luke 7:50 clearly and positively teaches SALVATION or REMISSION OF sins BEFORE baptism, and when he said: "Luke
7:50 is TRUE," he cut all props from under his proposition that
"Baptism is IN ORDER TO remission."

- 58. In his 5:8 he asks Why has Dew given up on Type and Anti-type. "Dew has not given up That statement that I had given up is another of his "calf-legs."
- 59. He has repeatedly quoted I Peter 3:21, omitting "THE LIKE FIGURE baptism doth also now save," referring back to Noah (Gen. 6th). The Bible positively declares in plainest language. THE ARK SAVED NOAH and eight in all, but The waters DESTROYED and KILLED ALL out of the Ark (Heb. 11:7). Noah "BY FAITH" entered his ark. Christ is our ARK. "By FAITH" we enter Christ, our Ark (Lk. 7:50, Eph. 2:8-10).
- 60. My opponent tries to undermine the plain statements of Apostle Paul (Ac. 20:21), John The Baptist (Acts (19:4) and Jesus Christ (Mark 1:15 & Mat. 21:32) that REPENTENCE ALWAYS COMES <u>BEFORE</u> SAVING FAITH, and glibly quotes Acts 5:30, King James version. Why didn't he quote the American Standard of 1901 A.D., which scholars declare is most accurate English translation? Why didn't he quote some of his other 19 versions?
- 61. The Greek words KJ translated "slew and hanged on a tree" are DIECHIERISAS-THE KREMASANTES. This last Greek word is an Aorist Participle. "Killed having hanged." This shows that Hanging preceded killing, and destroys his statement in 5:9 that ORDER OF WORDS does not show order of

events. Yes, Dew will stay with God's Divine Order of words. His statement stabs Inspiration in the heart.

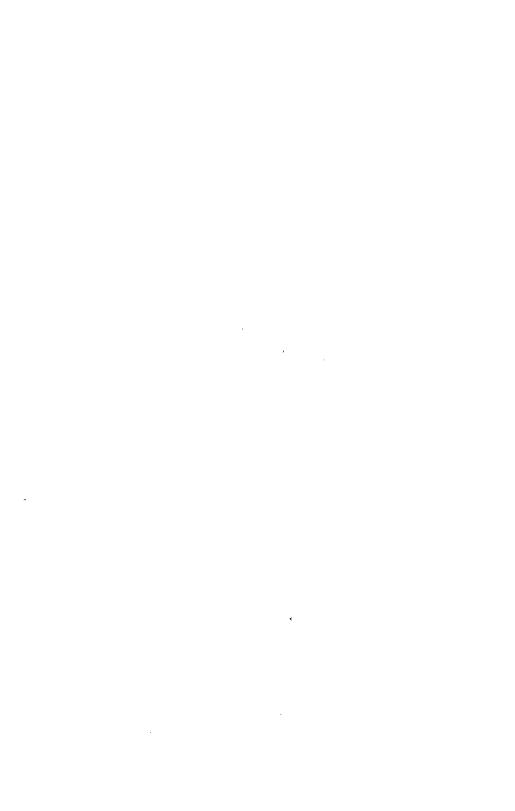
- 62. The Professor of Greek, Texas Christian University and Professor Greek, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary agree, that this Aorist Participle explains death was by hanging, which PRECEDED DEATH. Another Scholar, Dr. T. E. Durham, says that the others said, and added that the aorist participle in Acts 5:30 was of similar construction as Great Commission, "Going, Preach" (Mt. 28:19). Going preceded the preaching just as Hanging PRECEDED death, and the Greek so say even if King James did not translate it accurately. Dr. Durham also said that it literally (first word) taught "man-handled" (Chiropractor, hand-doctor is from Greek letters CHEIR in first word. So, down goes his effort to show that ORDER makes no difference about REPENT and BELIEVE, as Christ and others taught.
- 63. An auto must be TIMED RIGHT to RUN. The ORDER of REPENTANCE & FAITH means difference between Heaven & Hell. All devils have HEAD-faith (James 2:19). ONLY HEART faith coming AFTER repentance saves (Rom.10:9).
- Repeatedly I have said "EIS means BECAUSE OF". J. Louis Guthrie, Ph.D., moderating for Dr. Ben M. Bogard in Arkansas side City Hall, Texarkana, not only said that "EIS meant "BECAUSE OF," but gave name of one of your scholars in California who had written it thus. I cited Mat. 12:41 "The Ninevites repented EIS the preaching of Jonah." They did not repent "in order to" get Jonah to walk several hundred miles to Ninevah and preach, but they repented because Jonah preached. Christ said so.
- 65. Replying to his contradictory explanation (5:11) that PAST sins were forgiven IN BAPTISM, and later sins in another way, he has TWO WAYS to forgive sins—TWO FAITHS on Remission of sin. His TWO WAYS of remission contradict The Bible, therefore they are false (Eph. 4:5).
- 66. My opponent declared (5-5) that Baptist churches having been organized during PERSONAL MINISTRY of Christ and BEFORE PENTECOST, they had NO GOSPEL and NONE be-

lieved in Christ's resurrection. Martha believed in Resurrection BEFORE Pentecost, John 11th. Four times in Mark (8th, twice in 9th, 10th chapters) Christ told of His resurrection. Then, Mark opens with "THE BEGINNING of THE GOSPEL of Jesus," Therefore, Baptist churches HAD THE GOSPEL during Personal Ministry of Christ on earth, and BEFORE Pentecost.

67. If one is not saved until baptized, then you and your brethren <u>BAPTIZE GOATS</u> and NOT SHEEP (John 10th and Mat. 25:32). Reader, were you A GOAT until immersed "in order to remission of sins?" If so, your sins were not remitted that way. <u>THE BLOOD cleanseth from ALL sin, I Jn. 1:7.</u>



Second Proposition



Dew's First Affirmative On "Faith Only"

PROPOSITION II

"Salvation is AT Faith and BEFORE Baptism, and Baptism has NOTHING to do with Salvation of the Soul, and The Bible so teaches."

James F. Dew, Affirms.
J. Porter Wilhite, Denies.

Definitions: "Salvation" means DELIVERANCE from the penalty of sin, or endless death in a literal, material hell. "AT Faith" When a lost sinner REPENTS and BELIEVES from his HEART (Mat. 21:32, Ro. 10:9) at that exact instant and BEFORE Baptism, that penitent Believer is SAVED. "The Bible" The sixty-six books, Genesis to Revelation.



John (Lk. 1:13), commissioned of God (Jn. 1:6), called The Baptist by The Holy Spirit BEFORE he preached a word (Mt. 3:1) made Jesus a Baptist (Mt. 3:13-17) outwardly as He already was inwardly. Only Baptist baptism satisfies the conscience, I Pe. 3:21.

Salvation is a BIRTH, Jn. 3:3. Baptism is a BURIAL, Col. 2:12 BURIAL at the END of LIFE canNOT CAUSE BIRTH at BEGINNING.

- 1. All sane people teach that Jesus Christ was ALREADY The Son of God BEFORE He was baptized in The Jordan River by The Baptist Preacher.
- 2. The Apostle Paul COMMANDED: "Be ye FOLLOWERS of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). Since Christ was Son of God <u>BEFORE</u> he was baptized, Paul also had to be son of God <u>BEFORE</u> he was baptized, or example fails. Therefore salvation of Paul was AT FAITH.
- 3. Since "Be ye FOLLOWERS of me, even as I also am of Christ," is a <u>COMMAND</u>, and John wrote: "He that saith I know Him and keepeth NOT His commandments, is a <u>LIAR</u> and the truth is NOT in him" (I Jn. 2:4). For anyone to say that Acts 22:16 is literal, and not symbolic as Lord's Supper, brings that one under the curse of Rev. 22:18-19. Therefore, Salvation is <u>AT FAITH</u> and BEFORE baptism.
- 4. The greatest authority on any subject is Christ Jesus. He plainly and positively declared:

"THY FAITH HATH SAVED THEE" (Luke 7:50)

Therefore, Christ taught salvation AT Faith and BEFORE baptism.

5. My opponent said that Jesus told THE TRUTH, when He declared that the sinful woman's <u>FAITH</u> had <u>SAVED</u> her, and that <u>BEFORE</u> baptism (His Affirmative Two, Paragraph 3). Eld. Wilhite, will you stand by that statement now?

"YES, JESUS TOLD THE TRUTH?"

Thus, my opponent admitted (2:3) Salvation is AT FAITH and BEFORE baptism. It's too late to crawfish now

6. Ephesians 4:4-6 names <u>SEVEN ONES</u> to which nothing can be added nor subtracted: <u>ONE</u> body; <u>ONE</u> Spirit; <u>ONE</u> hope: ONE Lord, <u>One Faith ONE</u> baptism and ONE God. Should one say there are TWO baptisms today, or TWO ways to FORGIVE sins, he is as great a sinner as if he said there are TWO GODS — Baal and Jehovah. Therefore, there is but ONE WAY to be saved, <u>AT FAITH</u> and <u>BEFORE</u> baptism.

- 7. The Bible positively declares "The BLOOD" cleanses from "ALL SINS" (I Jn. 1:7, Titus 2:14, Col. 2:13). Since ALL SINS—PAST sins, PRESENT sins and FUTURE sins are cleansed with THE BLOOD of Jesus, if anyone should say that good works or penance or bapfism or repeating the rosary are needed to save or help save, that one by so saying brands I John 1:7 (The Blood cleanseth from ALL sin) as untrue and utterly false. To illustrate, if John O'Dowd and Abe Lincoln removed ALL benches from the meeting house of Lyons Ave. congregation, not even one bench of any description would be left in that meeting house for J. Porter Wilhite and C. R. Nichol to takeout To remove ALL leaves NONE. Such is a self-evident truth, whether regarding benches or SIN. ALL includes EVERY PART.
- 8. The IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS of CHRIST proves Salvation is AT FAITH and BEFORE baptism (Rom. 4:1-8) Abraham had the IMPUTED Righteousness of God IMPUTED to him when he was in Uncirumcision BEFORE he offer Isaac—even BEFORE Isaac was born (Rom. 4:10-11). Those who teach "baptism is IN ORDER TO the remission of sins" know NOTHING at all of the IMPUTED Righteousness, for baptism is a human act & IMPUTED Righteous a Divine act. Baptismal regenerationists put WORKS on EQUAL footing with GRACE. God Almighty is a jealous God (Ex. 20:5) He will never allow any human act ceremony or rite, to be put forth as necessary to help His Son Christ ATONE for our sins. To do so would be to make a human being an equal mediator with Christ. He is The ONLY Mediator, or Go-between God and the sinner. So, Remission of sins is AT Faith and BEFORE baptism.
- 9. CORNELIUS WAS SAVED AT FAITH & BEFORE BAPTISM, Ac. 10th All Old Testament Prophets taught Remission AT FAITH and WITHOUT Baptism (Acts 10:43). Cornelius was surely saved AT Faith, received The GIFT of The Holy Spirit (Ac. 10:45) BEFORE baptism. The Bible plainly says of The Holy Spirit, "Whom the World CANNOT receive" Jn. 14:17. Therefore, Remission of sins is AT Faith and BEFORE baptism.

10. SOME QUESTIONS:

- (a) Was John's baptism Scriptural?
- (b) Did John baptize Jesus?
- (c) Is Christ Head of what you call "Church of Christ?"
- (d) Does The Head of The Church have ONE kind of baptism and the body a different kind of baptism?
- (e) If YES, do not TWO baptisms contradict Eph. 4:5?
- (f) Did Abraham have IMPUTED Righteousness by FAITH (Rom. 4:3) BEFORE he offered Isaac (Rom. 4:10-11)?
- (g) If YES, can James 2:21 refer to salvation of soul?

 James F. Dew

Wilhite's First Negative

- 1. Gentlemen, Dr. Dew has made as good a defense of an erroneous cause as a denomination can make, but in the light of truth, it fades into significance. Dew is as smart as I am, so You can't blame the Dr., its the doctrines. ANSWER: No. 1. Must you be born again to be a son of God? Jesus was not. He is not in our class, yet the Father did not acknowledge him as his Son until he was baptized, Matt. 3:17.
- 2. Paul followed Christ, so must we, but we don't have to be crucified in flesh, like Christ, yet we should be baptized to wash away sins like Paul did, Acts 22:16.
- 3. I agree to follow Paul, but Dr. Dew will not. Rom. 6. Baptized INTO Christ, when finish that FORM—picture—AT THAT TIME MADE FREE FROM SINS.
- 4. Can you be saved like that woman was? She didn't believe in Christ as having been raised from the dead. You do.
- 5. Number five answered in number four.
- 6. One time there were more than one baptism, Mt. 3:11, but when Paul wrote there was ONE FOR REMISSION OF SINS.
- 7. Blood cleanses us from ALL sins, none cleansed without it, but does that mean ALL sins of ALL people are cleansed by that? If so, you have universal salvation. One is cleansed by blood when he reaches that blood, in His Death, Jno. 19:34, into which one is baptized, Rom. 6:3.
- 8. You saved like Abraham? He didn't believe in Christ as a crucified, buried and raised Son of God, but you MUST.
- 9. Saved like Cornelius, who was anxious to OBEY ALL commands applicable to him, but you refuse, so he believed, and was baptized, Acts 10:33, 43 and 48, saved Mk. 16.
- 10. YES to every one. Few words and I have answered ALL.

- 11. Dew equalizes man with Jesus in first three arguments making whole thing wrong, also dealing with matters that are devastating to Baptists, reducing God's truth to a sacriligious act, such as slurring picture used.
- 12. Friends that is Dr. Dew performing a marriage ceremony for the Lord and Baptist church, which is accomplished ONLY BY Baptist baptism, which entitled BAPTISTS to "BEST HEAVEN OFFERS," and says "until AFTER my baptism every thing seemed UNREAL" (Flag, 5/45 p. 3). Water salvation? Dr. J. B. Jeter, noted Baptist said such actions come from one "reduing baptism to a rite . . . attributing their LOW ESTIMATE to apostles" (Bap. Prin. Reset, 193). John never called Baptist till after started baptizing.
- 13. Dew asked "WHAT ARE THE KEYS (Mt. 16:19) . . . can be NOTHING but the POWER to VOTE" (Flag 5/60. p. 14). His co-worker, Mr. Catholic adopted that before Baptist started, but it does show some similarity! Thomas Armitage among greatest Baptist historians said "The idea is the very life of Catholicism . . . Catholic is right in his theory that these TWO (Church and Priestly succession) must stand or fall together" (Bap. Hist. p. 1, 2) so I conclude: No Body but a dope, Such sacriligious will do, Except a Baptist preacher, Like Jas. F. Dew.
- 14. Denominational preachers don't know how to rightly divide the word, II Tim. 2:15, else they'd not contradict selves so much, or ever claim the church started under the law Mt. 16:18, which was given by Moses, Jn. 1:17, under which Jesus was born, Gal. 4:4, and under which He commissioned his apostles to preach to Jews ONLY, Mt. 10:1-10, but being raised was made head, Priest and King, Eph. 1:18-23, and made Jew and Gentile one, Gal. 3:28, 29, and gave a better Testament, by which we are justified from things from which we could NOT be justified by the law of Moses, Acts 13:38, 39. Jesus was Priest and King on his throne, Zec. 6:12, 13, but could not be Priest on EARTH, Hb. 8:4, so since the Priesthood was changed, of necessity was a change in the LAW, Hb. 7:12, and the Testament of our Lord was made effective, Heb. 9:16, 17. Friend Dew, if you will learn that lesson it will help you greatly,

and readers it will settle confusion in you. Why do men preach when they don't know the Bible, Gal. 1:8, 9?

- 15. Eph. 4:4-6 shows there is ONE baptism, UNTO remission of sins; it also shows ONE taith, but Dew says they are TWO. Heads-faith and Heart-faith, latter saving, but Paul said: "with MY MIND (Head) I serve the law of God" Ro. 7:25. If faith saves THAT "INSTANT" as Dew said I know some of your brethren, whom Jesus called LlARS, Jno. 8:31-44, cowards like Dr. Dew, loved world more than God, Jn. 12:42, 43, he even makes Satan his brother, Jas. 1:19. Dew also ruined his argument on I Jn. 1:7 by taking ALL benches out of house, equal to saying BLOOD was ALL, that saves. If so NOT A BENCH for DEW to sit on, (Faith) or me either (Baptism), both cut out, hence unconditional, universal salvation.
- 16. Abraham, by faith OBEYED (Hb. 11:8), and each command is a matter of GRACE, when obeyed it is placed to our credit, hence saved by grace, through faith, as Eph. 2:8, which you surrendered, says. To help you further, read, Ecc. 3:13 saying eat, drink and enjoy fruit of LABOR "IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD". Eternal Salvation comes when faith ends, I Pt. 1:9. so we believe, UNTO Rom. 10:10 repent UNTO, Acts 11:18, confess (what already believe), UNTO salvation, then baptized INTO Christ, Ro. 6:3. Farmer make crop by work, seed, soil, sunshine, and we are saved by "word, prayer, meditation, BAPTISM" says Baptist Dr. J. B. Jeter, (Exam. p. 275). So "Baptism is GRAVE, for old man, and BIRTH for NEW." (Amer. Bapt. Com. VI. 4, p. 322).
- 17. By condemning WORKS, my opponent destroys BE-LIEF because Jn. 6:29 says it is WORK, and Dew said baptism is PASSIVE. Was John's baptism from God or man? Mt. 21:25. When were you born of WATER? By what act did Jesus become the FIRST BORN? Is baptism IN ORDER TO BEST in heaven? Does EIS in Mt. 26:28 mean what it does in Acts 2:38? I'm sure this space is wasted, but it will show you UP! Did the ANTI-TYPE of I. Pt. 3:21 save or help save? Dollar for each answer. Readers Dew said "Some teach . . . baptism is essential to salvation . . . which is SINFUL AND SOUL-DAMN-ING" (Flag, 6/60. p. 15) Does that include, Peter, Paul, and

Jesus? Watch him squirm. Don't blame the Dr., blame the doctrines! He is D. D. Dodging, DEW!

18. The Dr. would change his ways if the LORD should stand before you and merely mention that the Baptized Believer is the saved man, Mk. 16:16. All would accept it at face value, even crawl to him; that proves to me that many who are in pulpits, as well as others DO NOT BELIEVE THE BIBLE! Friends, I am trying to help you, and BEG you to OBEY before it's too late, II Thes, 1:8, 9. Lk. 6:46; Rom. 6:16-18. Throw away ALL Baptist Church Manuals! Read after us! Accept the way that is most scriptural, and be safe! We need mercy and prayer!

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Dew's Second Affirmative

- 11. In My Paragraph No. 1, I said:
 "Jesus Christ was ALREADY The Son of God BEFORE
 His Baptism" (Mat. 3rd.), and that Paul COMMANDED
 us to FOLLOW him as he followed Christ, therefore each
 one Scripturally Baptized IS a son of God BEFORE baptism and AT FAITH."
- 12. My opponent replied: "Jesus was not (born again) to be The Son of God," hence, "He is not in our class." <u>REPLY</u>: Jesus was the "ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of God" Jn. 3:16. He never sinned, therefore never needed to be born again. But the argument is:

CHRIST WAS THE SON OF GOD BEFORE BAPTISM (Mt. 3rd.) Anyone baptized like Christ MUST BE God's son—BORN AGAIN (Jn. 3:3) son — Born through a DIVINE CREATION (Eph. 2:10) <u>BEFORE</u> baptism. God says of such BORN AGAIN CHILDREN, are "HEIRS of God & JOINT - heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17).

- 13. Since we are SONS of God & JOINT (equal) heirs (SUGKLEERONOMI) with Christ, certainly as such sons, we must FOLLOW His example in Baptism Be SAVED and be a Son BEFORE baptism, hence saved <u>AT FAITH</u> and <u>BEFORE BAPTISM</u>.
- 14. This word (SUGKLEERONOMI) translated JOINT-heirs in (Rom. 8:17) occurs in three other places: Eph. 3:6, Gentiles JOINT-heirs with Jews. In Heb. 11:9, Certainly Isaac and Jacob were JOINT-heirs with Abraham. I Peter 3:7 speaks of wives being JOINT or EQUAL heirs of "the Grace of life" with their husbands. Therefore, we are SONS of God by DIVINE CREATION, Heirs and JOINT heirs with Christ, and should follow His example, and be SONS of God BEFORE baptism. An apple tree does not bear apples IN ORDER TO BE an apple tree, but BECAUSE IT IS an apple tree.

- HEAD-faith believes a FACT, but does NOT move to action like HEART-faith. Salvation is at HEART-faith, Rom. 10:9. HEART-faith is an EMOTIONAL, as well as an intellectual, faith, HEART-faith is a KNOW-SO Faith. We KNOW that our sins were washed way with The BLOOD of Jesus, (I John 1:7) not merely because we know that intellectually we have accepted a promise, but because of a KNOW-SO EMOTIONAL FEELING in our HEARTS. When we were saved. The Holy Spirit shed the love of God abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5:1-5). Love produces a KNOWABLE FEELING in the Heart. The baptismal waters do not wash, nor help to wash, away sin. Baptism is a TYPE or PICTURE of the DEATH, BURIAL and RESURRECTION of Christ (I Pet. 3:21) and is the answer of a good conscience to the BORN AGAIN - not to the lost sinner. The Blood only washes away ALL sins (I Jn. 1:7), and Baptism pictures that PREVIOUS DIVINE transaction of CREATION IN CHRIST (Eph. 2:10). Baptism symbolizes or TYPES a PREVIOUS SALVATION, exactly as Adam pictured a SECOND Adam. Adam was a FIGURE of Christ. Baptism is no more salvation than Adam was Christ. Both are FIGURES, TYPES (Rom. 5:14). Therefore Salvation is BEFORE baptism and AT FAITH (I Cor. 2:12).
- 16. Christ was acknowledged SON of God BEFORE Baptism, when Heavenly Host said: "GLORY to God in The Highest" Lk. 2:13-14. Almighty God acknowledged Christ as Son BEFORE baptism when He said: "Out of Egypt I have called My Son" (Mat. 2:15). Therefore His baptism was the kind we should follow and be SONS BEFORE baptism and at faith.
- 17. In my paragraph I asked SEVEN IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

In his 10th Paragraph he replied: "YES to every one"

My Questions:

- (a) Was John's Baptism Scriptural. He answered "YES."
- (b) Did John Baptize Jesus? My opponent says "YES."
- (c) Is Christ the Head of what you call "Church of Christ" He replies "YES."
- (d) Does the Head of your church have ONE kind of baptism and the body a <u>DIFFERENT</u> kind of baptism? He says "YES."

A QUESTION KIND READERS:

He said, as Baptist teach, John's baptism IS Scriptural. Yet he he says what he calls "Church of Christ" has a DIFFERENT kind of Baptism, then it is a self-evident truth, that the baptism of his "Church of Christ" is UNScriptural, for there is but <u>ONE Scriptural</u> baptism, Eph. 4:5, and that is baptism by John The Baptist, and the kind Christ the Head of the true church has, and that ONLY Baptists are the ones who have so taught and so practiced thru the years.

In my (f) I asked: "Did Abraham have the imputed righteousness of God before he offered Isaac?" He said YES: Since Abraham had the imputed righteousness of God before he offered Isaac, then Abraham was SAVED before he offered Isaac, and none can contradict that. Sin cannot be imputed or added, to the one who has the imputed righteousness of God. (Rom. 4:6-8).

Therefore, Abraham's salvation was AT <u>FAITH</u> (for he was never baptized) BEFORE Pentecost, and BEFORE Baptism, my opponent being witness thereto.

- 18. Noah and his family entered the Ark SEVEN DAYS before it rained and the ark was in the water (Gen. 7:1-7). Therefore, Baptism is the TYPE (I Pet. 3:21) or PICTURE of one being SAVED AT FAITH and BEFORE Baptism (Heb. 11:7).
- 19. Repeatedly I have quoted Ephesians 2:10, "Divinely" CREATED IN Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:10) and he has ignored it.

Baptism pictures what was CREATED by God BEFORE Baptism (Gal. 3:26-27). You do not clothe a baby BEFORE it is born. You canNOT baptize one before he has been DIVINELY <u>CREATED</u> IN CHRIST JESUS (Eph. 2:10). You may "immerse a goat," but only a sheep may be baptized.

20. "EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH IS BORN AGAIN," (I John 4:7). According to his "be dipped or be damned" theory YOU CANNOT LOVE UNTIL you have been immersed. He admitted that the woman Lk. 7:50 was saved AT FAITH and BEFORE Baptism, as Christ said. If he says, "that was before Pentecost, then so was John 3:5 BEFORE Pentecost. Hence salvation is AT FAITH.

21. LOVE IS BEFORE BAPTISM.

Everyone that "LOVETH is BORN AGAIN" (I John 4:7). Since Love is first shed abroad in our hearts "AT FAITH" (Rom. 5:1-5), therefore, Salvation is AT FAITH and BEFORE Baptism. Heart faith is an EMOTIONAL Faith, rather than a ratiocinating or reasoning faith (Rom. 10:9). Devils have head faith, Jas. 2:19. Love is an EMOTION or FEELING in the heart. When we have HEART-faith God gives us His Spirit, I Cor. 2:12. We have a FEELING of LOVE in our Hearts BEFORE baptism. After we are SAVED His Spirit BEARS WITNESS with our spirit that we are children of God, Rom. 8:16. This witness of His Spirit with our spirit is a FEELING — a conscious, knowable feeling. Without the conscious witness of God's Spirit, one is lost and doomed to hell 2 Cor. 1:22; Gal. 5:22-25; I Jn. 4:13; I Jn. 5:10 and I Jn. 2:20. Therefore Salvation is AT FAITH and beFORE Baptism.

Never has my opponent given a possible explanation to: "Salvation is a <u>BIRTH</u> (Jn. 3:3)
Baptism is a <u>BURIAL</u> (Col. 2:12)
Burial at the <u>END</u> of Life canNOT cause Birth at the BEGINNING of Life".

Yours for the Scriptural Teaching of Salvation <u>AT</u> FAITH and <u>BEFORE</u> Baptism, James F. Dew, Ft. Worth, Texas

Wilhite's Second Negative

- Intelligent audience and scared opponent, QUESTIONS: 19. (1). Can you get best in heaven without sins being remitted? (2). Can you get best in heaven without baptism? (3). Are things equal to each other equal to same thing? \$10.00 if you answer! I say all Communists and sympathizers, hiding under the 5th amendment, lest they be incriminated should be exported! Religiously. Dew is one - else he would answer questions. He's a classic dodger, hence entitled to degree, D.D. (DODGING DEW). Misses every important point. Might as well though, so far as his readers are concerned, since he changes my articles; even last one, a full line of 12 to 14 words left entirely out. Offered to proof - read this debate free, and I would do it EXACTLY right, and he knows it, so he refused. What kind of a man is he? Tell me that's Christianity? NO. I don't do such, I'm a Christian, Matt. 7:12. He's like a one eyed mule shying from a hole in bridge, won't get near, much less answering, But DOCTOR YOU WILL MEET THIS AT JUDG-MENT! Then what will your sad answer be? Destiny of souls depend upon our conduct and respect for Bible, arguments etc. I work for their good, while you refuse to do anything to help any body religiously. If a church of Christ preacher should act as you do, we would call him down.
- 20. For your own good and salvation of others why don't you do as you preach, giving up that which you know CANNOT be proven? Lay aside your Baptist Church Manuals and take BIBLE. You said things not found in Bible are "unscriptural and should not exist" (Flag, 12, 61. p. 15) and that destroys the Baptist church. It's not mentioned in that Book. You say if not in Bible is "BEST evidence against it" (Ibid, 12/61.4) "All surrendered Christians accept" this (Ibid, 5/6. p. 4). How can intelligent people follow such contradictions?
- 21. Christ already Son of God when baptized. Had that hash once, enough thanks. You can't fool all people all time, they all know at his baptism was first public announcement of Him by the Father. Neither Mt. 2:15 nor Lk. 2:13 remotely refers to this subject. Did I shoot you in wing? Wabbling like a ruptured duck on this.

- WHEN WERE YOU BORN OF WATER? This question has been before Dodging Dew each time I have written and will be, to serve thinking people as reminder of Dew's cowardice, else he just doesn't know how to answer. His doctrines will not let him answer questions, which prove it is erroneous. DID SAUL HAVE TO DO WHAT JESUS TOLD HIM HE MUST DO? If I couldn't answer questions I'd stay out of the pulpit. because Peter said "be ready ALWAYS to give ANSWER to EVERY man" I Pt. 3:15, "speaking as ORACLES (WORDS) of God" I Pt. 4:11, because "DEVIL as a roar lion" seeks after you I Pt. 5:8 and Paul said preach anything else you stand accursed, Gal. 1:8. I'd be afraid to live that way, just as soon be a drunkard. If you haven't been born of water you are not in kingdom of God, Jn. 3:5. Dew say something, yes, no. shake, nod, laugh or cry, just anything will beat what you are doing. I can give you the address of a Baptist lady, whose husband nor any relatives are members of the church of the the Lord who says your actions and arguments have helped to change her from Baptists. She is now a member of the church of Christ. Others will do likewise if you can't do something about it, but people don't blame the doctor, blame the doctrines. I challenge you on origin of Baptists and your church succession theory. I DARE YOU TO MEET ME! If you can't get one who will.
- 2:. Rom. 8:17 says IF we SUFFER with him, or go all the way, as "Not hearer of law is justified before God, BUT DOERS" Ro. 2:13 showing one approaches salvation AFTER BELIEVING, Ro. 13:11.
- 24. Paragraph 14 just says we become Lord's brother, joint heir by obedience, Mt. 12:50 otherwise you have it wholly unconditional, and thus join up with your predecessors whom you call "HARDSHELLS."
- 25. No. 15 he fights with one hand for TWO faiths with other ONE. Which side are you on? Are you a Campbellite? You said their trouble is they do not "recognize there are TWO kinds of faith" (Flag. 8/61. p. 11) then argue Eph. 4:5, "CNE FAITH." But you and Paul are mixed on this. You say devils have head faith and Paul said he "serves law of God WITH THE MIND" Ro. 7:25. Poor Dew. Will you explain

- these paradoxes? "Little faith" Mt. 6:30, Great faith, Lk. 7:9; Strong faith, Ro. 4:20, Weak faith, Ro. 14:1, ALL faith, I Cor. 13:2; ONE faith, Eph. 4:5. If you expect it readers, you will be disappointed.
- 26. No. 15 he tells us "Holy Spirit shed the love" into our hearts, which shows the Holy Spirit entered a God-hating man, changing a sinner to a Christian, in spite of Jn. 14:17 you use often. You claim also THEN he knows God, while inspiration says: "Hereby we do know that we KNOW Him, IF we keep his COMMANDMENTS" (Plural) else we LIE, I Jno. 2:3, 4. Readers why not take sweet truth rather than Baptist contradictions? Even though Dew is smarter than the average Baptist teacher.
- 27. He boasts of order of words, now watch him take a back seat. He says "Heart faith is emotional . . . rather than reasoning" so has faith without reasoning, hearing Ro. 10:17 which does not please God, Hb. 11:6, then speaking of us you say: "Some people say you can't depend on feelings, JUST TAKE THE BIBLE FOR WHAT IT SAYS" (Flag 8:61. p. 7). Amen, Prov. 14:12. Peter said the same, I Pt. 3:15 and 4:11, so did Paul, Gal. 1:8, and Jesus, Mt. 22:29, so I like my company! Do you stay with order of words? Said you would. Believe, baptize, saved, Mk. 16:16, Repent, baptized, sins remitted, Acts 2:38, Believed, baptized, rejoiced, Acts 8:36-39, Be baptized sins washed away, Acts 22:16. Rom. 10:9, 10, one has belief first other has confession first. You are out of joint at every joint.
- 28. Rom. 5:1, 2 is mine. Paul said peace comes when one is saved. But when did Paul have peace? Three days after you claim he was saved, he was blind, refused to eat or drink and in an awful condition but when obeyed that FORM of doctrine, was free from sin, had peace, justified Rom. 6:1-5 and 16-18. If you observe, the word DOCTRINE (Singular) means true doctrine, and united-ONE-but doctrines (Plural) is always FALSE. And Dew's DOCTRINES are as full of contradictions as a dog is of fleas.
- 29. John's baptism was good as gold while he lived, but he completed his course, Acts 13:25, after his death then none was to do it that way, which was without the authority of

the divine three, and such were baptized over, Acts 19:1-5. But you do make too much of water, at least in wrong way. You even make it your God, Mic. 4:5 what you call yourself is your God, besides one of the greatest of all time Baptist historians, Benedict, said: "Throughout the range of Christendom no one part has been so often and vehemently accused of seeking salvation in water as the Baptist . . . And finally what multitudes have been literally baptized at the point of the sword for the salvation of their souls?" (Bap. Hist. p. 926).

- But of all things, Dr. you trying to ruin our nice debate, 30. by pulling it down to a low class funny, by that sacriligious picture of Negro watching you perform a wedding ceremony for a GOAT, who has been VOTED acceptable, and you, Dr. Dew, in water inducting him into the Baptist church so that he might go through the HONEY-MOON with others of you Baptists; laughing, while the poor Methodists, Lutherans, Pentecostals and others, except BAPTISTS, with broken hearts in heaven, weeping and mourning about it. Just you and goats get the best of heaven, because you were soaked in water, no wonder Benedict said what he did about it. Of course you weed me out of that joyous trip, however David, Daniel, Moses, Abraham, John the Immerser and other sheep will be on my side, and Jesus said sheep be on his side, while you have selected a goat as your representative. Good hot luck, my friend, I'll never see you again because you were too contrary to do what you know to be right. If you know to do right and refuse YOU ARE A SINNER, Ja. 4:17.
- 31. What did you have before baptism? Blury, hazy eyes (Flag, 5/45. p. 3) but revelation came after you were baptized, ha, ha. I'll give you \$5.00 to answer this one question: BY WHAT ACT DID JESUS BECOME THE FIRST BORN? Read Col. 1:18 and report where you stand, readers. If you live, answer Dew. D.D.

Dew's Third Affirmative

- 23. Eld. Wilhite signed an agreement NOT TO RIDICULE Nor use sarcasm. Yet, he has most flagrantly violated that WRITTEN word. I could retaliate, but I would be as guilty as he. I will keep and honor my word. All his insinuations are false. At the great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11) he will answer for untrue slurs. I do not have a Pendleton's Manual. Those who have one know it is no more binding than "Christian System" by A. Campbell on Wilhite.
- 24. In his No. 12 he said the cartoon of a man immersing a a goat was a "marriage ceremony."

"Are his eyes so cross, He can't tell a cow from a hoss"

that he made such a foolish and untrue remark? Why didn't he say plainly, that he DID BAPTIZE GOATS? Unless one is saved <u>BEFORE</u> <u>baptism</u>, that lost one is a GOAT, and called GOATS by Christ (Mt. 25:32). If the one he immerses is NOT saved AT FAITH, and BEFORE Baptism, he baptizes GOATS. Calling immersing a GOAT "marriage" is DUST to BLIND readers.

25. In his No. 15 he says, "Dew says there ARE TWO faiths." Dew said no such thing about SAVING FAITH. Dew said:

HEAD-FAITH LIKE DEVILS HAVE DOES NOT SAVE

James 2:19. But, Dew said that the <u>ONE FAITH</u> (Eph. 4:5) that saves is HEART-Faith (Rom. 10:9-10). Dew will stand on the <u>HEART-Faith</u>, and Christ will honor His Holy Word, Mt. 24:35. Unless those believing "baptized IN ORDER TO the remission of sins", have <u>HEART-Faith</u> <u>BEFORE</u> immersion, they are <u>AL-READY LOST</u> (Jn. 3:18, Rom. 10:9) and will go into hell.

26. In Romans 7:25 "the mind" Paul was speaking of was the mind of A SAVED MAN, not a lost sinner. Those to whom my opponent (in his No 15) refers to as "your brethren," were not my brethren. They merely had "HEAD-Faith" (Mat 13:19; James 2:19). By that statement he admits THERE WERE BAP-

TISTS in the days of Christ, but he only goes to Campbell.

27. His remark "taking all the benches out (No. 15) is EQUAL to saying BLOOD WAS ALL that saves." That is EXACTLY RIGHT. Since the Blood of Christ is NOT in water, you CANNOT make contact, or reach, The Blood of Jesus in Baptism. Every BORN AGAIN one knows that the Blood is reached "AT FAITH, and BEFORE Baptism:"

"Being justified freely by His Grace through the RE-DEMPTION that is IN Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation THROUGH FAITH in His Blood" (Rom. 3:24-25).

- -Bucking, buck-jumping and baptism cannot change that,
- 27. The Obedience of 2 Thes. 1:8, Lk. 6:46; Rom. 6:17 and similar passages in OBEDIENCE FROM THE HEART (Rom. 6:17). The heart of the lost sinner can do ONLY TWO THINGS, OBEY (1) BY BELIEVING (Ro. 10:9), RECEIVING CHRIST (John 1:12)
- (2) DISOBEY, & REJECT CHRIST (Jn. 1:11) HARDEN the heart and be condemned (Heb. 3:7-8, Jn. 3:18).
- —I challenge Eld. Wilhite to find ONE verse that says the HEART of the LOST, unregenerated can do anything other than to either (1) RECEIVE or (2) REJECT Christ.
- 28. In desperation he quotes John 6:29 to try and bolster his human works TO BE saved. While the word "work" is in John 6:29, and is not HUMAN works, it is NOT ENERGIZING OF THE FLESH. The verse very positively says

"THE WORK OF GOD that ye believe" Jn. 6:29. The DIVINE work of FAITH, or SALVATION AT FAITH, BEFORE BAPTISM is exactly what Baptists believe and what he and the "be-dipped or be-damned" people deny. The work in John 6:29 is a DIVINE work, which KILLS HUMAN energizing, as baptism.

29. Repeatedly he has quoted, and cried,
"EIS (Acts 2:38) means INTO or INSIDE,
which of course it does not mean. Let him consider:
"EIS MOSES" (I Cor. 10:2)
What is true of the anti-type must be true of the type. One

stands BEFORE and shadows the one opposite. If EIS in Acts 2:38 means baptised INTO Christ, then EIS in I Cor. 10:2 means BAPTIZED INTO Moses. He cannot evade that deadly parallel. More than two million Jews came out of Egypt and were BAPTIZED INTO MOSES" in the cloud and in the sea. If "eis" could mean into, and IF Moses had have been DOUBLE-BUBBLE Gum, he could not have so stretched as to have enveloped 2,000,000 people. That explanation of EIS (INTO) is how he rightly divides the Scriptures. YOU see EIS means BECAUSE OF in Acts 2:38 — Because of FAITH, therefore REMISSION OF SINS IS AT FAITH, BEFORE BAPTISM.

30. My next argument that Salvation is BEFORE baptism is based on the words of "Jesus Christ:" . . . then cometh the devil and taketh the Word out of their hearts, lest they should BELIEVE AND BE SAVED, Lk. 8:12.

Therefore, according to the ALL-WISE Son of God, REMISSION of sins is AT FAITH and BEFORE Baptism.

31. The Bible positively declares that

THE ARK SAVED NOAH

and that NOAH ENTERED THE ARK BY FAITH, (Heb. 11:7). Water outside the ark was about twenty-five feet above the highest mountain drowned EVERY HUMAN BEING on the OUTSIDE of the Ark. Faith put Noah into the ark. FAITH puts the believer in Christ, therefore REMISSION IS AT FAITH. So, AWAY goes his pet theory "water saved Noah." The ARK DID SAVE NOAH (Heb. 11:7) The WATER KILLED in Noah's time, as it does now, those trusting in baptism. Noah was just as safe the moment he entered the Ark and was DIVINELY SHUT IN, (Gen. 7:16), as he was after the flood waters had all assuaged (Gen. 8:1) and God spake, "Go forth out of the Ark" Gen. 8:16. Each lost sinner at HEART-FAITH (Rom. 10:9) is

DIVINELY CREATED IN CHRIST (Eph. 2:10)

As Noah was "DIVINELY" shut in the Ark (Gen. 7:16) so is each BORN AGAIN ONE, who has been CREATED in Christ Jesus AT FAITH, is DIVINELY "SEALED (Eph. 1:13) by the Holy Spirit—and is just as safe at that moment at FAITH and

SEALING—DIVINE sealing—(Lk. 7:30, Eph. 2:8-10, Acts 16:31)— that believer is just as safe at that moment, and just as certain of heaven, as after the doctor feels the pulse, says he is dead, the undertaker puts his body in the coffin and lowers it in the earth, and the Trump sounds and that believer's body is raised INCORRUPTIBLE (Cor. 15:41-44) like the body of Jesus after His Resurrection— that believer is as sate at the first moment of FAITH, as when he ends his flight to be with Jesus in the air. (Psm. 89:29-36, Jn. 10.27-30, Rom. 8:30-39). Saved and safe AT FAITH and BEFORE baptism, BEFORE Lord's Supper, Before any human rite, ceremony or work, for salvation is AT FAITH, Lk. 7:50. May God give you reader grace to REPENT and BELIEVE, be SAVED BEFORE baptism at HEARTfaith, and meet me "over yonder" in The Glory World.

James F. Dew.

Wilhite's Third Negative

32. DODGING DEW AND Friends:

This my eighth article, each time I asked, "When WERE YOU BORN OF WATER and other questions, each time he couldn't answer. He is like the student who the professor asked: Do my questions bother you?" His answer was "NO", but added, "Finding the answers surely do." So again I ask, don't blame the doctor, blame the doctrines. All fail like that. But this should convince readers he is wrong. It has convinced some that I know of, others are wondering if he will not give up himself before it is over. I doubt that, beacuse he is too prejudiced to surrender to known truth, Jno. 8:32. But:

WHAT WILL YOUR SAD ANSWER BE?

Please my dear friend don't be flirting
With the old Devil today. I Pet. 5:8

Always be sure of your language; use pleasing words when you pray.

Pulpits are dangerous to mankind.

Paul has condemned all but truth.

Here comes a warning to preachers,

Old men, and young men & Youth. Gal. 1:8, 9.

So my dear friend, you should always,

Preach the whole truth of the Lord;

Nothing will please the Almighty,

'Cept that you preach his pure word, I Pet. 4:11;

Always have ready an answer,

Meaning you must be prepared.

Then you can answer all questions,

Never will run like you're scared. I Pet. 3:15

Here you may dodge, you may scamper,

But an appointment awaits, Heb. 9:27.

When you will stand in the judgment, Mt. 25.
Facing the beautiful gates. Rev. 21:21.

Here you may think its just funny, There all the beauty to see,

All of the SERIOUSNESS facing,

WHAT WILL YOUR SAD ANSWER BE? Job. 31:14.

Some hateth the light . . . lest his deeds be reproved. But he that DOETH TRUTH cometh to the light, THAT HIS DEEDS may be made manifest, that they are wrought in GOD" John 3:20-21. That's a picture of Dew and me.

- 33. Dew has offered NOT ONE thing that I haven't answered. Why the difference? He is as smart as I, but I have the TRUTH, which he dodges and that's hard. His description: "There are false teachers among you, who privily bring in damnable heresies... bring upon themselves swift destruction. Many shall follow their pernicious ways... whom THE WAY OF TRUTH shall be evil spoken of... Speaking evil of the things they understand NOT, and shall utterly PERISH in their own corruption... they speak great SWELLING words of vanity, they allure" II Pet. 2:1-18. But can't tell if the word EIS is the same in Matt. 26:28 and Acts 2:38.
- 34. Never will agree to another debate with a man who has absolutely no regard for his word, even signed, because it is too much like endorsing low tactics, yet he says of me "most flagrantly violated that written word... I will keep and honor my word." I agree he keeps it, IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS, but I deny he honors it, and both readers and Dew know I am right. Who could have concocted a more heinous slur against God and His word than his degrading picture offered after I was through with that proposition, thinking I would never answer it! He got mad because I turned it against him and his imagined BAPTIST BRIDE. He was so enwrapped in his ceremony making that goat a part the Baptist Bride that he was surprised and angry at the turn!
- 35. Dr. Dew knows that a Baptist Church Manual is binding on them, and Christian System is NOT binding on us. I ordered a Creed, Discipline or Manual used by the Church of Christ from Baptist, Nazarene & Methodist publishing houses and got exactly what I expected, a letter from each saying there's NO SUCH BOOK IN EXISTENCE. A Baptist, W. J. McGlothlin, Ph.D., D.D., said: "Primitive Christianity drew up no confession of faith" (Bap. Con. of Faith in p. IX) and that's still our way.

- Dr. A. J. Kirkland "The Church I pastor was organized on the principles laid down in THE MANUAL" (My Caps. Cogdill Debate. p. 55). They're "absolutely necessary" (D. B. Ray Bap. Church Suc. p. 186). Must have one to get in a Baptist Association (Denton Co. Assoc. J. N. Rayzor, p. 120). "The extensive use of a creed in Baptist Churches should be encouraged" (Bap. Ency. Vol. I, p. 294). Then a little man like Dew, because he is ashamed, try to hide facts. Don't blame the doctor, blame the doctrines and creed.
- 36. LISTEN! On TWO faiths "Dew said NO SUCH thing about SAVING FAITH" as though there's another kind, therefore TWO FAITHS. Man, you're proving it now, You're ruining your veracity. Refers to James 2:19 as head-faith and Ro. 10:9, 10 as heart-faith. Readers, he can't explain that.
- 37. He says "BLOOD of Christ is NOT in water" but John said SPIRIT, BLOOD and WATER AGREE, I John 5:8 and he shed His blood in his death, John 19:34, into which we are baptized Ro. 6:3. So out goes his ONE bench-FAITH ONLY. I believe in faith as much as anybody, but not saved by that alone Jas. 2:24. Dew says it is by faith only, James says it is NOT. Which will you believe? FAITH only is DEAD, Jas. 2:26. But I do agree with his foolish remark, a sinner can do only TWO things, OBEY or NOT OBEY. Isn't that wisdom? But he devours repentance, love and prayer as conditions of salvation. Its FAITH ONLY, NO BLOOD? He does that because he fears baptism will get in, which he hates, yet says it gives BEST HEAVEN OFFERS. GOODHEARTED DR. DEW. who "HONORS HIS WORD" (by refusing to stick to signed agreements), speaks to the "be-dipped or be-damned" people. Does that include Paul, who had to be baptized to wash away his sins, Acts 22:16 and Peter who said it SAVES US, I Pet. 3:21? Let me stand with them, and together we will get "BEST HEAVEN HAS TO OF-FER."

LOOK WHAT BAPTISM DOES!

You cannot be up near the Lord,
Or be his loving bride,
Unless a nonessential dip
You take on Baptist side,

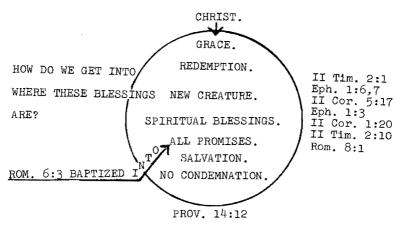
The Baptists marching as His bride,
All others looking on,
With hearts all bleeding for a place
Up near the Christ, His Son.
In fact, of heaven, they thus make
A hell for all but they!
Because of water, our dear Lord,
To them, up there, will say
"Come on you blessed baptized ones
Though wear my cousins name,
I'll honor you above all else"
BAPTISM GAVE SUCH FAME!

This modern theory cuts off from BEST IN HEAVEN, DANIEL, DAVID, John the Immerser, and many others, but includes Alexander Campbell, a man Dew hates. Its your theory, Man! You even got a REVELATION AFTER your baptism, and "Baptism is the GRAVE for the old man and BIRTH for the NEW" (Amer. Bapt. Com. Vol. 6, p. 322) and Pendelton, who wrote your creed whom L. S. Ballard said all Orthodox churches used, said: "Pull out again signifies we rise again WITH CHRIST in a NEW LIFE full of the Holy Ghost" (Three Reasons, p. 106).

- 38. Contradicting himself again, says baptism is human ENERGIZING, which means to "ACT WITH ENERGY" but in first article in this debate said "in baptism the body and heart are PASSIVE" (His caps), which means "NOT ACTIVE". As clear a contradiction as could be! Its the doctrines, I tell you, and not the doctor. Intelligent readers know it can't be both, which is it? Tell me so I can reply. He will NOT!
- 39. If you want FOR in Acts 2:38 to mean "BECAUSE OF" use DIA or PERI, say scholars, because "that would be a MONSTROUS translation of EIS . . . When Campbellites translate IN ORDER TO in Acts 2:38, they translate correctly. Is a translation false because they endorse it?" (Baptist Quarterly, July, 1877. pp. 302-305). "To be baptized into Jesus Christ, or unto Moses or Paul, means to be baptized IN ORDER TO BE UNITED TO CHRIST, Moses or Paul . . . THAT HE SHOULD BE UNITED TO HIM IN HIS DEATH, and partakers of its benefits"

(Hodge. Bapt. Com. on Rom. p. 140). Is that enough?

WHAT DO WE GET IN CHRIST?



WILL DEW OR ANY BAPTIST DENY THIS?

"Today Dew wouldn't say a woman who did ONLY what she did in Lk. 7:50 was saved. She didn't believe Christ had been raised, but to get around baptism being essential with EXPERT help, Dew has learned to evade & DODGE hence it is Dodging Dew (D.D.). If saved AT FAITH as Dew says, saved OUT OF CHRIST, because we are baptized INTO Him, Rom. 6:3; which ruins your reference Rom. 3:24."

MORE THINGS UNCONDITIONALLY SURRENDERED.

- 41. By neglecting to answer my many questions he gives up.
- 2. By refusing to explain Flag contradiction, they are also surrendered.
- 3. Virtually says he is not in God's Kingdom, Jn. 3:5.
- 4. Gave up on Alex. Campbell, one of my brothers being part of the imagined Bride. & in God's Kingdom.
- 5. Surrenders Paul's statement, that he serves God with Mind.

- 6. GAVE UP ON HIS ORDER OF EVENTS AS ORDER OF WORDS. Mk. 16:16, Ac. 2:38, 22:16.
- 7. John's name was NOT BAPTIST & never referred to as one before he began baptizing, and quit after it, Acts 13:25.
- 8. Makes water his god, Mic. 4:5.
- 9. Surrendered David Benedict to me, as well as other scholars.
- 10. His Revelation after Baptism.
- 11. We do work for a gift. Ecc. 3:13, surrendered.
- 12. Baptized for BEST in heaven, & therefore surrendered to my proposition. THANKS, Dr. Dew. I hope you don't go back on it, and walk no more with me and Jesus. Jn. 6:66.

Dew's Fourth Affirmative

- Mr. Opponent and Interested Readers:
- 32. Please overlook all the ugly remarks by my opponent. I have had three oral, and this is my fourth written discussion, and never before has he so done. Therefore it is my opinion, that his MEMORY IS FAILING.
- 33. "WHEN WERE YOU BORN OF WATER?" he repeats like a parrot with a small vocabulary, I have answered, but he has undoubtedly forgotten. I repeat. Jesus said, "EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT" (Jn. 3:5) to Nicodemus, who understood the PHYSICAL Birth (which doctors call WATER birth). Nicodemus understood ONLY the PHYSICAL, or WATER Birth. Hence, he asked: "How can a man BE BORN when he is old?" Can he repeat the PHYSICAL, or WATER, birth AGAIN? (Jn. 3:4). Jesus replied, "That which is born of FLESH (WATER birth) is FLESH, and that which is Born of The SPIRIT (or FROM ABOVE, by DIVINE creation, Eph. 2:10) IS SPIRIT (Jn. 3:6, I Cor. 2:12). Don't forget, WATER BIRTH is PHYSICAL BIRTH. Elder, Try and remember that.
- 34. He admits John's Baptism was "as GOOD as GOLD WHILE he lived, but he completed his course" Ac. 13:25. That verse reads: "As John FULFILLED" not "completed" his course. He should remember Rev. 22:18-19 and not so change Bible.
- 35. If John's baptism was not "good as gold" AFTER HIS DEATH, what changed it? Bible states NO CHANGE. WAS The Baptism of Jesus by John "GOOD AS GOLD" after John's death? Was Christ ever baptized again AFTER John's death? Of course not. "None to do it in that day" is just ANOTHER of his INCORRECT and UNScriptural guesses. All of the Apostles (except Paul) had John's Baptism. They were never REbaptized after the death of John. John's Baptism was just as good WHEN HE WAS IN HEAVEN as WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH. It is NOW "as good as gold", though only Baptists would so accept it. Does my opponent teach that his own baptism will be null and void when he dies? A bright crown and great honor will be John's in heaven, for he baptized The

Apostles, The Son of God and many other members of the old First Baptist Church. The Apostle Paul defended the Baptism of John in Acts 19.4. Those "claiming" to have had John's baptism had never heard of the Holy Spirit, which John did preach (Mt. 3:11) in connection with baptism. They were deceived by someone. Undoubtedly, John baptized IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY, as we do today. Without having heard of the Holy Spirit, they could not have had John's baptism.

- 36. He harps on two faiths. HEAD-faith is the faith of a lost SINNER (Ac. 8:20-21). HEART-Faith is the faith of a BORN AGAIN one (Rom. 10:9) Only HEART-faith is referred to in Eph. 4:4. Lost sinners and devils have HEAD-faith, (Jas. 2:19).
- 37. Salvation is <u>AT FAITH</u> and BEFORE Baptism because a child must be BORN <u>BEFORE</u> CLOTHED (Gal. 3:26-27). Jesus said baptism "BECOMETH us" (Mat. 3:15), or makes us MORE BEAUTIFUL in God's eyes.
- 38. Our HEARTS are PURIFIED by FAITH (Ac. 15:9) with The BLOOD of JESUS (I Jn. 1:7, Rev. 1:5) applied by the Holy Spirit in The NEW BIRTH (Titus 3:5). Therefore, Baptism saves ONLY SYMBOLICALLY. Salvation is AT FAITH & BEFORE baptism.
- 39. As ADAM was a TYPE or PICTURE of Christ (in His human body), yet as Adam was NOT a PART of Christ, so Baptism, picture of Salvation, is NO PART of Salvation (Ro. 5:14).
- 40. As to his statement (either thru ignorance or unfairness) that a Church Manual is binding upon Baptist churches, it is a SELF-EVIDENT truth that for anything to be BINDING upon anybody, such a decree must be made by one IN AUTHORITY, and SUPERIOR to the ones to whom it is given, and with POWER to ENFORCE SUCH A DECREE. Baptist churches have ONLY Christ for HEAD (Col. 1:18), and the author of no book, manual, nor any publishing house has authority to bind any manual on any Baptist church. Alexander Campbell's "Christian System" is as much a Church Manual for him as any manual on any Baptist.
- 41. If Jesus had have desired to have taught Eld. Wilhite's HUMAN ideas about using other prepositions than EIS, He most certainly would have so stated. Since Eld. Wilhite's ideas are UNScriptual, Chist did not use them. Christ clearly taught

"EIS" means "BECAUSE OF", in Mat. 12:41: Ninevites RE-PENTED "EIS (BECAUSE OF)" the preaching of Jonah, and NOT "in order to" get Jonah go hundreds of miles and preach to them. EIS in Acts 2:38 means "BECAUSE OF", just as in Mat. 12:41 & I Cor. 10:2, So says Dr. Ray Summers.

- 42. In his paragraph 39 Eld. Wilhite GIVES UP "eis", meaning "into." When I quoted "Baptized (EIS, INTO) Moses, I Cor. 10:2, he backtracks and crawfishes and says EIS means "in order to be UNITED TO" which he never said that in Acts 2:38. But, even that does not explain how over two million Jews could have been baptised "INTO MOSES". That is a good example of how he answers questions.
- 43. I have before explained that baptism is PASSIVE to the one BEING BAPTIZED, but ACTIVE to the BAPTIZER.
- 44. Notwithstanding his untrue statements.

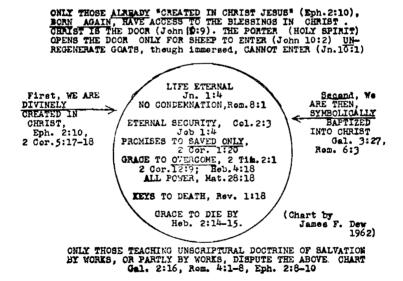
DEW HAS NOT SURRENDERED EVEN ONE THING.

Dew believes in The Divine ORDER OF WORDS, Dew never one time said A. Campbell was part of the Bride. He is NOT. "The MIND" Paul was speaking about in Romans 7th was the MIND of a SAVED man—NOT mind of LOST sinner. Dew still believes and preaches that John The Baptist was a TRUE Baptist, and made Jesus Christ a Baptist when he BAPTIZED The Lord in The Jordan. Dew says, and has said, NO ONE WORKS for a GIFT. We work for A REWARD. It is very unfair for him to violate Hedge's Rules of Logic and accuse me of what I never said, thought nor done.

- 45. Dear Readers: Very likely we will never meet on this earth, but EVERY STATEMENT which Dew has made, he will gladly affirm at The Judgment, and SO WILL YOU. Therefore, consider prayerfully, carefully and Scripturally: (a) Eld. Wilhite said, "YES, JESUS TOLD THE TRUTH," when He said to the woman, "THY FAITH HATH SAVED THEE," (Lk. 7:50) FOUR times in Mark, Christ told His disciples of His death, burial and resurrection. Eld Wilhite Knows that the Pharisees believed in The Resurrection, all BEFORE His crucifixion.
- (b) Cornelius was saved AT FAITH and BEFORE Baptism, just as ALL The Prophets taught (Ac. 10:43). Cornelius received

The Holy Ghost (Ac. 10:44), which NO sinner can receive (Jn. 14:17) all <u>BEFORE BAPTISM</u> (Ac. 10:47). Therefore, Salvation is AT FAITH and BEFORE Baptism.

- (c) Noah was saved AT FAITH (Heb. 11:7). In fact Noah was SAFE IN THE ARK 7 days BEFORE The Flood (Gen. 7:10). The waters of The Flood KILLED ALL OUTSIDE of The Ark (Gen. 7:21). It was on water, but it was THE ARK that SAVED Noah (Heb. 11:7). We enter Christ—OUR ARK of SAFETY (1 Pet. 3:18) by HEART-Faith (Rom. 10:9). Then AFTER we are SAVED, we are BAPTIZED SYMBOLICALLY into Christ to receive "A GOOD CONSCIENCE" (I Pet. 3:21) and look more beautiful to God (Mt. 3:15).
- (d) Jesus was The Son of God BEFORE He was baptized. We MUST be <u>saved BEFORE</u> Baptism to follow the example of Christ our Savior. Baptists baptize SHEEP, but Eld. Wilhite and his people immerse GOATS "in order to" make them sheep.



46. Answering my opponent's little CIRCLE CHART (his paragraph No. 39), it is <u>Like a Bird WITH ONLY ONE WING</u>. It is CRIPPLED and UNTRUE. The ordinance of The LORD'S SUPPER is stated both SYMBOLICALLY or in TYPE, and The PRO-

TOTYPE of Christ on The Cross, carefully explained (Jn. 6:51; Mt. 27th, Isa. 53rd. I Jn. 1:7, Lev. 16th). The BLOOD of Christ LITERALLY Washes away sin, but the Lord's Supper washes away sin only SYMBOLICALLY.

We are first, DIVINELY CREATED IN CHRIST, then SYMBOLICALLY Baptized into Christ, (Eph. 2:10, Gal. 3:26, 27, Acts 22:16). If Eld. Wilhite claims that Baptism LITERALLY and ACTUALLY washes away sin, WHAT IS THE TYPE? Symbol? His position is UNTRUE, for it is like a bird with ONLY ONE WING, which is UNTRUE and FALSE. He skips Ephesians 2:10 thus TAKES AWAY FROM BIBLE (Rev. 22:18-19). Will you follow his UNScriptural position and receive God's CURSE? You reader, will meet this and me in the judgment.

47. In concluding my Affirmative, I call your attention to the fact that my opponent has not answered, but only like a blind horse on a dark night, staggered around.

"SALVATION IS A BIRTH (John 3:3).
Baptism is a BURIAL (Col. 2:12).

That BURIAL at the END of Life canNOT cause BIRTH at The BEGINNING of LIFE. A thing coming AFTER just does NOT cause a thing coming BEFORE. The egg did not come first. God Almighty CREATED the chicken FIRST (Gen 1:20) and the chicken "laid the egg" LATER. An egg did not produce the first chicken. The sailing of The Titanic did NOT create that iceberg. The iceberg was in existence BEFORE it struck and sank the great Titanic. So BURIAL DOES NOT produce life, and canNOT produce life. Hence SALVATION which IS A BIRTH, comes BEFORE BAPTISM which is a burial.

Can you trust a man with the salvation of YOUR SOUL who contradicts both NATURE and SCRIPTURE? Go out alone. Kneel. Tell God your are a lost sinner, and ASK Him to forgive your sins and SAVE you, and you will have a KNOW-SO Salvation. God lead and Bless you,

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Decoration Day, 1962.

Wilhite's Fourth Negative

Dr Dew and Dear Readers,

- 42. The idea of a man who is guilty of using the word lie, damnable, and slurring the God of heaven, who thru grace gave us baptism, the thing, which gives him his church name apologizing for my "ugly" words. Are you still mad because I ruined your goat wedding ceremony? He says I never acted that way before, in all our debates, which shows what patience I displayed, but finally became impatient because of his continual ignoring of my arguments and questions, although agreed to do it. So I am not the only one who forgets, but GREAT Granddaddy Dew also needs sympathy.
- The man says he answered all questions when ALL know he has not. He hasn't yet told us WHEN HE WAS BORN OF WATER. He argues John 3:5 is not baptism where it says born of water. I didn't ask what it is, but WHEN DID YOU DO IT? He takes the position Nicodemus was taking, which reduces our Lord to an IGNORAMUS! I'm actually ashamed of the man. If he is right, Jesus virtually told a grown man "YOU MUST BE BORN OF YOUR MOTHER AGAIN (IF WATER there refers to the natural birth) and failed to explain anything to Nicodemus. Educated of the best, say it refers to water baptism, but Dew hates the act which gives him a name, that he WANTS TO NOT believe the truth. Dangerous, my friend I J. M. Pendleton, the man who gave them what his brother L. S. Ballard said was the Church Manual most Baptist churches used, said "refers most naturally to baptism in water" (Notes N. T.) Most all said that till they were whipped on baptism to the extent they have changed rather than accept truth. Remember birth is a delivery. Jesus was delivered, BORN from dead, Col. 1:18. We go thru that form then free from sin, Ro. 6:17.
- 44. Jesus is always right, as I said about Luke 7:50, but man's interpretation is not. It is strange that Dr. Dew can remember this verse so well but never has answered Luke 7:29-30 where they rejected GOD'S council by refusing to be baptized. You go to heaven any way? Too, I wish you would tell me if Mat. 26:28 and Acts 2:38 on the word EIS, DO THEY MEAN THE SAME? Dew will take FIFTH AMENDMENT HERE. If EIS

means BECAUSE of, were they told to repent BECAUSE they had already had remission? Baptist Commentary says: "Baptism is GRAVE for old man and BIRTH for new" (Vol. VI p. 322) and gives as parallel passage, Matt. 26:28, Luke 3:3 rendering it "IN ORDER TO THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS"... the FORMER (Repent) could NOT be genuine without manifesting itself in the latter" (Baptism). How you like that? That answers Dew's sugar stick "Salvation is a birth and baptism a burial" which also agrees with Paul, I Cor. 15:36 which he ignores.

- 45. He misrepresents me on John's baptism. If one lived today who was baptized by JOHN, his baptism is good, but John had no successor, hence Paul proved it was wrong at Ephesus, and instead of defending it he corrected it, Acts 19:1-5 Although NOT a word about John knowing that he should baptize in the name of Father, Son & Holy Spirit Dew says "undoubtedly" he did it! What proof does he present? Same that he does for his church name, Honey-moon, and many other things. His superiors say: "This baptism took place under the JEWISH DISPENSATION . . . Our Savior lived under the Old dispensation & observed institutions of Moses . . . unlike Christian baptism, was NOT administered in name of FATHER, SCN & HCLY GHOST" (Enc. Relig. Know. by Baptist, p. 178) Webster uses "FULFILLED" and "COMPLETE" as being EQUAL, yet I did NOT PRETEND TO QUOTE THAT Scripture.
- 46. Why didn't my friend answer my question about John's baptism, Was it from God or man? (Matt. 21:25) (First Neg.). Why didn't he answer my poem with EIGHT scriptural references? He will face these questions AT THE JUDGMENT!
- 47. Creating more doubt in his sincerity when he denies saying there are TWO faiths, at the same time discussing HEAD-FAITH AND HEART-FAITH. How many is that Dew? How can you tell which is HEAD-FAITH like Paul had, and HEART-FAITH like you claim? Paul offers Rom. 7:25, where is yours? Readers Please don't take the word of MYSELF or Dew either.
- 48. I agree that heart and soul are purified by faith and OBEDIENCE, Acts. 15:9, I Pet. 1:22, Mark 16:16. But you must find FAITH ONLY to prove your proposition. If you don't know where it is I'll tell you. James 2:24.

- 49. He brings up TYPE & ANTI TYPE again. I wonder why since he has said "What is true of anti-type MUST BE TRUE of type" (Art. 3. No. 29). Then why argue over it? You say baptism is TYPE-picture of Christ (Art. 3, No. 39) but you say it is a type of death, burial and resurrection (Second prop. Art. 2, No. 15), BUT you say type of, picture of salvation (His Art. 2, No. 20). NOW WHICH IS IT? Called "Noah saved by water my pet theory" but Peter said ALL EIGHT of his folks were saved BY WATER, (I Pet. 3:20). What's wrong, Dr. Dew besides your weak theory, which you see is slipping from under you!
- 50. My opponent is still denying Baptists use a Church Manual, when all who have studied it know better. That was established in another speech, yet I shall remind readers that somebody has power besides Lord, in the Baptist ranks. "Churches in good order may be received . . . Presenting SUCH ARTICLES OF FAITH, adopted by them, as ACCEPTABLE BY THIS BODY" (ASSOCIATIONS, J. N. Razor, Hist. 120).
- 51. I asked several times IF the Bible mentioned resurrection as a birth. Dew said that word was found 40 times in Bible, and not one time did it thus refer. Of course I called his attention to Col. 1:18 often, but he didn't seem to care to notice it, now he comes up with that very passage as proof that Jesus is head of the Church. HOW DID HE BECOME HEAD DR? He will not answer. His resurrecton showed he was FIRST BORN from dead & thus he was BORN, so Dew half way apologizes for his gross error. When we go through a FORM of that, it is called BIRTH (Jn. 3:5) or FORM of doctrine, gospel facts, (Rom. 6:16-18, I Cor. 15:1-4) at which time we become a new born babe in Christ, and made free from sin, Mk. 16:16. Thanks Dr.!
- 52. Your logic proved Alexander Campbell was a brother to Jesus Christ, both having been baptized by Baptist preachers, so you say; and Jesus' brother is one who OBEYS the Father's will (Mat. 12:50) which Alexander Campbell did by going contrary to Baptist "USAGES" says Dr. J. R. Graves, Dew's favorite apostle. That also made him a part of the BRIDE of Christ, which also leaves out such men as John Immerser, who was NEVER baptized, Daniel, Moses and others.
- 53. NEVER in my life did I see a shameful error offered to the public as when Dew said: "Jesus said baptism 'BE-

- COMETH US' (Mt. 3:15) or makes us MORE BEAUTIFUL in God's eyes". Wouldn't that kill you? Gets his name from baptism, make you pretty, permits you to go on the honey-moon with the Lord, BUT IT IS NOT FOR REMISSION OF SINS, teaches Dew. Remission of sins is the ONLY object baptism has on earth, Acts, 2:38. He even claims Baptists are the only people who will accept John's baptism. NOT SO. We say it was good as gold when he was here performing it. Baptists would not accept it, because it was NOT PERFORMED in name of the THREE, he never heard THAT.
- On Greek Dr. Dew thinks he is ahead of real scholars, so he takes extended slap at the Greek "EIS," putting himself up against Thayer, The BEST Lexicon, as well as his own brethren, Wilmarth, Jeter, Pendleton, others. He did use Guthrie, a man not known away from home as a scholar, and I doubt ever taught in a recognized College or University. I gave him EIS in Acts 2:38, Mat. 26:28 asking him if they meant the same. He refuses to answer, and ignores Mat. 26:28 but uses Mat. 12:41 where they simply repented INTO the things taught, and traveling 500 miles has NOT ONE THING TO DO WITH IT. As usual I ruined him on baptized INTO Moses, with a Baptist scholar Hodge, who said it means IN ORDER TO, as all scholars do; or INTO or UNTO, always forward look. I never gave up on it meaning INTO. It does and sometimes UNTO or TO or IN, etc. Some believed EIS Christ and loved world more than Lord, so believers NOT saved, Jno. 12:42. Did they have head-faith, like Paul, Rom. 7:25 or heart-faith like you? Anyway you and Paul differ, don't you? See it? Did they repent BECAUSE OF in Acts 2:38? NO ANSWER BY DEW.
- 55. Since you say baptism is passive for the one baptized, but work by one doing the baptising, where is the WRONG in that work? WHO SINS IN IT? I KNOW HE'LL NOT ANSWER. He says he believes in the DIVINE ORDER OF WORDS, then he believes one is saved AFTER BAPTISM, Mk. 16:16; Ac. 2:38. Do you believe that order. HE WILL NOT ANSWER.
- He says that I accuse him of things he never said. So did HE. Samples "Since Christ said woman saved AT faith, WITHOUT and BEFORE baptism," and Wilhite agrees, etc. (Art. 2, No. 16) NOT SO. "My opponent declares Baptist churches having been organized during the personal min-

istry of Christ" (Art. 5, No. 66). DID NOT.

- 57 He speaks of what ALL prophets taught as being true, but such men were under other ages, and Luke said "Could NOT BE JUSTIFIED BY LAW OF MOSES" Acts 13:39, so let's do what Lord's will says, (Heb. 9:16,17). I do not deny some expected a resurrection but none back there believed IN A CHRIST as having been raised as WE MUST DO. Get it Granny! Jesus was God's Son before baptized, so was I my father's son before baptized, all know that he wasn't acknowledged in sense we are discussing, but DR. DEW. Isn't that strange?
- 58. Baptists baptize sheep the gentleman says, so, since baptism is a translating verb, EIS, looking forward, Baptists baptize men out of Christ, or baptize sheep to make a goat, so I guess Dr. Dew's picture was raising up the GOAT, INTO a Baptist church. His logic, not that he said so in so many words.
- 59. We do not say baptism literally saves people, but the Lord saves, WHEN they obey a FORM of something, Rom. 6:17 and that form is form of death, burial & resurrection, first part same chapter, Dew has NO FORM, but mental assent alone, which cannot justify, James 2:24. But, didn't he reply to my "little circle CHART?" Said it was a one winged bird. He hasn't told us his reason for not answering it. He can't. At its close, you remember I asked: "WILL DEW OR ANY BAPTIST DENY THIS?" He can't, neither can any other man, because it is true. I gave nine scriptural references to prove my side, and he said it is "UNTRUE AND FALSE." Who believes him instead of Christ? But he will argue with Lord. Mt. 7:22.
- 60. Then he speaks as though he is THROUGH, although he had me write FIVE affirmative articles while he is trying to get out on FOUR. WHY? Come on with one more, friend. While you are at it, please give scripture for what you say "Go to yourself. Kneel. Tell God you are a sinner, and ask him to FORGIVE your sins AND SAVE you." Why "KNEEL"? Why tell God what he already knows—that you are a sinner? But you tell us in your conditions of prayer, ONE MUST BELIEVE FOR IT TO BE ANSWERED and YOU say the INSTANT one believes, trusts, he is SAVED. Then he would be telling false, if he believes so God will hear, he is ALREADY SAVED. so

why ask Him to SAVE YOU? People, again I ask, don't blame the doctor, blame the doctrines. It is out of joint at every joint. WRONG. He discourages obedience, yet Bible says MUST OBEY TO BE SAVED, I Jno. 2:3-4, Heb. 5:9, Rom. 6:16-18.

Dew is as near a parrot, copy cat, as I ever saw. Drew a circle like I did without any reason. No body would object to his circle, on this proposition. Dew we are not discussing the apostasy question now, so my only reply to it is that DEW BE FORCED TO TELL US HOW ONE IS CREATED IN CHRIST! He keeps saying that, but never explains HOW. If no condition. he has turned to his predecessors, Primitive Baptists or Universalists one. Which are you Dr.? It simply means an object WITHIN a space, NOT OUT. INTO is passing of a thing from one form or state to another. WEBSTER. If one is ACTU-ALLY CREATED or FORMED IN (INSIDE) the Lord, how could that one be baptized INTO HIM, unless he first gets OUT and return INTO HIM? Baptist Doctrines, are just that silly! His circle, is senseless. Think of man being placed with SAME POWER JESUS was given as he uses it by referring to Matt. 28:18 and Rev. 1:18, both places showing a state of JESUS and not man. Such remarks prove beyond a doubt that Dew did not earn his DEGREE, except the one I have given him, D.D. (Dodging Dew). THANKS.

Dew's Fifth Affirmative

- Mr. Opponent and Kind Readers:
- 48. In his No. 42, my opponent says of God, "Who thru Grace gave us baptism." The word GRACE occurs 126 times in The New Testament, but NOT one time is it said that Baptism came thru Grace. That is another of his wild guesses, like calling a calf's tail a leg. Grace is the UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD, which is a Divine act. Baptism is a HUMAN ACT. Is he saying this to confuse? Can the man be serious when he makes that foolish statement, that the picture of IMMERSING A GOAT is MARRIAGE? He has never denied that he IM-MERSES GOATS to make them sheep.
- Replying to his 43, when it is clearly shown that the 49. WATER BIRTH is the NATURAL, PHYSICAL BIRTH, where is one so dense to have to be told more. Garbling Jeter, Pendleton and Ballard does not prove a thing. All oppose Campbellism and often debated with Campbellites . . . Campbell's CHRISTIAN SYSTEM is just as binding on Eld. Wilhite and his brethren as Pendleton's Manual on Baptists.
- Replying to his 44, Jesus Christ said: 50. "THY FAITH HATH SAVED THEE" (Lk. 7:50)

That needs no interpretation. It is as clear as noon-day sun.

"EIS" IN MATTHEW 26:28

means only "BECAUSE OF," just as Acts 2:38, Mat. 12:41, I Cor. 10:2. Jesus took the cup at Lord's Supper and said: "This IS My BLOOD which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Mt. 26:28). The contents of that cup was NOT The Real Blood of Jesus, but was a likeness or TYPE of The Blood. Eld. Wilhite teaches the cup IS a TYPE of The Blood of Jesus - NOT the REAL Blood, as do the Catholics. The REAL BLOOD OF CHRIST WASHES AWAY ALL OF OUR SINS (I Jn. 1:7, Titus 2:14). The cup is FIGURATIVE. Therefore, The Cup was a PIC-TURE of REAL BLOOD that had ALREADY cleansed from sin. Hence, "EIS" means BECAUSE OF REMISSION OF SINS, and NOT "in order to." "In order to" is a FALSE interpretation, which will damn souls.

Truly, John's Baptism WAS (and IS) as "good as gold." 51.

All the Apostles, except Paul, were baptized by John (Acts 1:22), and so was Jesus Christ, The HEAD of His Church, Paul defended John's Baptism (Ac. 19:4). There has never been, and IS NOT NOW, but "ONE BAPTISM" (Eph. 4:5) and that by a God-sent (Jn. 1:6) Baptist preacher (Mat. 3rd). All else is counterfeit. John certainly baptized IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY. as there WAS and IS ONLY ONE Baptism in the Bible (Eph. 4:5, Mt. 28:18-20) - One water baptism. John's Baptism could NOT have been "under the Jewish dispensation" (His No. 45) for that law ENDED WITH JOHN, or at beginning of his ministry (Lk. 16:16). Christ was "THE END OF THE LAW" (Rom. 10:4). Jewish law had ENDED BEFORE CHRIST began his ministry, tho not nailed to the cross until later. John will have a bright crown in Glory. He initiated under Divine Command "The ONE Baptism". John's is the ONLY Christian Baptism. Only Baptists so accept it.

- 52. I said there were TWO Faiths: HEAD-faith which demons and LOST have (Jas. 2:19) and HEART-faith that SAVES (Rom. 10:9-10). I denied there were two faiths which saved. Will you affirm there are two faiths that save? Abraham was saved AT Faith and BEFORE Baptism and BEFORE he offered Isaac (Rom. 4:2-11). He offered Isaac to PROVE he ALREADY HAD Faith. James was written to Jews (1:1), who KNEW he was saved BEFORE he offered Isaac (Gn. 15:5). Isaac was offered many years later (Gen. 22nd). James is in perfect harmony with Paul (Rom. 5:1-5, Eph. 2:8-10, Rom. 4th). Peter does NOT say water saved Noah. Water KILLED ALL OUTSIDE The Ark. The ARK saved Noah (Heb. 11:7). ALL SCRIPTURE MUST HARMONIZE WITH ALL OTHER SCRIPTURE.
- 53. 3.39 said: "Adam was a TYPE of Christ, but was NOT a PART of Christ, just as baptism the PICTURE of salvation is NO PART of salvation." Do not garble my statement. He can't even quote my statements correctly.
- 54. He asked: "HOW DID CHRIST BECOME HEAD?" of church. Paul said: "God GAVE HIM to be Head" Eph. 1:22. I believe it.
- 55. He ridicules and denies the Divinely Inspired Bible: "Dew said: 'Jesus said baptism "BECOMETH US" (Mt. 3:15) or makes us MORE BEAUTIFUL'. Becometh means to MAKE MORE

- BEAUTIFUL. Will he deny Webster? Certainly, a baptized person is more beautiful in God's Eyes than one who refuses to be baptized. Does he deny that?
- 56. How silly is his No. 58: "since baptism is a translating verb, EIS, looking forward, Baptists baptize men out of Christ, or baptize sheep to make them goats". My cartoon of him baptizing a GOAT is still stinging him. Is he saying silly things to throw dust into your eyes? Christ's Blood TRANSFORMS goats into SHEEP, hence Baptists baptize SHEEP, as the Scriptures teach (John 10th, Lk. 7:50).
- 57. Why did he not quote ALL of Ac. 13:39 in his No. 57? Why did he skip this underscored part: "AND BY HIM ALL THAT BELIEVE ARE JUSTIFIED FROM ALL THINGS FROM WHICH ye Could not be justified by the Law of Moses" WHY DID HE SKIP The FAITH part? Was he trying to DISCOURAGE the teaching of "ALL THE PROPHETS" that Salvation was AT FAITH and BEFORE BAPTISM? Salvation has always been EX-ACTLY the SAME IN EVERY DISPENSATION. Otherwise there could not be "ONE FAITH" (Eph. 4:5). Paul says, "For IF Abraham were justified by WORKS, he hath whereof to glory; but NOT before God. For what saith the Scripture? Abraham BELIEVED God, and it was COUNTED (or IMPUTED) to him for righteousness" (Ro. 4:2-3), just as I, and all Baptists in all ages since John The Baptist have taught. Therefore, baptism "in order to" remission of sins is UNSCRIPTURAL, FALSE and SINFUL.
- 58. Please note that Eld. Wilhite.

ADMITS THAT JESUS WAS GOD'S SON BEFORE BAPTISM, and in that admission SURRENDERS HIS ENTIRE PROPOSITION. He tries to bolster it, saying: "I was my father's son BEFORE Baptism." Yes, but you were

YOUR FATHER'S LOST SON BEFORE BAPTISM, and if you had no <u>HEART-Faith</u>, no EXPERIENCE of GRACE, NO EMOTIONAL FEELING in your heart <u>BEFORE</u> baptism, you were

STILL YOUR FATHER'S LOST SON AFTER BAPTISM

Jesus was not lost before baptism, hence your analogy is

VOID. Mary Baker-Glover-Patterson-Eddy nor Joseph Smith

could not have made more UNScriptural statements.

- 59. NONE HAS BEEN, nor can be, SAVED by HEAD-faith, or mere intellectual belief in The FACT of Christ's death. There MUST BE also HEART-faith (Rom. 10:9) or RECEIVING CHRIST as our own Saviour (Jn. 1:12-13) and be BORN AGAIN by The MIRACULOUS work of The Holy Spirit. One must KNOW and FEEL the change when his sins are washed away with The BLOOD of Christ (Rev. 1:5) and has his name WRITTEN in The Book of Life (Rev. 17:8, Luke 10:20). If you do not have a conscious, KNOW-SO salvation. you are NOT saved.
- 60. As to Dew answering his CIRCLE-CHART, turn to my chart (45) showing we are FIRST, Divinely CREATED IN Christ then SYMBOLICALLY baptized into Christ. Therefore,

HE OMITS HALF OF WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

on HOW to Get INTO Christ. His chart is like a bird with only ONE wing. In my No. 46 his circle-chart is answered in detail, yet he says I did not answer it.

58. My opponent SNEERS at my suggestion that each reader who does not KNOW BEYOND THE SLIGHTEST SHADOW OF A DOUBT that he or she has been saved, to PRAY. Tell God YOU ARE A SINNER. He asks: "Why tell God What He Already Knows?" REPLY: Because GOD COMMANDED US TO PRAY:

"And the Publican standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, GOD BE MECIFUL TO ME A <u>SINNER</u>" (Lk. 18:13).

THE PRODIGAL SON PRAYED:

"and the son said unto him, Father I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND IN THY SIGHT, AND AM NO MORE WORTHY TO BE CALLED THY SON" . . . But the Father said . . . "For THIS my son WAS <u>DEAD</u>, and is ALIVE again, he was <u>LOST</u> and is FOUND" Lk. 15:21-24. Then the Text of

SIMON PETER'S SERMON ON PENTECOST was:

"And it shall come to pass that WHOSOEVER shall <u>CALL</u> UP-ON the Name of The Lord shall be <u>SAVED</u>" (Acts 2:21). 59. Can you, DARE YOU, Kind Reader, to trust your soul's Eternal Salvation to teaching of a man who <u>SNEERS</u> at the BIBLE teaching of A SINNER PRAYING FOR SALVATION?

60: Kind Reader:

As we part, perhaps until the Great Day when we shall stand before God, I ask you to REMEMBER:

- 1. "THY FAITH HATH SAVED THEE" (Lk. 7:50) are Christ's own words. Will you trust Him or Mr Wilhite?
 - (2) Do not forget

THE LAW AND PROPHETS ENDED AT JOHN THE BAPTIST — Did not continue one hour after John began his ministry (Luke 16:16):

"The Law and The Prophets were <u>UNTIL</u> John." What Christ said was <u>IN</u> and <u>UNDER the Age of Grace</u>, or The Present Dispensation. Please do not Dispute.

(2) I Close as I began, and asked so many times, but have never had a fair reply:

"Since SALVATION IS A <u>BIRTH</u> (Jn. 3:5; Tit. 3:5) <u>BAPTISM</u> is a <u>BURIAL</u> (Col. 2:12).

Therefore. BURIAL AT the END OF LIFE, can NEVER CAUSE BIRTH, which is at the Beginning of LIFE."

May I urge you kind reader, to get alone and PRAY? Ask God to FORGIVE you your sins as The Publican and as the Prodigal son. I do not ask you to leave the church where you are. I ONLY ASK you

TO PRAY GOD TO SAVE YOUR SOUL.

At the Bogard-Freed Debate, 1928, Lindsley Avenue Meeting house, Nashville, one of your ministers got out and PRAYED. He was SAVED, and went to Howard College, Birmingham. You, too, can be SAVED, and you can KNOW YOU ARE SAVED, if will only confess to God you are a sinner, and ask Him to save you.

Call on Him at once to save you!

Cordially and sincerely,
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Wilhite's Fifth Negative

61. My Friends and Friendly Opponent:

I now make the closing article of this interesting and I hope profitable debate. I trust all readers have kept in good humor as Dr. Dew and I have, and that you may seriously restudy this Bible investigation without a particle of prejudice, just taking the Bible for your good.

- 62. If baptism is a good work, as Dr. Dew agrees, it is by the Grace of God, Jas. 1:17. Dew argues just to argue. He says baptism prepares people for BEST heaven affords. Does God's grace prepare people for BEST in heaven? No calf leg to it, It's because I am pulling his leg! Eating is a human act, but it is a privilege through the GRACE of God, so is every BLESSING, even BAPTISM! He argues the Baptist church is not of God's grace, because it takes baptism to MAKE A BAPTIST, but gospel, which he says saves, MAKES CHRISTIANS. Different? See?
- Dew's anger is manifest because of his defeat, but readers don't blame the Dr. Blame the doctrines! He accuses me of "garbling" scholars, I DENY IT AND DEMAND THAT HE PROVE IT OR RETRACT AND APOLOGIZE FOR HIS MISREP-RESENTING A GENTLEMAN. I quoted Baptist scholars correctly, which tears down his arguments and he complains, he doesn't even like for me to quote his writings because they contradict him in this debate. These scholars, such as his IDOL. J. R. Graves, et al., acknowledge that John 3:5 means water baptism, but to save face Dew rather agree with spiritually blind Nicodemus, and show his ignorance of nature, than acaccept the truth on it. He even (he would say) lie, when he says Christian System, or any other book except Bible is binding on me and my brethren, but I gave his own men to prove Baptists have a CHURCH MANUAL, by which they are governed. I'll give him \$10.00 if he can prove what he says about this by reliable authority, NOT BY SOME PREJUDICED BAPTIST.
- 64. Sure we are saved by faith, as he says, a heart, or active, OBEDIENT faith, which includes repentance and baptism,

which puts one INTO CHRIST. Are we saved OUT OF CHRIST?

- 65. Dew keeps harping on Lk. 7:50 but has never answered Luke 7:29-30, neither will he agree a person can be saved like that woman's faith, which did not embrace Christ's death, or resurrection. HE KNOWS ONE CANNOT. Yet he argues there is but ONE FAITH, and that is an active faith, which he calls heart faith, saying the other kind devils have, so there are at least two kinds and the kind that saves is ACTIVE, which means OBEDIENT. Paul had the kind that will not save, per Dr. Dew, Ro. 7:25. Dew has a different faith to what Paul had.
- Now he comes with a new argument I never heard a Baptist make before, but don't blame the man, I whipped him into saying Jesus shed his blood BECAUSE OF REMISSION OF SINS. Mt. 26:28. Remember he ran from that scripture some time, then said Jesus died in vain. We were already saved, so he shed his blood IN VAIN, I Jn. 1:7. I doubt there is a reader so dumb as to accept that stuff. He does that, to save a sinking cause. Wilmart, renown Baptist scholar in writing Baptist Sunday School quarterly said up to 1685 a backward look of EIS was never heard of, saying "This interpretation was doubtless suggested, and is now DEFENDED, on purely DOG-MATIC grounds," going on to say "they fear if we give it its natural and obvious meaning . . . we give up the battle & must become Campbellites . . . shall we gain any thing by maintaining a false translation . . . When the Campbellites translate IN ORDER TO in Acts 2:38, they translate correctly." (Bap. Otly, July, 1877. p. 302-305). HE'S A SCHOLAR. For a hundred years Baptists have been working to get EIS out of their way, in 1860 A. P. Williams (Baptist) said EIS applied to baptism in Acts 2:38 but not to repent. 1874 Crawford said it was figurative, 1880 J. R. Graves, Dew's MAIN MAN said EIS means INTO remission, Acts 2:38, and "Baptism is an ordinance of . . . churches," giving John 3:5 "BORN OF WATER as proof (Landmarkism, pp. 33 and 61). Not one translation or Lexicon agrees with DEW!
- 67. Yes, Paul defended John's baptism 30 years after the death of John, by baptism each one who had his kind of bap-

tism, from another than John, by BAPTIZING them over. Acts 19:1-5, because they were not baptized in name of Father. Son and Spirit, but was under Jewish dispensation, says Baptist Enc. of Relg. Knowledge, p. 177-8, & Graves. So we are created IN CHRIST, Eph. 2:10 as we are BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, Rom. 6:3. That's the only way to harmonize these scriptures. That is equal to Acts 2:47, Col. 1: 13. All baptisms are counterfeit. except John's baptism, says Dew, D.D., but by this time readers no doubt have lost confidence in his word, and since that is all he offers, no need of replying only to say this means instead of Jesus leading he followed his cousin, John. Dew aren't you ashamed? Of course the law & prophets were until John, he being one of greatest & last, but didn't say just when Gospel age started Heb. 9:16-17 does. John began preaching kingdom, as all know, but he was never in it, Mt. 11:11, neither did the Law end with John, because John died before the Crucifixion, Col. 2:14, Eph. 2:13-16, Mat. 8:4. Christ was the end in view of the law, Ro. 10:4 he was its object, and thank God we are under the gospel age, to ALL MEN! They were not permitted to preach at that time to Gentiles, such as Dew and me. Mt. 10:5-7. Learn a lesson, man.

I QUOTE DEW: "I said there were TWO faiths" (No. 52) but your fourth negative said MY "proposition teaches TWO FAITHS . . . Bible says ONE, Eph. 4:5" (Art 4 No. 49), so we agree at least on that, and we agree one MUST believe if his prayers are heard. But you say one is saved "THE INSTANT he believes", therefore a sinner CANNOT pray, else faith is NOT necessary to have prayer answered. Which, DEW? Baptists do not accept John's baptism, because it was FOR, UNTO, IN ORDER TO remission of sins, Mk. 1:4, Lk. 3:3. We accept that kind, but you fight against it, and lose. "For with the HEART man believeth UNTO (Toward) righteousness, AND with the MOUTH confession (Confessing, what he has already believed, else confessing a lie, yet it is also TOWARD SALVATION) is made UNTO SALVATION" Ro. 10:10. Doesn't yet have salvation, because salvation is IN Christ, 2 Tim. 2:10, and following confessing what one believes he is baptized (Acts 8:36-39) INTO Christ, or INTO SALVATION, Rom. 6:3, and then AT that time, made FREE FROM SIN, Rom. 6:16-18, which is equal to being BORN AGAIN, of WATER and SPIRIT, Jno. 3:5. Isn't that so

- plain? No man can successfully contradict it.! NO, I never said TWO faiths to save, but you argued TWO different kinds of faith, regardless of whether they save or not, yet accused me of teaching TWO. WRONG!
- I agree Paul and James harmonize, but your theory does not harmonize with each of them. You say saved by faith ONLY" (Jas. 2:24). Which will you take friends? Besides, Dew gave up on Eph. 2:8, so far as baptism being a work, that Paul condemns, when he said "In baptism the body and heart are PASSIVE" which means NO WORK. (His second Art. No. 6.) But he has always said baptism is WORK, (His Flag, 6/45, p. 18) using Paul to condemn it. Just so it is condemned, thinks Dew, whether Bible condemns it or upholds it. He is like Saul of Tarsus, so destructive against the Lord's Church, Acts 8:3. Paul only condemned erroneous works, or works of the law, Phil. 3:9, but said we MUST OBEY or be lost, 2 Thes. 1:8. So. as Dew says "ALL SCRIPTURE MUST HARMONIZE" but Dew's does NOT and CANNOT. Once he says baptism is work, next says it is NOT WORK. Baptists have always said it is work, and use Eph. 2:8-9 to prove saved without baptism.
- 70. The Dr. says Adam was a TYPE of Christ "JUST as baptism the picture of salvation." So Adam was type, and Christ anti-type, and the flood was type, and baptism is ANTI-TYPE. Which is real, TYPE or ANTI-TYPE? Which is most IMPORTTANT? All can see that, unless it is my opponent. Baptism is ANTI-TYPE saves, I Pet. 3:21. He says here "baptism the PICTURE of salvation," but the Bible does not say any such. You make too much, at the wrong time, of baptism, my man! And in answering my question, which he does not answer at all, he said "GOD MADE HIM to be Head" of the church, but I asked HOW? I agree that God did it, but how and when? Eph. 1:18-23 tells, and Dew refuses to read that, he was head of the church while on earth, UNLESS HE GIVES THAT HONOR TO JOHN THE IMMERSER, AS HE DOES BAPTISM."
- 71. So Blood of Jesus translates, or changes goats to sheep, the gentleman says, "therefore, since Jesus died for ALL" (I Tim. 2:5-6), hell will be to rent out, and a Baptist preacher has gone Universalist, so it cancels your Baptist BRIDE, and baptim is useless in every sense of the word, doesn't even make

you look prettier, as you so foolishly contend. Poor Dew!

It wasn't necessary to quote all of Acts 13:39, as I was showing he was wrong when he said Same Plan of salvation in every age, I simply showed it wasn't so. It stands just like most every thing I said. But not one prophet said "salvation was AT FAITH and BEFORE BAPTISM." Dew and all his help CANNOT FIND it. That is just one of his many assertions, but he can't find one on me. He brings in so many silly things, such as Jesus Son of God before baptism so should we be. vet Jesus said the saved believer is a baptized believer, and faith alone WILL NOT justify (Mk. 16:16, Jas. 2:24). There is not a scholar in America who will take such a foolish stand as to say "thus it becometh us" Mat. 3:15 refers to one's looks. That is just child's play. Every body is some body's son, or have been born into the world BEFORE they can be baptized, BUT WHY CLASS JESUS WITH MORTAL BEINGS? Bo ashamed! But I have a "know so salvation" as you say, based on I John 2:3, 4, the only safe way. When I wrote last I did not have his circle (broken wing bird) chart, but I see it is some more folly. That is answered elsewhere in this, but I wish you would notice he even says "ALL POWER" is in his circle, whatever it is, refers to Matt. 28:18 which applies to Jesus power after his resurrection, as all know. What does the man mean, others if refers to man, is on his favorite subject. Apostacy, which is not in this one. No wonder he shuddered at the word "applicable" I introduced! Again he misses the point. I asked why tell God what He already knows, his answer "Because God COMMANDED US To PRAY" and every body knows that doesn't answer. God DID NOT say pray that way. Publican was under Moses Law, and prodigal son was an erring son, and Acts 2:21 has no reference to prayer, because they had to obey in repentance and baptism to be saved (Acis 2:38). Dew advises sinners to pray, but sinners have no faith, since YOU say the MOMENT one believes he is sayed. Prayer without faith? I have showed time and again that Dew would not say a person today was saved if he only believed Jesus as the woman of Lk. 7:50 did. HE KNOWS IT, I'LL GIVE DOL-LAR TO DENY IT, or explain it. NO THE LAW DID NOT END AT BEGINNING of John's work. Lk. 16:16 does not so teach. else we have a contradiction, since Jesus was NOT priest on earth, Hb. 8:4, but when priesthood was changed to Judah

necessarily the LAW was changed, says Paul, Heb. 7:12.

- Dying breath, the poor doctor mentions "I close as I began, and asked so many times, but never had a fair reply: SINCE SALVATION IS A BIRTH (Jn. 3:5, Tit. 3:5), Baptism is A BURIAL (Col. 2:12), Therefore Burial at the END of life, can NEVER CAUSE BIRTH, which is at the BEGINNING of life." He did offer that in his first negative, but NEVER was it asked as a question until in his THIRD negative he said it had been asked as a question, BUT IT HAD NOT! I did my best to draw him out on it by my repeated questions, which he IGNORED COMPLETELY, and does yet. However, I did, after seeing he would NOT ANSWER ME, tore that silly argument, if it be called an argument, to pieces in my FOURTH affirmative, and he knows it. He refused to answer I Cor. 15:36, even after I quoted HIS own Baptist Translation on it thus: "Thou FOOL, what thou thyself sowest is NOT MADE ALIVE, EXCEPT IT DIE," yet Dew still says I didn't answer him on it. That is a wilful misrepresentation! He knows our readers KNOW it too. Why will a man risk going to hell for glory on earth? Even at that, Dew you lost this debate by ALL! So Jesus was born (Col. 1:18) after He died, and so do we. In faith and repentance we die to the love of the world, then buried in baptism, we are raised to walk in a new life, Rom. 6:1-5, thus we are born of water, when delivered from it, Jno. 3:5.
- 74. Readers, look over this entire debate at your leisure, and see if Dew answered such questions as "When were you born of water"? Did Paul have to do what Jesus told him he MUST DO?" "Does baptism belong to law, grace, truth or error?" I offered as much as \$10.00 if he would answer these and other questions. HE DIDN'T BECAUSE HE CAN'T! He knew it would ruin his whole arguments, so he passed up.
- 75. Now, my dear readers, As you know, the Bible is inspired, but my statements are not, neither are Dew's; so for your own good and the salvation of your own soul, I beg you to take what the INSPIRED BOOK SAYS. Dew's theory CANNOT harmonize with the Bible, as you doubtless have noticed. What I teach, in origin of church, its name, its doctrine, and its practice all comes directly from God's Word, and that is all

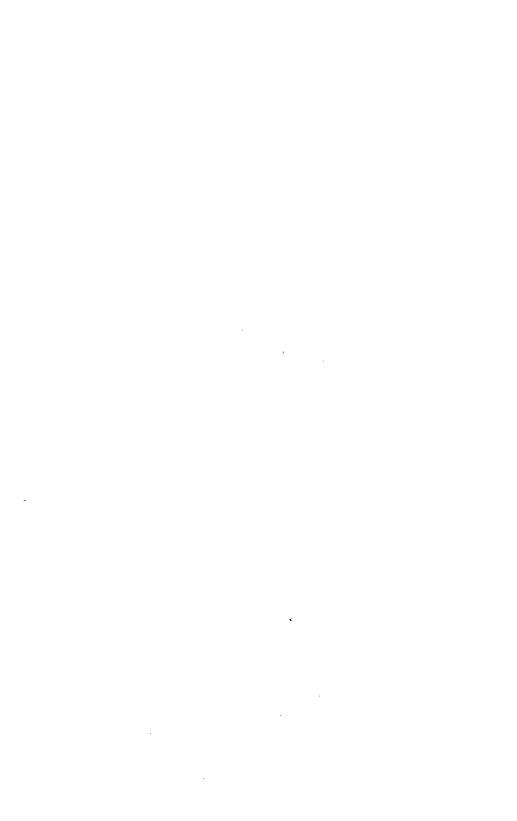
I ask any person to do! Will you do that and be saved? God bless each one is my fervent prayer, on his own conditions. Good by,

J. Porter Wilhite.

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