

**Hogland — Kesner
Debate**

on

“The Plan of Salvation”



A Discussion Between

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FORWARD

The Hogland-Kesner debate was conducted in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for four nights—May 9 through May 12, 1950—between Ward Hogland of Fort Smith, Arkansas, representing the Churches of Christ, and J. W. Kesner Sr., of Fort Smith, Arkansas, representing the Central Missionary Baptist Church. Both disputants are favorably known and represent well their respective brethren.

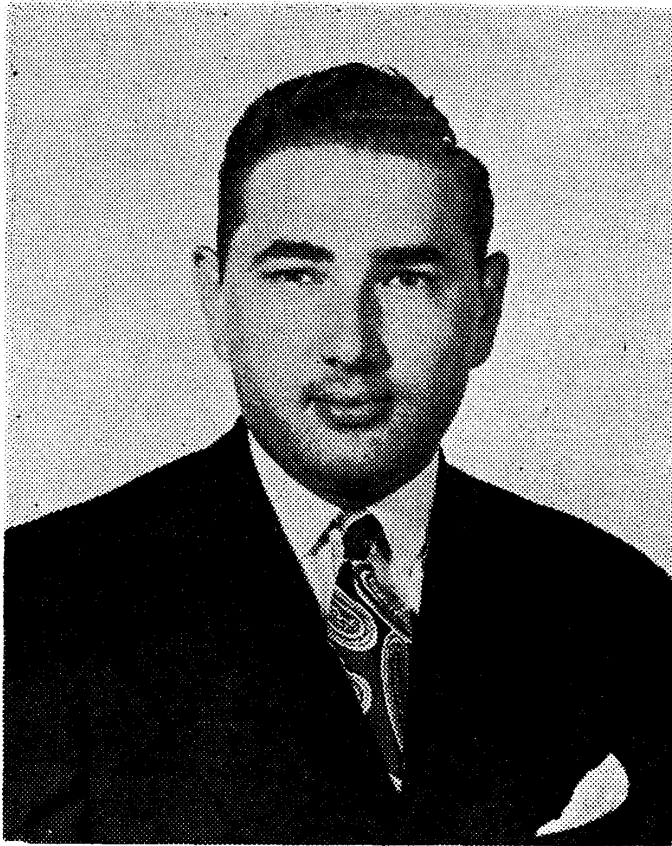
The discussion grew largely out of the publication of a book titled “Campbellism Exposed.” Another factor that led to the discussion was the radio broadcasts of each disputant. Mr. Hogland challenged Mr. Kesner for the discussion immediately after he had offered the above book for sale over the radio.

All the sessions were conducted in Central Missionary Baptist Church. Over one thousand people crowded into all available space every night—many were turned away because of no available standing or sitting space. People got off the city buses and ran to the building trying to obtain a seat. This proves that debates are one of the best ways to teach. Not many people will run to a Gospel Meeting!

Many times during the discussion the audience received a good “laugh” but the spirit was splendid and no one became angry. Several states were represented. Many preachers from both the Church of Christ and Baptist Church were present, including the president of the American Baptist Association, Dr. L. D. Foreman who is also President of the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The entire discussion was recorded by wire and disc recording so that it might be placed in book form. Dr. Edward Byrd, professor of Greek in the Missionary Baptist Institute at Little Rock, Arkansas moderated for Mr. Kesner and I moderated for Bro. Hogland. We believe that good will come from debates of this kind.

GEO. B. CURTIS.



WARD HOGLAND was born August 14, 1924 near Tuttle, Oklahoma. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hogland now of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Ward spent much of his childhood working on a farm near Tuttle. He finished High School at Tuttle and then attended both Freed-Hardeman and Abilene Christian College. He began preaching at the age of sixteen and since that time has broken the "Bread of Life" in almost every state in the Southland.

The Churches in this section fully endorse and appreciate the way Bro. Hogland proclaims the truth both in preaching and debating. His knowledge of the Bible, unique platform manner and love for the truth combine into making him what he is and what he will be.

He met Burt F. Marrs almost a year ago at Poteau, Okla. Mr. Marrs is president of the Church of God (seventh day) publishing house at Stanberry, Mo. The victory was so outstanding that the doors of this "Sect" were closed, some were converted and their progress greatly curtailed.

Bro. Hogland loves the cause for which he stands and has never known the cringing cowardice of compromise. He is able to think on his feet and is calm in his deliberations. He meets the enemy with all the power of his being and hates sin and innovations. His sincerity and honesty in handling God's word is outstanding. We send forth this book with the fervent Prayer that the truth may prevail and much good be accomplished.

Dr. C. B. Billingsley.



DR. J. W. KESNER, SR., pastor extraordinary of the great Central Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Smith. He has been her only pastor, and is now serving his twentieth year.

While excelling as a pastor, Bro. Kesner is an editor and author of ability. His modesty is only overcome by his zeal for the truth, so that despite his early lack of formal schooling he comes forth in print with the holy boldness which characterizes his pulpit and which his love for the truth inspires. He has put to shame, by his scholarship, many who had formal schooling. Perhaps the "polish" is not so evident, but his personal zeal and warm heart take off all the "sharp corners" which others leave in their logic.

His early book (soon to be reprinted), **The Two Natures in the Child of God**, or **The Flesh and the Spirit**, is a masterpiece of Bible exegesis. He has no peer among us when dealing with Bible numbers. His book, *Numerics in the Scriptures*, reflects genuine scholarship and, when presented as a thesis in the Missionary Baptist Seminary, earned for him the Degree of Doctor in Bible.

His latest publication has established him another field: polemics. It is **Campbellism Exposed**, a 100 page volume which probably provoked this discussion.

This was only the fourth debate for Bro. Kesner. All have been held on his "home ground," where his reputation and integrity as a pastor were at stake. His membership was particularly pleased for he proved himself worthy of their confidence. It was a happy privilege to serve as his moderator.

Edward Byrd.

COMMENT

This book was published jointly by Ward Hogland and J. W. Kesner. It was printed on the Central Baptist press, each disputant bearing his share of the expense. Each disputant was responsible for the correction of his manuscript. Please pardon the typographical errors as it was published hurriedly because of demand.

THE PUBLISHERS.

Typographical errors were corrected as discovered while putting this debate into electronic form. No content of the debate was changed in any way.

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I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who made it possible to place this discussion in print. I am grateful to the young people of the Park Hill Church of Christ who assisted in preparing my part of the discussion. Especially to Miss Doyce Oller and Mrs. Billy Cook who worked so diligently in transcribing the discussion from the wire recorder. Several other young ladies also helped in typing the speeches and to them I am thankful.

I am grateful also to Ernest Highers, Minister of the Midland Boulevard Church and N. E. Berkley for operating the wire recorders during the discussion. May we be blessed in our labour by stimulating a greater interest in the investigation of God's word.

Sincerely,
WARD HOGLAND.

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PROPOSITIONS DISCUSSED

May 9th and 10th

"The scriptures teach that the sinner is saved by Grace through faith without works and before water Baptism."

J. W. Kesner affirms.
Ward Hogland denies.

May 11th and 12th

"The scriptures teach that the alien sinner must be baptized in water for his sins to be obliterated or forgiven."

Ward Hogland affirms.
J. W. Kesner denies.

KESNER'S FIRST AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentleman Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: I assure you that it is with pleasure that I appear before you at this time for the investigation of the truth as I sincerely believe it. I hope that you will take the moderators' advice and everyone listen and be quiet as possible, and listen to the arguments from the scriptures that you may be benefitted.

I will define my proposition as I am to affirm it. It has been read to you, but I will reiterate and define it.

"The Scriptures teach that the sinner is saved by GRACE through FAITH, WITHOUT WORKS, and BEFORE water baptism."

By the Scriptures, I mean the BIBLE as it has been written by the inspired writers, and a correct translation of the same. By TEACH, I mean that the scriptures so declare, or set forth the doctrine in such clear language that the conclusion will be unmistakable. I mean by SINNER, one who is condemned before God, lost and on his road to hell. That is about as clear as I know how to describe it. SAVED, one who has his sins forgiven, who has been born of the Spirit, **"passed from death unto life,"** becomes a child of God, possessing salvation. By GRACE, I mean the opposite of works, and that one is saved apart from ANY RIGHTEOUS ACTS or DEEDS the sinner does. By FAITH, I mean that one must RELY UPON or TRUST IN the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour as so expressed in Proverbs 29:25, **"Whoso trusteth in the Lord shall be SAFE."** And before WATER BAPTISM, I mean one is SAVED THE MOMENT that he BELIEVES on the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. Since FAITH precedes baptism, he must be saved BEFORE he is baptized. Therefore, it is WITHOUT it and APART from it.

I trust that you have listened to my definition carefully and that you will listen now to the scriptural arguments as they shall proceed. You will note carefully that the proposition reads: **"by GRACE through FAITH without works."**

Turn with me to Titus 3:5-8. **"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he SAVED US, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being JUSTIFIED by his GRACE, we shall be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed God might be careful to maintain good works."**

I read this to show in the beginning of my argument that a CHILD of God is to MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS. "We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

Eph. 2:8-10—**“For by GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT of works, lest any man should boast.”**

Rom. 11:6—**“And if by GRACE, then it is no more of WORKS: otherwise GRACE is no more GRACE. But if it be of WORKS, then it is no more GRACE: otherwise WORK is no more WORK.”**

Now in this discussion, for the four night that precedes, there is one primary thing that this whole entire argument hinges on. That is the time element in our salvation. The time element, at what **point** in man’s obedience does God save him. We have here first (pointing to chart):

Acts 16:31—**“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”**
The apostle said this to the Philippian Jailor.

We have Mark 16:16—**“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”**

We have Matt. 24:13—**“He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”** We have here three time elements.

My position in this discussion is that we are saved at the POINT OF FAITH, Acts 16:31. We will wait and see what my honorable opponent’s position is. I believe we are saved here, Acts 16:31 (pointing to chart): and we are still saved when we are baptized, Mark 16:16; and we are still saved when we get to the end, Matt. 24:13. Now then all the way through, four nights, you watch that POINT there, Acts 16:31 (pointing to chart); at what point of obedience. And I will say now in the beginning that I heartily accept in advance all of the scriptures on obedience that my opponent may present. I presume that we all believe in obedience, but the point in question is, at what POINT IN OBEDIENCE are we saved? That is the question.

So then we come now to the study of JUSTIFICATION. We are either justified by GRACE through FAITH without works, as the apostle Paul says, or, we are justified by WORKS. So then we want to discuss that a while and look into the Scripture. If we are to be saved upon our obedience, then we will have to work to be saved. I mean obedience beyond Acts 16:31, the POINT OF FAITH. At what point of obedience are we saved? When we come to study the scriptures on this matter we have the apostle Paul and James apparently contradicting each other; if we force them to be discussing the SAME type of JUSTIFICATION. I want to say, as we begin this study, I purpose not to be in any hurry. I want you, the audience, to get what I say. I can run on and pile it up in a hurry but you wouldn’t get it; and we would be killing time. Let us study carefully.

Now Paul and James are not talking about the same KIND OF JUSTIFICATION; and that is what we want to find out about.

In 1 Sam. 16:7—**“God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”** And that is the KEY TEXT to HARMONIZE James and Paul.

We note here first (pointing to chart), Paul says:

Rom. 3:20—**“By the deeds of the law shall NO flesh be JUSTIFIED in his sight.”**

But to the contrary, James over here says (pointing to chart):

Jas. 2:24—**“Ye see then how that by works a man is JUSTIFIED, and not by faith only.”**

If James and Paul mean the SAME JUSTIFICATION, then we have a task to HARMONIZE them. They oppose one another. What is James talking about? All the way through, James is talking of JUSTIFICATION IN THE EYES OF MEN, how that our salvation by FAITH is working and JUSTIFYING us in the eyes of our fellow man. For God looketh on the HEART—man looketh on the OUTWARD APPEARANCE. But Paul does not contradict James, for Paul is talking about JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD.

Notice again, Rom. 4:2—**“For if Abraham were JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, he hath where of to glory; but NOT BEFORE GOD.”**

We turn to James 2:21—**“Abraham was JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, when he offered his son Isaac.”** One says he was JUSTIFIED OFFERING the son, and the other says HE WASN'T. Now you may say; are you arraying them? No, I am trying to HARMONIZE THEM and show you that they do NOT CONTRADICT. If they mean the SAME THING you are bound to HAVE a CONTRADICTION. Paul is talking about justification BEFORE GOD, as God saw him in the HEART when he BELIEVED GOD, and it was COUNTED unto him for righteousness (Gal. 3:6). But on the other hand, James is speaking about how Abraham was JUSTIFIED IN THE EYES OF MANKIND when he offered that son. And he offered that son some forty or fifty years AFTER he had been JUSTIFIED before God (Rom. 4:3).

Then in Rom. 4:5—**“To him that worketh NOT, BUT BELIEVETH on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is COUNTED for righteousness.”**

Well, James says:

Jam. 2:14—**“What doth it profit, though a man say he hath faith and have not WORKS?”** Are they CONTRADICTING each other? No, No; the HARMONY is to be found in the KEY TEXT. God looketh on the HEART, man looketh man looketh on the OUTWARD appearance.

In Rom. 4:6—**“Blessed is the man unto whom God IMPUTETH righteousness WITHOUT works.”**

But turning to James 2:18—**“Show me thy faith WITHOUT thy works, and I will show you my faith BY my works.”**

James is talking about how we demonstrate our FAITH IN OUR WORKS as we live the Christian life, so that we can be JUSTIFIED in the EYES of men, that we DO LOVE GOD.

Eph 2:8-10—**“For by GRACE are YE saved through FAITH; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus UNTO good works.”**

Turn to James 2:14—**“Can FAITH save him?”** V. 20—**“Faith without works is dead.”** No CONTRADICTION, that is right. A man who has been JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD, as Paul sees him, has salvation. That man will MANIFEST salvation in his Christian life as he lives it. He will manifest it BY HIS WORKS, that is honoring to God. But he DID NOT WORK to be saved.

In Isa. 64:6—In God’s sight, man’s WORKS are as filthy rags; but in man’s sight FAITH ALONE is as filthy rags. I stand here to affirm this proposition with all sincerity, that Paul and James DO NOT contradict each other, but are in perfect harmony. Paul sees him as he is, **“saved by grace through faith, WITHOUT WORKS.”** James is speaking of him, MANIFESTING himself to the world, as man sees him.

Then we turn next—persons to be baptized.

John cried out in Matt. 3:7—**“O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore FRUITS meet for repentance.”**

Notice, the sinners demand baptism at John’s hands, and second the preacher refused, and third he demanded FRUITS. What kind of FRUIT?

In Matt. 7:17—**“Neither can a CORRUPT tree bring forth good fruit.”**

Well, in Matt. 12:33—**“Make the tree GOOD and his fruit good.”**

Now, a tree must be a good tree BEFORE it can BEAR fruit; and also, that tree must be in the vine.

In John 15:4—**“Cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide IN the vine.”** Jesus said: **“I am the vine, and ye are the branches.”**

A tree that brings forth good fruit must be in the vine. And for that reason John refused to baptize them.

In John 4:1, 2—“**Jesus made and baptized . . . disciples.**” Notice, he MADE disciples BEFORE baptism (**Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples**). He MADE disciples FIRST.

In Luke 14:23—must “**FORSAKE ALL**” Jesus said, to “**be my disciple.**”

Well, in forsaking all, what do we get?

In Matt. 19:29—He who forsakes all “**inherits life.**”

So then the STATEMENT of that is:

Forsake all to be a disciple. Who is baptized? A disciple.

What does a disciple get? They get LIFE for forsaking all. They become a disciple BEFORE baptism. Therefore, they have LIFE BEFORE baptism.

Now, the believer: Acts 8:36, 37—“**If thou BELIEVEST with all thine HEART, thou mayest.**” That is what Phillip said to the eunuch. And in Acts 18:8—the Corinthians “**BELIEVED and were baptized.**” WHO is baptized? The BELIEVER.

CHILD OF THE DEVIL

1. Is CONDEMNED.
2. Is DEAD.
3. Has NOT the Spirit.
4. NOT born of God.
5. NOT justified.
6. IS NOT saved.
7. God and Christ NOT in him.
8. Sins NOT forgiven.
9. NOT an heir.
10. NO peace with God.

CHILD OF GOD

- Is NOT condemned (Jno. 3:18).
- HAS everlasting life (Jno. 3:36).
- HAS the witness (1 Jno. 5:19).
- IS born of God (1 Jno. 5:1).
- IS justified (Rom. 5:1).
- Thy faith SAVED thee (Luke 7:50).
- God and Christ ARE in him (1 John 4:15).
- Sins ARE forgiven (Luke 7:47).
- He IS an heir (Gal. 3:29).
- HAS peace with God (Rom. 5:1).

WILL YOU BAPTIZE THIS ONE?

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WHOSE CHILD WILL YOU BAPTIZE?

The CHILD of the Devil is CONDEMNED. The CHILD of God IS NOT condemned.

John 3:18—“**He that BELIEVETH on him is NOT condemned: but he that BELIEVETH NOT IS condemned already, because he hath NOT BELIEVED in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**”

The CHILD of the Devil IS DEAD. The CHILD of God HAS everlasting LIFE.

John 3:36—“**He that BELIEVETH on the Son HATH everlasting LIFE: and he that believeth NOT the Son shall NOT see life: but the wrath of God ABIDETH on him.**”

The CHILD of the Devil IS NOT born of God. The CHILD of God IS born of God.

1 John 5:1—“**Whosoever BELIEVETH that Jesus is the Christ IS BORN of God.**”

The CHILD of the Devil IS NOT justified. The CHILD of God IS justified.

Rom. 5:1—**“Therefore being JUSTIFIED by FAITH.”**

A CHILD of the Devil, God and Christ are NOT in him. A CHILD of God, God and Christ ARE in him.

1 John 4:15—**“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus IS the Son of God, God DWELLETH IN HIM.”**

The CHILD of the Devil IS NOT saved. The CHILD of God IS saved.

Luke 7:50—**“Thy faith HATH saved thee.”**

The CHILD of the Devil, sins are NOT forgiven. The CHILD of God, sins ARE forgiven. Luke 7:47.

The CHILD of the Devil IS NOT an heir. The CHILD of God IS an heir.

Gal. 3:9—**“Heir according to promise.”**

The CHILD of the Devil has NO peace with God. The CHILD of God HAS peace with God.

Rom. 5:1—**“Therefore being justified BY FAITH, we HAVE peace with God THROUGH our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

So then, I will be glad to hear my honorable opponent tell us, when he comes up here, just WHICH ONE of these CHILDREN will he baptize.

Now then, passing to the CONDITION of the believer. What is the CONDITION of the believer?

John 3:14-15—**“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, EVEN SO must the Son of man be lifted up: That WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH in him should NOT perish, but have eternal life.”**

What IS the condition of the believer? The believer shall NOT perish. The CONDITION of the believer IS, he SHALL NOT perish.

STATEMENT:

1. All unsaved people PERISH. Who said so? Jesus.
2. The believer will NOT perish. Who said so? Jesus.
3. The believer IS saved. Who said so? Jesus. Yes, sir, **“whosoever believeth SHALL NOT perish, but have eternal life.”**

AGAIN:

1. The believer is a SAVED person.
2. We believe BEFORE baptism.
3. Therefore SAVED before baptism.

In John 3:18—**“He that believeth on him IS NOT condemned: but he that believeth NOT IS condemned already.”** Condition of the believer. The believer IS NOT condemned.

STATEMENT:

1. All UNSAVED persons ARE condemned.
2. The believer IS NOT condemned.
3. The believer IS a saved person.

AGAIN:

1. The believer is a SAVED person.
2. Believe before baptism.
3. Therefore, saved BEFORE baptism.

In John 3:36—“**He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting LIFE.**” What is the state? He has everlasting life.

STATEMENT:

1. Saved persons ONLY have LIFE.
2. The believer HAS life.
3. Therefore, a believer IS a SAVED person.

Then we notice the next scripture:

John 5:24—The believer shall not come into condemnation. “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and BELIEVETH on him that sent me, HATH everlasting life, and SHALL NOT come into condemnation; but is passed from DEATH into LIFE.**” The believer shall NOT come into condemnation.

STATEMENT:

1. Unsaved persons COME INTO condemnation.
2. The believer WILL NOT come into condemnation.
3. Therefore, the believer IS a SAVED person. The little boys and girls can understand the words of Jesus there.

John 5:1—The believer IS born of God. “**Whosoever believeth that Jesus IS the Christ IS born of God.**”

STATEMENT:

1. To be born of God is to be SAVED.
2. The believer IS born of God.
3. The believer is SAVED.

1 John 4:15—“**Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth IN him.**” Well, who confesses him? The one who has believed on him: that Jesus is the Son of God.

STATEMENT:

1. To dwell in God is to be SAVED.
2. The confessor DWELLS in God.
3. The confessor IS SAVED.

In the few moments I have left, I invite your attention now to some characters who WERE SAVED WITHOUT baptism.

First, the Jailor. As I have already presented here the first scripture on this chart, “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt BE SAVED.**” (Acts 16:31.) That is the only place in the entire Bible where the question was asked in full detail. “**What**

must I do to BE saved.” The answer was: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”

Then the next I shall bring is Cornelius, of the tenth chapter of the Acts of the apostles. There we find in chapter 10, verse 44-46—**“While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”**

We find here a direct case that WAS SAVED, and had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is not at this time, for this age, and neither are we discussing that; but the fact that they had the Holy Ghost at that time, BEFORE baptism.

Then I call your attention to the apostle Paul. Paul said: 1 Cor. 15:8—**“And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one BORN OUT OF DUE TIME.”**

The apostle Paul, by experience, knew when he saw the Lord. He knew when he was SAVED, and told us WHEN he was SAVED. Therefore, he did not see the Lord down at Damascus. But he did SEE the Lord ON THE ROAD to Damascus, for he said he did. Therefore, he was SAVED BEFORE baptism.

Now I turn to Luke 23:42, there we have the thief on the cross who was SAVED BEFORE baptism. For in the dying hour, the thief said unto Jesus, **“Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”** And Jesus answered him: **“To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”**

I turn in conclusion, in the last moment or two to John 9:35, **“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? And he answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, thou hast both seen him and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I BELIEVE. And he WORSHIPPED him.”** So we find here, this blind man in the 9 chapter of John was SAVED AT THE MOMENT that Jesus revealed himself unto him, and told him who he was. **“Who is he, Lord, that I might believe?”** When he understood that it was Jesus, he said, **“Lord, I BELIEVE.”**

Now for a question I want to ask my opponent. I trust he will answer it for us. Does he baptize a believer? And if so, does he baptize a believer who is condemned, or one who is not condemned? (time up) Thank you.

HOGLAND'S FIRST NEGATIVE

Gentlemen Moderators, Honorable Opponent, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Friends:

It is a genuine pleasure for me to come before you in defense of what I believe to be taught in the word of God. This is an opportunity that I have looked forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm for a number of months. I am thankful unto the Father of All Lights for His divine providence that has permitted this gathering tonight. The prayer that rests upon my heart is that much and lasting good will be accomplished from this friendly discussion. We appreciate your presence in coming out here to witness these things, and we hope that the truth will shine brighter as it comes forth from the heat of controversy. I am thankful for the confidence that my brethren have placed in me, and I hope that I may be able to merit your good favor throughout this discussion.

Before I begin my part of the discussion, there are a few things I want to make clear. First, I have no personal animosity or ill will in my heart toward my friend Kesner. This is not a personal affair at all. If I had something personal against Elder Kesner, I would go to him man to man and we would discuss it. These things that we are discussing are as eternal as God himself. With these stubborn facts before us, we do well to enter into an investigation of the word of God as the Bereans of old who searched the Scriptures daily to see if these things be so. I remember that Jesus said in the memorable sermon on the mount: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." I am confident that our audience tonight is made up of men, women, boys and girls who are hungering after that which is found on the sacred pages of inspiration. All that we ask of you is a fair hearing in this discussion as it progresses from night to night.

Another thing is that I am not angry with my friend Kesner and I am sure he is not angry with me. You know, sometimes people who come to a public discussion are prone to say that the disputants were angry with each other. Well, I am not angry with Elder Kesner and I don't believe that he is angry with me. Throughout this discussion I will not be any more angry with him than I am right now. I want you to remember that, and please don't go home and say that Hogland was angry with Kesner. I do not mean to imply that I am not going to press the issue, because I am. As a matter of fact, about two months ago over here in Elder Kesner's office with two or three witnesses present he raised his right hand and said, "Elder Hogland, when it comes to doctrine I want you to press me hard." Well, at that time I didn't think I needed much inducement along that line; but I am happy that he has given me permission and I hope that I come up to his expectations. I intend to press that which is found in the word of God.

Now in the beginning I want to read the proposition. Evidently Elder Kesner forgot his proposition. He didn't touch top, bottom, side or anything else of it. He wandered into the "DREAMLAND" of the old covenant and talked about this and that and finally said something about James and Paul that we will get to just a little later. He

did not talk about his proposition. I want to read it to you. "The Scriptures teach that the sinner is saved by grace through faith without works and before water baptism." Elder Kesner teaches that a person needs to be baptized and that Jesus even commanded baptism, page 27 of "CAMPBELLISM EXPOSED". Even though he teaches this, he says that a man can go to heaven and never be baptized. Friend Kesner, can a man go to heaven and not obey the Lord? Now he teaches that baptism is a command but a man can go to heaven and never be baptized. In his proposition he is advocating that a man is saved by grace through faith without works and before water baptism. In other words, friend Kesner is teaching that a man is saved without any works at all. Elder Kesner, do you not know that faith is a work? In John 6 Jesus says, "LABOR not or WORK not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto eternal life." Then the Jews to whom he was speaking said, "What shall we do, that we might WORK the works of God?" He said, "This is the work of God that ye BELIEVE on him." The antecedent of the pronoun "we" was the Jews to whom Jesus was speaking. Elder Kesner, since the Jews had to do the believing, was it a work? If you obliterate all works from the plan of salvation, you eradicate your own position because faith itself is a work. To further confirm this, I call your attention to Acts 8:37. Here the Eunuch said, "I BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the son of God." Here we have a verb of action, "I believe." Did he do the believing, friend Kesner, or did God do the believing for him? If he did do the BELIEVING was it not a work? I want you to answer that in your next speech.

I want to say in the beginning that I believe in Faith. As a matter of fact, no man can be saved without faith, but I do not teach that a man is saved by "Faith Only" or the moment he believes. Before I go further, since I am in the negative tonight, I want to present my friend with a few questions to bring this issue out in the open. I will appreciate it if he will honor these questions in his next speech. I don't have very many, I think about twelve. I will read them into the record.

No. 1 Is baptism a command of God, if so can a man go to Heaven and not be baptized? if not, why did you say it is on page 27 of your book "Campbellism Exposed"? This book is hot off the press.

No. 2 Where are the scriptures in the New Testament that contain the expressions "Faith Only" or "Faith Alone"? Would you read or quote these please?

No. 3 What is the difference in faith and repentance?

No. 4 Do you tell sinners to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins as Peter did on Pentecost in Acts 2:38?

No. 5 Was Naamen healed before or after he dipped in the waters of Jordan?

No. 6 Is the sinner saved by a living or dead faith?

No. 7 Is faith alone or faith without works living or dead?

No. 8 If baptism is a good work why do you do it just one time? I want you to remember that question, friend Kesner.

No. 9 What is a living faith?

No. 10 Can a man get into the Kingdom of God without baptism?

No. 11 If works do not save, why did Jesus say that Abraham was justified by works when he offered Isaac on the Altar, James 2:21.

No. 12 If works do not save, why did Paul tell us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling? Elder Kesner would have you believe that you can't work out your own salvation, but Paul commanded the brethren to work out their own salvation. I am happy to present this copy of questions to you (handing questions to Kesner). I have a copy also.

I want now to take up his speech item by item, take everything away from him that he has presented, and leave him without a thing upon which to stand. I will begin with the latter part of his discussion and go toward the beginning. He tells about the blind man in John 9. Here we have a record of the blind man who believed, washed in that pool of Siloam, and received his eyesight. Elder Kesner, did he receive his eyesight before or after he washed in the pool? Looks like that one turned out to be a boomerang!

He comes next to the thief on the cross. Well I didn't expect my friend to get to the thief this quick. You know for a number of years, Elder Kesner and his brethren have been trying to ride the back of the thief into heaven. Friend Kesner, the will of Christ had not been ratified then. He hadn't even commanded commission baptism. The thief wasn't any more obligated to be baptized with commission baptism than Abraham. You might as well argue that Abraham didn't have to be baptized. The thief was not under commission baptism because Jesus had not commanded it. He did not command it until after he died upon the cross, so the thief was not obligated to be baptized.

Now he gives a number of characters that he says are saved without baptism. One of these characters was Paul. He goes to 1 Cor. 15 to prove it, where Paul says, "He was as one born out of due time". Elder Kesner says this means that Paul was saved before baptism. Now isn't that a fine argument? Elder Keener would have you believe he was "born again" before he was baptized. I deny the assertion and demand the proof! It is going to take more than mere assertions in this debate. Furthermore, I think Elder Kesner doesn't understand what the word "AS" means. He didn't say he was born, he said he was "AS" one born out of due time. If a car were to backfire down 7th street tonight, I might say that sounds like or "AS" the report of a shotgun. Elder

Kesner would jump to his feet and say it was a shotgun. No, it wasn't a shotgun, it merely sounded "Like" or "AS" a shotgun. Paul did not say he was "born again" he said, "I was AS one born out of due time." Friend Kesner said also that Cornelius was saved before baptism in Acts 10. If this be true why did Peter command them to be baptized in Acts 10:48? "Then he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." He next comes to the Jailor and says he was saved before baptism. I deny that and also demand the proof. Elder Kesner says, "Well, he told him to believe on the Lord that he might be saved." Yes but, friend Kesner, the passage you need is "BELIEVE ONLY" on the Lord. I tell people to believe on the Lord, I preach it almost every day. I tell them to believe on the Lord that they might be saved, but I do not tell them to "BELIEVE ONLY" on the Lord and be saved. Do you see the difference? You said these little boys and girls could see that, I think they can see this, too.

He comes to John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." Elder Kesner, he did not say "BELIEVE ONLY" on the Lord. I preach faith myself. I want to know something, friend Kesner. On such passages as John 3:16, which mention faith and nothing else, I want to know if those passages contain the ENTIRE plan of salvation? I am just wondering, if in your next speech you will tell us whether John 3:16 contains the entire plan of salvation. You need to remember, friend Kesner, that it does not mention repentance. Are you going to eradicate repentance? Here is your conclusion, friend Kesner. I want to write it on the board (Hogland writing on the black board). He says that John 3:16 mentions faith, and doesn't mention baptism therefore baptism is not essential. He says that faith minus baptism equals salvation. All right, it doesn't mention repentance either, so we have faith minus repentance equals salvation. By the same authority that you eradicate baptism I will eradicate repentance. Will you stand for that? You said in your book that repentance changed the life. Can a man be saved without changing his life? You know some one coined the phrase "what is good for the goose ought to be salad dressing for the gander" (laughter). Here we have it. If you knock out baptism, by the same authority I will knock out repentance. Will you stand for that, friend Kesner? You need to remember that's your proof text and it doesn't mention repentance.

He comes to John 3:36. "He that believeth hath eternal life." Well I believe the OBEDIENT believer is saved, and I will get to that just a little later on a chart. It does not say he that "BELIEVETH ONLY" hath eternal life. You need the word "ONLY" in there, friend Kesner.

He comes next to Matthew 3. This is his "fruit bearing" argument. In Matthew 3:6 we find what that fruit was. It was a CONFESSION OF SINS. John demanded that they confess their sins before he would baptize them. Elder Kesner doesn't baptize like John the Baptist. He demands that you "Confess that you have NO sins" before he will baptize you. John demanded that they make a confession of sin before he would baptize them. Is that the way you baptize, friend Kesner? That is the fruit he demanded.

Now I want to cover briefly the things he presented on the chart. On his chart he has Paul and James (pointing to chart). The gist of the whole thing is that Paul and James are not contradicting each other. Elder Kesner would have you believe that Paul speaks of one Justification of Abraham and that James speaks of another. I want to know, Elder Kesner, was Abraham justified once, did he fall from grace and have to be justified again? You didn't tell us what these justifications were. What does the word justified mean? Kesner would have you believe that Abraham was justified when he was called that he fell from grace and had to be justified again when he offered Isaac on the altar. Is that your doctrine, friend Kesner? I want you to explain how and why he was justified twice.

Then he comes to Titus 3:5. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to his mercy hath he saved us by the **washing of regeneration** and the renewing of the Holy Spirit." Friend Kesner, would you tell us what the "WASHING OF REGENERATION" is? Did you know that Baptist scholars say that is baptism? I have the verification right over here. What is that washing, friend Kesner? Will you tell us in your next speech? I hope so. Your scholars say that it is baptism. You had better be careful or that one will prove to be a boomerang too.

He next comes to Eph. 2, "for by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourself but it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast." He uses this as his proof text to prove that we are not saved by baptism. He didn't say, "Not of baptism lest any man should boast", he said, "Not of works". I will agree that a man is not saved by works of merit. There are primarily two kinds of works mentioned in the New Testament. First, "works of merit" and second, "works that perfect faith" or works in obedience to the commands of God. If I were to invent a system or plan to take me to Heaven then I would have works to boast of, but I did not invent baptism, therefore it is not a work of man. Now if my brethren would have invented or commanded baptism and could go to Heaven on that, we would have something to boast of. Elder Kesner, you said yourself on page 27 of your book that the Lord is the author and has commanded baptism. I didn't invent it. Therefore, it is not a work of man, it is a command of God. He uses Eph. 2 to prove that these people were saved before they were baptized. Elder, do you not know that the Ephesian brethren were baptized twice? Elder Kesner claims they hadn't been baptized once. My Bible says they were baptized twice. I call your attention to Acts the 19th chapter. "Now while Apollos was at Corinth Paul having passing through the upper coast came unto Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them have ye received the Holy Ghost since you believed? And they said unto him, we haven't so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, unto what then were you baptized? They said unto John's Baptism. He said John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance teaching the people they should believe on him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. And when they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Elder Kesner, here we have a group of people who were following JOHN THE BAPTIST just like you are! They were wearing his NAME just like YOU are! Paul told them that John's baptism was not valid then and so they were immediately baptized in the name

of the Lord. And I'm hoping and praying that I'll have the pleasant opportunity of rebaptizing you and some of your good brethren before this debate is over. Elder Kesner, they were baptized twice. He gives some more arguments on faith. I believe in faith but he hasn't found the passage that says "FAITH ONLY".

Now before going further, I want to present some negative arguments for my friend to answer in his next speech. I first call your attention to the chart. (Hogland letting chart down and beginning negative arguments.)

FAITH + OBEDIENCE = SALVATION → Rom. 16:26	
If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY"	
He is saved:	Saved BELIEVERS
1. Before he COMES to God--Heb. 11:6	are in the
2. Before he BECOMES a child of God--Jno. 1:12	Church
5. Before he TURNS to God-- Acts 11:21	Acts 22:19; 8:3
4. Before he will CONFESS Christ--Jno 12:42	-----
5. When the DEVIL is still his father--Jno. 8:44	"THE CHURCH A
6. Then he is no BETTER than the devil--Jas. 2:19	BODY OF
	BAPTIZED-BEL"
	(Baptist-Def)
DEAD? F - W = DAMNATION' --Jas. 2:26	
or	
ALIVE? F + W = SALVATION ---Jas. 2:24	

I have here at the top "Faith plus obedience equals salvation, Romans 16:26." Paul speaks of the obedience of faith. The obedience of faith is that which springs out of faith. FAITH and the OBEDIENCE OF FAITH are not the same. I'd like for you to tell this audience what the obedience of faith is. Will you? Will you tell the audience what the obedience of faith is? You claim that faith has no obedience, but Paul speaks of the obedience of faith, Romans 16:26.

We notice here next, No. 1, If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved first before he comes to God, Hebrews 11:6. The writer of Hebrews says, "Now without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Here we are taught that a man must FIRST BELIEVE and then COME to the Lord. The believing precedes the coming. Elder Kesner has been teaching for 19 years here in this building that the moment you believe you have already COME to the Lord. But the Hebrew writer says that one must BELIEVE and then COME to the Lord. Elder Kesner, what does a man do when he COMES to the Lord? Will you tell us this in your next speech? Will you tell us what a man does when he comes to the Lord? You can't say that he comes to God in "FAITH ONLY" because faith precedes the coming, he believes and then he comes. Elder Kesner teaches as soon as he believes he is already there.

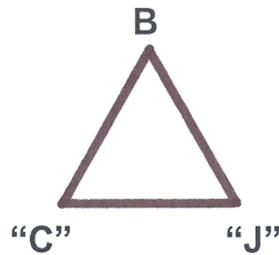
No. 2. If a sinner is saved by "faith only," he is saved before he BECOMES A CHILD OF GOD, John 1:12. "Jesus came unto his own and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, even to them that believe on his name." Here the word "POWER" is used to express right or privilege. In other words, the believer exercises the right of privilege to become the son of God. Elder Kesner says the moment you believe, you have already become the son of God.

No. 3. If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY," he is saved before he TURNS to God, Acts 11:21. My Bible says "And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number believed AND TURNED to the Lord". Here we have the coordinate conjunction "and" joining believing and TURNING. Elder Kesner, the Bible says they believed AND TURNED to the Lord. Therefore, when a man believes, he hasn't turned to the Lord. Elder Kesner has been preaching here for a number of years, as soon as a man believes he has already turned to the Lord. But Luke said they first believed and then they TURNED to the Lord. Elder Kesner, will you tell us what a man does when he turns to the Lord? What does he do when he turns to the Lord? You can't say it's faith because they believed AND turned unto the Lord.

No. 4. If a sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he will CONFESS Christ, John 12:42. The Bible says "among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they would not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." Here we have a record of some people who really believed on the Lord, yet they would not confess him lest they should be put out of the synagogue because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. Elder Kesner, can a man be saved when he loves the praise of men more than the praise of God? They believed. Now if Elder Kesner had been back there, he'd have patted them on the back and said, "Bless your life, I'm happy that you believe on the Lord and even though you won't confess him, come on in you're saved. You're all right." They believed on him but they wouldn't confess him. That's exactly the same word that is used elsewhere in the scriptures for faith. Were they saved? Can a man be saved when he believes on the Lord yet will not confess him? That's worthy of meditation, friend Kesner.

Now before I go any further and before my time is up, I want to roll up the chart and use the blackboard for just a moment. I have here a book "Campbellism Exposed". This book has been endorsed by many of his brethren. I want to read a little bit from this book. The title of the book is "Campbellism Exposed". It was written and published by my friend, Kesner. I suppose that I'll be justified in quoting from this book because friend Kesner has advertised it over the radio. I believe it sells for a dollar and I want some of my brethren to buy it, because when I get through with it, his brethren won't have it. (laughter) It's a nice book to have in your library. I'm going to quote from you, friend Kesner. In this book on page 34 Elder Kesner says, "Faith changes the heart, repentance the life, and baptism the state." I can hardly believe that a Baptist preacher would make a statement like that. I can hardly feature a Baptist preacher saying that

baptism changes the state of a man. Here we have a triangle (Hogland draws triangle on the board). I hope that everyone can see this.



Right down here I'm going to place a large "C" that stands for condemnation. Over here I'm going to place a large "J" that stands for justification. Right up here I'm going to place a "B" which stands for baptism. Elder Kesner says on page 10 of this book that when a man is baptized he must be in one state or the other, that is, the state of condemnation or justification. And he said that baptism changes that state. Yes, he said that and he'd better not deny it, because I'll call a point of order and read it out of his book. That's what I'll do. You'd better not deny it! He said that baptism changes the state. All right, friend Kesner, is a man over here or over on the other side when he is baptized? (pointing to the two states). Now if friend Kesner says that he is in the state of condemnation, then when he's baptized that places him in the state of justification. If Elder Kesner places him here, then I'll just walk right over, shake his hand and we'll stop this debate! Will that be all right, friend Kesner? (laughter) But if Elder Kesner says a man is over here, that is under justification, before baptism, then since baptism changes the state that places him under condemnation and sinks the entire Baptist church, Kesner and all because you can't become a BAPTIST without being baptized. (laughter) Now, friend Kesner, which END of that are you going to take HOLD of? Now if you place him over here, you sink yourself and the Baptist church. If you place him over on the other side, we'll shake hands and stop the debate. I want you to tell me in your next speech where you want him. Another thing I want to know. Can you become a Baptist without being baptized? Now I think you teach that one can go to Heaven and never be baptized. Therefore, it takes more to get into the Baptist church than it does Heaven. So, friend Kesner, when you get up here in your next speech, I want you to tell us where a man is before he is baptized. Now I'm not quoting from some other man, I am quoting from this gentleman sitting right over here (pointing to Kesner). I want him to take hold of one end of that. Elder Kesner, I'm warning you both ends of this thing are loaded with "ATOMIC ENERGY." Friends, you watch him when he catches hold of it because it's going to explode in his hand. (laughter) Elder Kesner, I really feel sorry for you. My heart goes out to you and I hope to be able to convert you before this debate is over. I'm not quoting from your book because I have anything against you, I'm merely quoting from it because you said it. I love the word of God more than anything else in the world. I believe, too, that baptism changes the state of a man. Paul tells us that we are baptized into his death. Romans 6:3,4. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Baptism is the way that a man

gets into Christ. How much time do I have Brother Woodbridge? (about a minute and a half) thank you.

Now in continuing with my chart:

No. 5. If a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY," he is saved when the devil is still his father, John 8:44. In the 31st verse we have a record of some Jews who believed on him. Jesus begins to talk with these Jews and the conversation goes backward and forward throughout the chapter. They said, "We have Abraham as our father", and Jesus said unto them, "Ye shall know the truth and truth shall make you free." Down in verse 44 of this same chapter, Jesus said to these same people who believed on Him, "Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth because the truth is not in him. When he speaketh of a lie he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." Elder Kesner, were those people saved when the devil was still their daddy? According to your doctrine they were. They believed on the Lord, yet they were not saved. Elder Kesner, I've fixed this chart up in systematic order. I'm expecting you to go right down the line and refute these negative arguments that I've presented. Now before I close I want to present

No. 6. If a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved when he is no better than the DEVIL. James 2:19, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well the devils also believe, and tremble: But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" Here James tells us that faith without works is dead. Yet Elder Kesner's proposition has a man saved by faith without works. My time is up. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

KESNER'S SECOND AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: My opponent has handed me some written questions but we did not have agreement to do this. But I happened to be ready for them anyway.

No. 1. "Is baptism a commandment of God? If so can a man go to heaven and not be baptized? If not why did you say it is on page 27 of your book, "Campbellism Exposed"?"

If he is insisting that I said you couldn't get to heaven without being baptized, I didn't say it. Is baptism a command of God? Of course baptism is a command of God, that is true. There are a lot of things commanded of God. Eat the Lord's supper is a command of God. Pay your offering is a command of God. And to do many things in church work is a command of God; but these are not the necessary things to go to heaven. If that emphasis is in my book, that I said you had to do it to go to heaven, it is a misprint. That is right. I tell you the Elder is all spread out. I knew that he would be. I tell you he didn't sign a proposition to debate "Campbellism Exposed". He is debating the proposition "the scriptures teach"; now he has brought in new material outside of the Scripture. If the book, "Campbellism Exposed", is hurting the Elder real bad, I will be glad to discuss it if he will sign this proposition (Kesner hands paper to Hogland).

Question No. 2. "Where are the scriptures in the New Testament that contain the expression "faith only, or faith alone?" Would you read or quote these please?"

Well, I have quoted a number of scriptures here (pointing to chart) and here is one: **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt, be saved"**, quoted John 3:16; John 5:24; and 1 John 5:1; did you notice how he stayed clear and SHUNNED those arguments ON THE CHART? I didn't blame him. Not at all, Elder, I don't blame you for SHUNNING them.

Question No. 3. "What is the difference in faith and repentance?"

First place, Elder, there is no such expression in the Bible as faith and repentance. I dare you to find it. Oh! I beg your pardon. I will take that back. (laughter) I mean to respect him. I don't mean dare. I don't want to be ugly, but I mean I ask him to find it. That is what I mean. If I in any wise, personally, act ugly to him I want my moderator to call me down. I have no ill will, I have no intention to be ugly, but I do want the truth to prevail. It is **"Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."** They are inseparable and you cannot have one without having the other. When you have REPENTANCE, you have LIFE.

Acts 11:18—"Repentance is unto life."

And when you have FAITH, you have LIFE. They are inseparable as a CAN-NON-BALL going through a HOLE in the wall.

Question No. 4. "Do you tell sinners to 'repent', and 'be baptized' as Peter did on Pentecost in Acts 2:38?"

Yes, sir, I certainly do. Well, we will see about that down the line.

Question No. 5. "Was Naaman healed before or after he dipped in the waters of Jordan?"

I ask the Elder if he will take the Old Testament for all the arguments down the line? He has now introduced the Old Testament, which is no good except in this case, probably. Mighty fine right now. I also ask the Elder was there such a thing as baptism in the Old Testament? He knows that there was not. This was a miracle of Elisha.

Question No. 6. "Is the sinner saved by a living, or a dead faith?"

All right, Elder, I will ask you when you were going to the creek to be baptized, was your faith living or dead? Were you baptized on a living or a dead faith?

Question No. 7. "Is faith alone or faith without works, living or dead?"

Faith, when it is believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, as Paul told the Philippian Jailor, is ALIVE. And when that faith goes down into the baptismal water it is a living faith, and a living faith is a SAVING FAITH. Now the Elder is to tell us whether his faith was ALIVE or DEAD when he went to the creek. Now, Elder, this is another hard place you have gotten yourself into.

Question No. 8. "If baptism is a good work why do you do it just one time?"

One time is all that it is commanded for one who is born again and possesses eternal life. I ask the Elder, if one who has heard, believed and obeyed the gospel, and then falls away as you teach, and then he comes back and repents, and believes again, why don't you baptize him again, if baptism is so essential to salvation? You watch him answer that will you.

Question No. 9. "What is a living faith?"

One who has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal saviour. John 3:16, and many others I have given.

Question No. 10. "Can a man get into the kingdom of God without baptism?"

Yes, sir.

Question No. 11. “If works do not save, why did James say that Abraham was justified by works when he had offered Isaac upon the altar?”

I have already explained that, and you know that he did not harmonize James and Paul and tell us whether they teach the same thing or not. They are contradicting each other if he proves that Abraham was justified when he offered Isaac upon the altar to save him. The fact is, my friends, in the seventeenth chapter of Genesis, verse 24, **“Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised.”** In Genesis 21:5 —**“Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born.”** In Romans 4:9, 10—**“How was it . . . in circumcision, or in uncircumcision?”** Paul says: **“Not in circumcision, but in UNCIRCUMCISION.”** So Abraham believed God, and received the promise in UNCIRCUMCISION. And according to Genesis 17:24, it was before he was ninety nine. Isaac was born when Abraham was a hundred. We know it was over ten years before Isaac was born. Isaac was a grown young man when he was offered upon the altar. My friends, any of you can see that James’ and Paul’s JUSTIFICATION are TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF JUSTIFICATION.

Question No. 12. “If works do not save why did Paul tell us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling?”

Elder, did you ever try working out a garden before you had one to work out?
(laughter)

Now then, that has answered the questions and since he has handed me those written questions it is only FAIR I HAND SOME to him. It was not agreed, but I anticipated something like this.

Question No. 1. “When a man has BELIEVED, and has been BAPTIZED, and is SAVED, and falls away, and is LOST, as you teach; is he a lost BELIEVER or a lost UNBELIEVER?”

Question No. 2. “If baptism is ESSENTIAL to salvation WHY DON’T you baptize him WHEN he believes the SECOND TIME?”

Question No. 3. “If one obeys the gospel commands, hears and believes, is he an OBEDIENT believer or a DISOBEDIENT believer?”

Question No. 4. “Were you baptized on a DEAD faith or a LIVING faith?”

Question No. 5. “Was your FAITH WORKING BY LOVE when you were on your way to the creek, Elder?”

Question No. 6. “IS there ANY works of RIGHTEOUSNESS performed by man BEFORE baptism?”

Question No. 7. "Did you do ANYTHING but sin BEFORE you were baptized?"

Question No. 8. "Do you baptize a BELIEVER in Christ? If so, do you baptize a man that is CONDEMNED, or one who is NOT CONDEMNED?"

Bless his heart he has a good forgetter. I asked that in my last speech. He forgot it.

In regard to the proposition, I didn't know I misquoted it. I am sorry if I did, but I do not remember doing it. Do I believe in obeying God? Yes. That is obedience to the Lord. (pause) I probably didn't get that question, it was something about being baptized. Well, he will bring it back if I didn't get it. Am I saved without works? Yes. I confess that we are saved by FAITH WITHOUT WORKS.

He brought in John 6:39. He said, if FAITH is not a WORK why did Jesus say, **"This is the WORK OF GOD, that ye believe on him."** I admit that FAITH is the only thing you can possibly do without doing anything. FAITH IS the ONLY THING you can do, without doing anything. In other words, there are no overt acts or deeds as stated in my proposition, that a sinner may do, that will MERIT eternal LIFE. FAITH IS a work OF GOD. (John 6:29). Is baptism a command of God? Yes. I have already answered that, in the question DEAL.

Now in John 9:35, the blind man has been brought up. Let us turn there for just a moment, and keep in mind he said, **"Dost thou BELIEVE on the Son of God?"** He reminded me of what the man did. He thought he scored on me there. Elder, was the man SAVED WHEN his eyes were anointed, and washed in the pool of Siloam? The man WAS NOT SAVED UNTIL Jesus revealed unto him who He was. That was after he washed his eyes. What did he GET in washing his eyes? He got his EYESIGHT. Now then, after they (the Sanhedrin) had harassed him, they said, "We know this man is a sinner." The man said, **"Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas, I was BLIND, NOW I SEE."** Then, Jesus knew they had cast him out, said, **"Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"** He answered, **"Who is he Lord, that I might believe on him?"** Jesus said, **"Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee."** And he said, **"Lord, I believe."** Elder, you can't move that to save your life.

Now, about Paul, 1 Cor. 15:8. He denied that Paul was BORN AGAIN when he said, he was **"as of one BORN out of due time."** Paul was a Jew, and the nation of Israel had been rejected because of their rejection of the Son of God. Their TIME OF BIRTH was yet future. Paul was born OUT of due time. He was BORN WHEN he saw the Lord. He was not born at Damascus where he received his sight. He hasn't made an argument on this yet, I will wait until he does.

Now about Cornelius and the TIME he was SAVED. Now listen, friends, there is one thing sure and certain: here in Acts 10th chapter, is a man who absolutely heard the word of God. Peter preaching the word unto him, beginning with verse 34.

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent to the Children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost,” etc. Then in verse 43, **“To him gave all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him SHALL RECEIVE remission of sins.”** When he said that: **“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell upon all them which heard the word.”** They RECEIVED the Holy Ghost BEFORE they were baptized. Verse 47 shows that they did receive it, BEFORE baptism. And it was after verse 47 that Peter said, **“Can any man forbid water, that these should NOT be baptized, which HAVE RECEIVED the Holy Ghost as well as we?”** There we have it.

All right, back to the Jailer again. Well, he demanded that I prove that the Jailer was saved when he BELIEVED on the Lord. I don't know what other proof we need. In Acts 16:31, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt BE SAVED.”** That is the word of an inspired writer, giving instructions to an inquiring sinner who wants to know WHAT TO DO to be saved.

Then he turns to John 3:16—**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** He makes a play that all the commands of God are not there. Why certainly, a lot of things are not mentioned there, but I affirm that all that IS NECESSARY TO SALVATION is there. He that BELIEVETH on the Lord Jesus Christ IS SAVED, absolutely! Well, I want to remind you, before I get through here, of something just as important as answering this: some things the Elder did not do. When I asked him which one of the CHILDREN WOULD HE BAPTIZE (pointing to the chart), the CHILD of God, or the CHILD of the Devil. I laid down these scriptures here and he DID NOT answer them. He is leaving that for a later date, probably.

Then again repentance and faith. Yes, I explained to you that repentance and faith are inseparably connected together, **“Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”** You cannot have saving faith without repentance! Repentance is a change of mind, a change from HATRED to God, to LOVE of God. **“He that loveth is BORN of God and KNOWETH God.”**

Now, we notice the play he made on the **“fruit”** of Matthew 3:6,7. Let us turn for a moment and read Matthew 3:6. **“And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.”** He said I baptize different to John the Baptist, that I baptized “confessing we don't have any sins.” Elder, where in the world did you ever learn anything like that? I

positively deny it. We do nothing of the kind. We are baptized because our sins ARE FORGIVEN. We confess our sins to God first and THEN we are baptized. We acknowledge to God first that we were sorry for our sins. Baptism is an OUTWARD public act or profession, of an INWARD work already wrought. NO, no! We have sinned, but we CONFESS our sins FIRST. I confessed my sins to God and THEN I was baptized. Just exactly like John the Baptist, but remember, John the Baptist WOULD NOT baptize folk who would NOT PRODUCE fruit worthy of repentance, as I showed you a moment ago. If the fruit is no good, the tree is no good. But make the tree good, and the fruit will be good. And remember, did he notice that passage, how that we MUST be IN the vine? No. Jesus said in John 15:1-4, **“I am the vine, . . . branch cannot bear fruit of itself. . . except ye abide in me.”** So Jesus is the vine and we cannot bear fruit except we are in him. John the Baptist would not baptize one who DID NOT bear fruit. So one must be a fruit bearing tree before he is qualified for baptism.

Now the Elder said if man instituted baptism, then there would be something to boast of as a work. I want to remind you that Matthew 3:15 says baptism is an act of righteousness. It is something that a man does. Baptism would make our salvation depend upon a man. If baptism is essential to salvation, I cannot be saved until a man takes me and buries me in the water. So I might die and go to hell before I could get to the water. But Jesus said, **“Now is the time”**, now is the accepted time, **“to day is the day of salvation, if ye hear my voice harden not your heart.”**

Now then he refers to the Ephesians being baptized TWICE. There is a group in the nineteenth chapter of the Acts of the apostles who were baptized UNTO JOHN’S baptism. They had not so much as HEARD whether there be any HOLY GHOST or not. So here are some folk who did NOT KNOW anything about the Holy Spirit, and when they were TAUGHT more perfectly about Jesus and the Holy Spirit, they received him, then they were CORRECTLY baptized. Yes, we baptize folk when they come acknowledging they were never saved, and that some one HAD BAPTIZED THEM somewhere, and they were NOT saved. THEN we baptize them because they HAVE BEEN SAVED. And of course one baptism is sufficient. And that baptism is good as long as they live, IF they have been BORN again. IF they have been BORN again they are A CHILD OF GOD.

Now he referred to Rom. 16:27. Just a moment; “to God only be all wise”. He gave me the wrong reference, or I got it wrong.

In Heb. 11:6, **“without faith it is impossible to please God.”** Why, certainly that’s right. I believe that with all my heart, but it PLEASED God when we BELIEVED on him. And that is a work of God in our heart when we surrender our lives unto him, John 6:29.

Now he turns to John 1:12, **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”** This power here is the power of God

which makes a new creature out of us. **“This is the work OF GOD, that ye believe on him.”** Romans 1:16—**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation.”** There is your POWER. Certainly, man is helpless to be saved except by God’s DIVINE power.

John 12:42, concerning those who believed on the Lord; **“Among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.”** All right, let us turn to Matthew 10:32 just for a moment and there we find: **“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”** So friends, there are some who believe, but do not believe to the SAVING of their soul. Heb. 10:39, **“But we are not of them who draw back to perdition; but of them who believe to the SAVING of their soul.”** Therefore, when you believe to the saving of your soul, you believe with ALL your heart. Then you are SAVED WITHOUT baptism or anything else.

Now we turn to Romans 6:3 and notice his reference there. **“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”** That is right, baptized with reference to his death, and to get into his death. Baptized with relation to his death. Baptism is a figure. Therefore, a figure is not the real thing.

He refers to “faith only” in James 2:19, about the devils believed and trembled. Turn to Luke 8:33. Now the Elder has brought this up, and if he will find where the Son of God died to save devils, I will find the scripture that says devils are saved by believing. But as the Elder has brought it up, therefore, I feel that I should go ahead with this. Now he didn’t say it, but he inferred that the doctrine I teach is the devil’s doctrine; that Baptists are baptized devils. Now he didn’t say it but that is the inference. Now then just for a little fun, let’s pass the passage back to him and see about this. After the devils made their confession, every one of them grabbed a pig and ran to the water, and every one of them were drowned. That is what my friend and his crowd are doing. They make the good confession, and they run to the water. (Time up) Thank you.

HOGLAND'S SECOND NEGATIVE

Gentlemen Moderators, Honorable Opponent, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am delighted to come before you again in my second negative of this discussion. I am surprised at the way Elder Kesner is evading the questions and scriptures I have presented. He never did even see my black board or chart. Well, I will take care of him anyway. I knew that he couldn't answer this chart before I ever started the discussion.

I actually feel sorry for him because he is laboring under a great strain. He is in the affirmative tonight, yet he presents me with questions. Usually, according to the rules to debate, the **negative** asks the questions. But I'm happy to oblige my friend Kesner and I will feel free when I'm in the affirmative to ask him questions. Now, here are the questions he has presented to me.

No. 1 He says, "When a man who has believed and is baptized is saved falls away and is lost is he a lost believer or a lost unbeliever?" Elder Kesner, if a man departs from the faith it is because of a lack of faith. He would be considered a lost unbeliever. Elder Kesner, do you not know that faith has degrees? A man might have little faith but not enough faith to be saved.

No. 2 He asks me, "Why I did not baptize him a second time?" For the same reason you didn't have to be born into your father's family twice. (laughter)

No. 3 "If one obeys the gospel commands to hear, repent, believe, is he a obedient or disobedient believer?" If he doesn't obey the commands of God he is not an obedient believer, friend Kesner.

No. 4 "Were you baptized on a dead faith or a living faith?" Friend Kesner, I was baptized on a living faith; that is the reason I was baptized. A faith that works by love.

No. 5 "Was your faith working by love when you were on your way to the creek?" Well, I didn't go to the creek. (laughter) I guess that Elder Kesner didn't know how to spell **baptism** so he substituted **creek**. (laughter)

No. 6 "Is there any righteous work performed by man before baptism?" If you mean by works of righteousness, any thing that he can do to be saved, yes! Unless you want to make REPENTANCE a work of the Devil. I will ask you, friend Kesner, **is there any WORK** of righteousness that a man can do BEFORE FAITH? We will see if you answer that! Is repentance a good work or a bad work, friend Kesner?

No. 7 "Did you do anything but sin before you were baptized?" If you mean by that that I was living in sin, yes. I was living in sin just like Paul in Acts 22:16 when Ananias said, "And now why tarriest thou arise and be **baptized** and **wash** away thy

sins.” I imagine some of these boys and girls can understand that friend Kesner. Can you?

No. 8 “Do you baptize a believer in Christ? If so, do you baptize a man who is condemned or one who is not condemned?” Well, if a man renders obedience to the commands of God he will not be condemned, he will be saved. We have the commands of God. **Faith, repentance, confession, and Baptism.** That takes care of friend Kesner’s questions that he has presented me tonight. I am going to feel free to present him with questions when I am in the affirmative day after tomorrow night.

Now I want to begin with the affirmation of scriptures that he presented. He says in Romans 6:3, 4 that we are baptized “with reference” to the death of Christ. Elder Kesner tries to prove by that that we are not baptized into Christ. That wouldn’t help you because I have written letters “with reference” to this debate but the debate wasn’t over.

He comes to John 12:42. In regard to my chart here he completely DODGED that passage. The passage says they BELIEVED yet they would not CONFESS him lest they should be put out of the synagogue. He would have you believe that these rulers believed and yet they didn’t believe. Friend Kesner, did they **believe** or not? If they believed were they saved, and if they did not believe were they saved? The Bible says they believed. Isn’t this the same word used in other passages such as John 3:16? The Bible says that they **believed** yet they loved the **praise** of men more than the praise of God. Can a man be saved when he loves the PRAISE OF MEN more than the praise of God? You didn’t answer that.

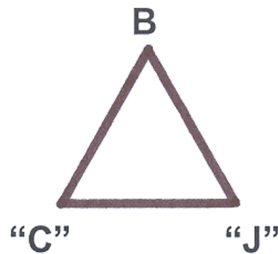
Elder Kesner accused me of introducing the old covenant, yet he was the first to introduce passages out of the old testament. He reminds me of the old colored preacher who said he believed in preaching the Bible, and he did but he sorta mixed it up. He said “In them days came John Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judah, and he preached until midnight and a man fell out the window and brake into pieces, and the apostles went down and picked up twelve baskets full of fragments and they entered into the swine rushed down the hill into the sea and were drowned and whose wife will she be in the resurrection because they all seven had her.” (laughter) That is about the way that friend Kesner mutilates the scriptures.

Elder Kesner made this statement in his last speech; he said, “We have or are living in sin **before** we are **baptized.**” Elder Kesner, that is on the wire recorder. Now, friend Kesner, if you say that a man is in sin before he is baptized we might as well stop this debate. That is what you said in regard to Matt. 3, where the Pharisees had to confess that they had SINS before he would baptize them. You said you taught exactly the same thing, a **confession** of SIN before baptism. If that’s what you teach let’s just shake hands and stop the debate. Do you want to, friend Kesner? You said you taught exactly what John did. John made them confess sin before he would baptize them. My friend will not baptize you unless you confess THAT YOU HAVE NO SIN, and he knows that. (laughter)

He wanted to know whether I baptized a child of God or a child of the devil. Now I am going to ANSWER this for you. If you mean by a CHILD OF THE DEVIL that he is still under the CURSE of sin, I baptize a child of the devil. Just like Paul in Acts 22:16 when he was told to “Arise and be **baptized** and WASH away his sins.”

Next I come to Jno. 3:16. He said that this has everything in it that a man must do to be saved. This is on the wire recorder. Friend Kesner, where is REPENTANCE? Where is REPENTANCE? Does a man have to repent to be saved? You made the statement. You said that Jno. 3:16 contained everything that a man must do to be saved yet you teach that repentance **changes the life**. Can a man be saved when he refuses to change his life? That takes care of the speech that Elder Kesner presented. He went back over his little chart again to prove that James and Paul are not contradicting each other. He never has told us what these two “justifications” mean. Was Abraham justified once by Paul’s writing? Did he fall from grace and have to be **justified** again by James’ writing?

I want to call your attention to some negative arguments that friend Kesner has forgotten. I want you people to look what he did to the **triangle** (pointing to triangle).



He didn’t even touch it. I asked him kindly to place an “X” where a man is before he is baptized. Friend Kesner, why didn’t you do it? **Why didn’t you do it?** I believe he said awhile ago that I had a good “**forgettery**”. It looks like someone else has a good one. He said on page 34 of his book that baptism changes the **state** of a man. On page 10 he tells us that a man is either in the state of condemnation or justification when he is baptized. Now, Elder Kesner, I want you to jot this down and remember this **triangle** tomorrow night. If Elder Kesner says that he is under condemnation, then when he is baptized that changes his STATE and places him under justification. If Elder Kesner takes this position, we will shake hands and stop the debate, and he knows it. If he says a man is saved before he is baptized, since baptism changes his STATE, then when he is baptized that places him under condemnation and sinks the entire Baptist Church, Kesner, Deacons and all. He also knows that. Elder Kesner, I want you to explain what you meant in your book when you said that Baptism changes the STATE of a man.

Now I want to present some more negative arguments that I did not have time to make in my first speech. I showed you here on the chart that if the sinner is saved by “faith **only**” he is saved before he **comes** to God. Hebrews 11:6, “Without faith it is

impossible to please him, for he that **cometh** to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” He first **believes** then he **comes** and anyone can see that. I asked my friend to tell us what a man does when he COMES TO GOD, but he forgot it. He started to quote the passage and then backed out. Well. that’s one way of getting around it.

I showed that if a man is saved by “**faith only**” he is saved **before** he becomes a child of God. Because in John 1:12 John said, “He came unto his own and his own received him not but as many as received him, to them gave he **power** to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name.” The man that believes was given the **power** to become a son of God. He was not a son of God but merely exercised that **power, right or privilege**. According to Elder Kesner’s proposition and doctrine, a man **becomes** a son of God the **moment** he believes.

No. 3 If the sinner is saved by “FAITH ONLY” he is saved before he **turns** to God. Acts 11:21, “And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, **and** turned unto the Lord.”

Furthermore, if a man is saved by “**faith only**” he is saved before he will **confess** Christ, and I proved that in John 12:42.

No. 5 If he is saved by “**faith only**” he is saved when the **Devil** is still his father, John 8:44.

No. 6 If he is saved by “FAITH ONLY” he is saved when he is no better than the devil, James 2:19, because “the devils also **believed** and trembled.” Friend Kesner denied that the devils believed. Are you going to deny James 2:19? Your Bible says they believed just as mine does. That is it does unless you have cut it out! James then tells us, “But wilt thou know 0 vain man that faith **without** works is dead”? Elder Kesner says that faith MINUS works gives life. James says that faith MINUS works is dead.

FAITH + OBEDIENCE = SALVATION → Rom. 16:26

If the sinner is saved by “FAITH ONLY”

He is saved:

1. Before he COMES to God--Heb. 11:6
2. Before he BECOMES a child of God--Jno. 1:12
5. Before he TURNS to God-- Acts 11:21
4. Before he will CONFESS Christ--Jno 12:42
5. When the DEVIL is still his father--Jno. 8:44
6. Then he is no BETTER than the devil--Jas. 2:19

DEAD? F - W = DAMNATION’ --Jas. 2:26

or

ALIVE? F + W = SALVATION --Jas. 2:24

Saved BELIEVERS
are in the
Church

Acts 22:19; 8:3

“THE CHURCH A
BODY OF BAPTIZED-BEL”
(Baptist-Def)

Now I want to get to this (pointing to chart). I didn't have time to get to this in my last speech. Elder Kesner, I want you to notice this. Evidently you can't see my chart very well. I wish you would turn your chair around enough so you can see this. I ask you this question here on my chart. Is a man saved by a "live" faith or a "dead" faith? I believe you asked me that question a while ago, so now I turn it back to you. I want to know if a man is saved by a dead faith or a living faith? James tells us in James 2:24, "Ye see then how that by WORKS a man is justified and **not** by faith only." Therefore, as I have on my chart a man is justified by faith **plus** works.

He tells us also in James 2:26, "As the body without the spirit is dead so faith without works is dead being alone." Therefore, faith minus works equals damnation as I have here on the chart. James says, "Ye see then how that by WORKS a man is justified and NOT by "faith only." Elder Kesner says, "Ye see then how that by 'FAITH ONLY' a man is justified and NOT by works." Isn't that your doctrine, friend Kesner? Isn't that the way you quote it? Now if my friend says we are saved by a "live" faith, which he probably will, then he will have to give up his proposition because his proposition says "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS" which of course is "FAITH MINUS WORKS." But, on the other hand, if he says that a man is saved by a DEAD faith, he places the Baptist Church under condemnation because faith minus works equals damnation.

Now you can take hold of either end of that one you want.

Now I call your attention over here to the left (pointing to chart). Here we have the saved BELIEVERS are BAPTIZED believers. In Acts 22:19 we are told that Paul persecuted BELIEVERS. Then again in Acts 8:3 we have a record of Paul making havoc of the Church. That is, he was persecuting the CHURCH. Therefore, the saved BELIEVERS are in the church. According to the Baptist definition of the Church, and Elder Kesner gives this on page 41 of his book, he says, "The Church is a body of BAPTIZED believers." Therefore, if the Baptist Church is saved, the saved believer is the BAPTIZED believer. Is that not right? Now that is according to your own definition. I want you to cover this tomorrow night, too. Of course, Elder Kesner might tell us the Church in the Bible is not the Baptist Church. He can take this way out if he wants to.

Now to present some more negative arguments to sustain my proposition. I call your attention to the fact that faith **never** blesses a man until it **expresses** itself in **obedience**. That has been true in God's plan through all ages. In the Old Testament this principle was upheld.

In 2 Kings 5 we have a record of a man who was the victim of leprosy. Leprosy in the Bible is a type of sin. What leprosy is to the body, sin is to the soul. There is no earthly cure. The same is true of sin. Forgiveness is brought about in obedience to the commands of God. I will not go into the story in detail but, as you know, a little Hebrew maiden who belonged to Naaman said one day, "Would my Lord were with the prophet of Samaria for he would cure him of his leprosy." Elijah the prophet later told Naaman to come to his home and, upon arriving, he told him what to do to be healed of his disease.

Elijah sent a servant out to Naaman and told him to go **dip** in the Jordan 7 times and his leprosy would be gone. Naaman, having the inclinations of the flesh, didn't want to do it. He turned away wroth. His servant seemed to have more judgment about it than he did and said, "Naaman, if he would have told you to do some **big** thing you would have done it without hesitation." So finally by **faith** he went down to the rolling waters of Jordan and **dipped** himself seven times. When he came forth, his skin was as that of a child. Elder Kesner, was he **cleansed** before or after he obeyed the Lord?

Now, if my friend Kesner would have lived back in the days of Naaman when Elijah was a true prophet of God, he would have said, "Mr. Naaman where are you going?" His reply, "I am going down to Jordan and dip myself that I might be made clean." Then Kesner would have said, "Why are you going to dip in water? He'd say, "Well, because the Lord told me to." Friend Kesner would have said, "Well, don't you **believe** on the Lord?" And he would say, "Yes, that's the reason I'm going." Then Kesner would say, "Well, if you believe on the Lord your leprosy should be gone, because I teach all you need to do is **believe**." He would say, "Well, it might **ought** to be gone but it isn't. Here, you can see it on my hands!" He would go ahead and obey the Lord and be made clean. He dipped himself seven times and was made whole.

Friends, this teaches us that faith must express itself in obedience. Notice that it is faith **plus obedience**. Paul speaks in Romans 16:26 of the obedience of faith. The obedience of faith is that which springs out of faith. According to my friend's proposition, faith has no obedience. Friend Kesner would have told that blind man that he had his eyesight before he ever reached the water. The moment you believe on him.

Each time in the word of God when faith blesses a man it is followed by a verb of action. I might also add that when Naaman was healed he didn't praise the water, but he looked into the Heavens and said "I know now that there is no God except the God of Israel." There is no inherent Power in water. It is doing what God tells you to do. Friend Kesner, before God will bless you must obey his commands. You said yourself on PAGE 27 of your book that Jesus Christ **commanded baptism**. Since Jesus has commanded baptism, no man can be blessed until he has **obeyed** the Lord and been baptized. Naaman's faith did not bless him until it expressed itself in OBEDIENCE.

We have other examples in the word of God of faith blessing men after it expressed itself in obedience. In Hebrews 11 "By faith Abel OFFERED unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." Abel had to make his OFFERING before he stood justified in the eyes of God. "By faith Enoch WALKED." "By faith Noah PREPARED."

Now in getting back to some of the things that he presented while ago. He brought up the passage of Mark 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Elder Kesner, that is the wrong passage for you to introduce. I can call up any boy or girl in the second grade here and ask them which comes first **salvation** or **baptism** and everyone of them would tell me that **baptism** came before **salvation**.

Notice how it reads “HE that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved.” Friend Kesner says, “He that BELIEVETH is saved and can be baptized if he wants to be or if the Baptist Church VOTES him in.” Isn’t that your doctrine, friend Kesner? In this sentence we have the simple pronoun “HE” which is the subject. It is modified by a subordinate restrictive clause THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED. I mean by a restrictive clause that it restricts the predication of the principle sentence. It tells what kind of a “HE” shall be saved. The “HE” that BELIEVES and is BAPTIZED shall be saved. No more and no less. I want to place this on the board before my time is up (writing sentence on board). Here we have it “HE that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” “HE shall be saved.” What kind of a “HE” shall be saved, friend Kesner? I’ll let you answer that. What kind of a “HE” shall be saved? The Lord said, “HE that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved.” Now, friends, this is a subordinate restrictive clause (pointing to board). It restricts the predication of the principle sentence. Now, Lord, you tell us what kind of a “HE” shall be saved. Jesus says, “HE that BELIEVES and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED.” Therefore, the only kind of a “HE” that shall be saved is the he that BELIEVES and is BAPTIZED. Elder Kesner says a man is saved who believes and can be baptized if he wants to be. These boys and girls can understand Mark 16:16. I want you to notice friends that **faith** and **baptism** are joined together by the copulative conjunction “and” joining verbs of equal rank. What faith is for, baptism is for. If Elder Kesner says you’ve got to BELIEVE to be saved, then Jesus says you’ve got to be BAPTIZED to be saved. The copulative conjunction “and” joins verbs of equal rank. Am I not right about that, Doctor Kesner? I think you’ll agree to that. The conjunction “and” joins faith and baptism. If faith is necessary, so is baptism. “HE” that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

I think if it were put in terms of material support, that Elder Kesner could understand that sentence. As a matter of fact, the man that doesn’t understand that sentence hasn’t anything to worry about anyway. Because these boys and girls in grade school can understand it. For example, what if the President of the Chrysler Corporation at Detroit, Michigan would announce tonight, “He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a new **Plymouth**.” Now, Elder Kesner, could you understand that? (five minutes) Five minutes, thank you. “He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a new Plymouth.” Why, friends, if that were to come over your radio tonight there would be one of the biggest baptizings in Fort Smith that you ever read about. The Arkansas River would be full. This reservoir up here would be full, the creeks would be full, and Elder Kesner would be among the first to get wet. (laughter) Isn’t that right, friend Kesner? I don’t blame you. I’d get wet too for that new Plymouth. Wouldn’t you be baptized for that new Plymouth? I think he would, he smiled about it. (laughter)

When salvation is evolved he understands, but you know that a Baptist will do everything in the world to detour it. He will go this way, and that way and he will try to dodge it over here, then he will run somewhere else. Friend Kesner, Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” Salvation is predicated upon two things, faith and baptism. A man must believe and he must be baptized in order to be saved. I think that Elder Kesner can understand that. I am expecting an answer from you tomorrow night on Mark 16:16.

To further sustain this, I call your attention, as he brought up in his last speech, to Romans 6:3 and 4. This shall be my final negative argument. Paul says, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized INTO Christ were baptized into his death?" Since we are baptized into Christ, friend Kesner, can a man be saved out of Christ? If Elder Kesner says a man can be saved without baptism he has a man saved out of Christ, because Paul says we are baptized into him. We are baptized into Christ. Therefore if a man is saved before he is baptized, he can be saved out of Christ.

Paul says later on in Romans 6, "But God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you, being THEN made free from sin ye became the servants of righteousness." Paul used the adverb of time, "THEN." He said being "THEN." When, Paul? When you **obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine you were THEN made free from sin. Well, what was that **form of doctrine**? He mentioned it in Romans 6:3 and 4 by saying, "Know ye not that so many of us as were BAPTIZED into Jesus Christ were BAPTIZED into his death?" Paul tells us that we are baptized INTO Christ. Therefore, if a man can be saved without baptism, he can be saved out of Christ. A man therefore, is made free from sin as soon as he obeys the gospel and a part of that Gospel is being BURIED with him in baptism.

Now in closing, I want my friend, Kesner, the first thing tomorrow night to notice my triangle. I believe I accidently erased part of it while ago. I want to re-draw it so that it **can be seen**. (Hogland replaces triangle on board.) I want him to at least look at this tomorrow night. I think he will dream about it tonight anyway. Now here is the **state** of condemnation and here is the **state** of justification. Will you place an "X" up here tomorrow night, friend Kesner? Will you? Elder Kesner, I said, "Will you?!" (laughter) I think we need to buy him a hearing aid, he can't hear! (laughter) Well, we will wait and see. My time is up and I thank you.

KESNER'S THIRD AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: I assure you it is a pleasure to be back with you this evening for another discussion on this great and most important Bible study. I know it is going to be warm with the fans off. I trust, though, that you will be just as comfortable as possible. If necessary, this row of fans (pointing to air condition) can be turned on without disturbing Elder Hogland, I think. Anyway, be just as patient as you can.

The spirit of the meeting last night was splendid. I hope that we shall maintain that fine spirit throughout this debate. Personally I, as one, will do my best to do that. I am sure that each one of you will do that too.

Now, I will answer my opponent's last speech tonight, briefly.

The questions:

No. 1. "When a man hears, believes, repents, obeys, and falls away, is he a LOST believer or LOST unbeliever?" Well, he answered, a LOST UNBELIEVER. Now then that calls for one more question here. I trust that my opponent will answer this question without fail, because it is involved in this study, and is very IMPORTANT. "What must this LOST unbeliever DO TO BE SAVED?" If he is LOST he is LOST; what must he DO to be SAVED?" We want to bring that OUT.

No. 2. "If baptism is essential to salvation WHY don't you baptize him the SECOND TIME?" His answer was, for the SAME reason you are not BORN TWICE in your family. Well, now we are not discussing the security of the believer, but that is what THAT INTIMATES: ONE birth he says, ONE time —ONE BIRTH. Now then, if he can be lost, and fall away, as he teaches, and actually LOST, that man would have to be born again to GET BACK into the family again; he is out of the family, and LOST. If he is still IN the family he IS NOT LOST.

No. 3. "When one obeys the gospel command of God, is he an OBEDIENT believer or DISOBEDIENT believer?" Answer: If he doesn't obey the commands of God, he isn't an obedient believer. Well, that wasn't an answer. That was a DODGE.

No. 4. "Were you baptized on a dead faith or a living faith?" He says he was baptized on a LIVING FAITH—faith working BY LOVE. Thank you, Elder, I laid that TRAP and your foot IS IN IT. Sure as you live, THERE it is. Yes, sir, LIVING FAITH. A LIVING faith is a SAVING faith, and he SAID he HAD LIVING FAITH BEFORE he was baptized. So then according to his own testimony he WAS SAVED BEFORE baptism. Wait a minute now, I am not all through with that - just a moment. He voluntarily SAID that faith WORKETH BY LOVE. Now that is on the wire recorder, and on the disc recorder, too. Faith WORKETH BY love. Now folk we are getting right down to the gist of this thing. That is just what we are going after. I am going to try to deport myself

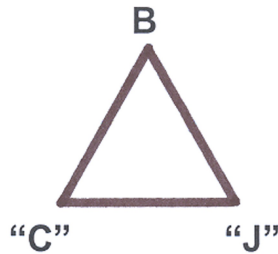
splendidly. I am not going to turn and BARK at him. I am going to speak to you, which is high ETHICAL speaking. I trust we shall conduct ourselves in a high manner of deportment. Galatians 5:6 says, **“faith worketh by LOVE.”** All right, the Elder has said that he HAD **“faith WORKING BY LOVE.”** That is HIS testimony. If that be true, and I know he won’t go back on it because it is on the wire recorder, and it is on the plate recorder. Listen, 1 John 4:7, **“He that LOVETH IS born of God.”** Is that true, or is it not true? He SAID he HAD faith working BY love and, if so, then there it is. But that isn’t all. 1 John 3:14, **“We know we have passed FROM DEATH in to LIFE, because we LOVE the brethren.”** He SAID he LOVED THEM when he WENT down to be baptized. He SAID it was working BY LOVE. He SAID he LOVED God. Rom. 5:5, **“Because the LOVE of God IS shed abroad IN OUR HEARTS by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”** THERE it is. I set that TRAP purposely, and I CAUGHT HIM. I caught my meat. (laughter) No way in the world to get off of that now. That is ON the wire recorder.

No. 5. “Is there any work of righteousness performed by man BEFORE baptism?” Answer: “Yes,” of course he makes a reference to repentance, “unless repentance is a work of the devil.” Well, repentance and faith are the ONLY THINGS a man can DO without doing anything, as I said the other night. But that is his answer. YES. All right taking his answer, he being judge, and the Apostle Peter being judge. Acts 10:43. Acts 10:35, beg your pardon. **“In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, IS ACCEPTED with him.”** So then, if he did ANY righteous thing BEFORE baptism, then it was ACCEPTED with God, and so there we have it. He said, “Is there any work of righteousness before faith, Elder Kesner?” Repentance and faith are works of God, as I said; they are the only things you can do without doing anything. They are NOT overt acts of the man. John 6:29, **“This is the WORK OF GOD, that ye believe on him.”**

No. 6. “Did you do anything but SIN before you were saved?” He says, “I was living in sin like Paul. He gives Acts 22:16 as a reference to Paul’s baptism. Well, Paul had his sins FORGIVEN, washed in the blood BEFORE he was baptized. Therefore his sins were CLEANSED.

No. 7. Speaking of a believer in Christ, “Do you baptize one who is CONDEMNED, or one who is NOT condemned?” Answer: If he renders obedience unto God he will not be condemned. Well, that was a DODGE, that wasn’t a straight out answer. Now then, to Romans 6:3, 4, he made a reference to my explanation being baptized with REFERENCE TO Christ, and that is what it is. I will stand on that until it is all over. Not afraid of it. He said, “Elder Kesner, I have written letters concerning this debate”, but the debate hadn’t come yet. But I want to remind you, Elder, when Paul spoke these words Christ had already paid the price for our sins. Yes, sir, with REFERENCE to his death.

Now he made a reference to the COLORED PREACHER; made a quibble. We have some colored preacher brethren, and some colored friends here, and they are my friends, and for that reason we will pass that one. I have something for him there, but I won't use it.



Now then (laughter), I have orders to attend to this so here I go (pointing to the triangle on the board) (laughter). In the first place, that DIAGRAM IS HIS. Now that ISN'T IN the book. But here is his argument, this represents condemnation, this justification, and baptism; referring to my book concerning faith changes the heart, repentance to life, baptism the state. All right you know his argument, he gave it twice. I want to remind you that these are TWO CONDITIONS—(pointing to board)—condition of condemnation, and here is the condition of justification. Now then a man is justified without going all over it again. Though he said in his last speech last night that I never did say WHAT PAUL MEANT by justification, but I DID, and no use taking up that time any more. But nevertheless, the state of justification is when one has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Did my friend and honorable opponent ever say ANYTHING about those three sentences there (pointing to chart) last night? No, sir, he never recognized that chart; he never told me what he thought about my interpretation of those three sentences. I ask now another question, “Is Acts 16:31 so?” I say we are SAVED, justified by faith here (pointing to chart); still saved when I was baptized; and saved when I get to the end. All right the individual is saved. Faith CHANGES the heart, repentance the life, and baptism his STANDING or STATE. If he made a play on me using the word STANDING, then let him give the definition. STANDING and STATE. In a way it means the same thing. All right, listen to me now! (pointing to triangle on board) We take the soldier; the soldier is ALIVE all the time BEFORE HE DONS the uniform, and changes his STANDING, and STATE. But when he puts on his soldier’s UNIFORM he changes his state. And when you are baptized you put on the UNIFORM, and it changes your state. The uniform DECLARES! The UNIFORM DECLARES! Why was Jesus baptized? John 1:31, “**baptized to be made MANIFEST to Israel.**” Was Jesus baptized to MAKE HIM a Son of God? No. Why was he baptized? To DECLARE to Israel THAT HE WAS the Son of God. All right, we are to be baptized for the SAME PURPOSE, in LIKE manner, to IMITATE our Lord. And you cannot IMITATE the Lord if you are baptized to become a son of God, because that won’t IMITATE him. So then he was baptized to DECLARE that he was the Son of God, and we are baptized to DECLARE that we are sons of God. When the soldier puts on his UNIFORM, then he DECLARES his standing and state, that it has been changed.

Certainly so. So then, when we put on Christ in baptism, we DECLARE our standing and state. We have on the UNIFORM of a soldier.

All right, Mark 16:16. I had orders to give attention to that tonight. Here we have it: **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”** That is right! Yes, sir! And, **“He that ENDURETH to the end shall be saved”**, too. And that is right but, **“He that BELIEVETH on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved”**, too. And that is right! Now then Mark 16:16, **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”** Be sure now that we all quote the rest of the text. Last night, carelessly - I am not afraid of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, verse 6 - I overlooked it. I confess I overlooked it. Not afraid of it at all. There wasn't much argument there that I could see, that would do him any good. But I didn't intentionally over look it. But let me tell you something, friends. I want him not to forget to quote all of Mark 16:16. And by the way, before I go on with that I am going to ask the gentleman, will he accept all of the 16th chapter of Mark? We will see whether he does or not. I will have another time to answer him (laughter). **He that believeth NOT SHALL BE damned.**” Huh? But there is a blank there. If baptism is NECESSARY to salvation in Mark 16:16, it should be, **“He that believeth and is baptized NOT shall be damned.”** But the negative is lacking. All right, let us give a sentence here (pointing to chart): **“He that getteth on the train and taketh a seat shall go to New York.”** **“He that entereth on a train (.....) blank, shall go to New York whether he takes a SEAT OR NOT.”** See! (laughter) The **“taking a seat”** on the train is the INCIDENTAL THING, for the comfort of the traveler, and NOT the NECESSARY THING. All right, the believer that is baptized shall be saved. That is right. He that obeyeth God in all things shall be saved. Yes, sir. **“He that dieth in infancy shall be saved.”** There are three things, but neither one a CONDITION of salvation. All right, the AFFIRMATIVE and the NEGATIVE of this text right quick (pointing to chart). **“He that loveth IS born of God.”** I brought that up last night. **“Love not”**, be a CURSE, there is your NEGATIVE. AFFIRMATIVE, **“repentance is unto life”**. NEGATIVE, **“repent NOT”**, shall PERISH. AFFIRMATIVE, **“believe and be baptized”**, I beg your pardon (extreme laughter, the speaker also laughing). Get a good laugh, boys, while you are at it. All right, let us go now (beckoning for audience to cease laughing). Believe and be saved, get it? And believe NOT shall PERISH. All right, blood cleanseth from sin, AFFIRMATIVE. NEGATIVE, NO remission without blood. Now then, (pointing to chart) this AFFIRMATIVE, **“be baptized to be saved”**. No NEGATIVE AT ALL. Friends, put this down. It will stand all the fiery tests. Every AFFIRMATIVE you have for SALVATION, you will find a NEGATIVE, but where there is no NEGATIVE, there is no NECESSITY of salvation attached to it.

Now then, may I hurry along and bring in a few other affirmative arguments in my closing message. In the first place we have ONE plan of salvation in ALL ages. Galatians 3:9, who was justified by faith. Acts 15:1, we shall be saved the same way as our fathers. In 2 Tim. 3:15, Paul said to Timothy, **“that he had known him from youth, and that he had known the Scriptures from youth, and that he was persuaded that they were able to make him wise unto salvation.”** The same plan of salvation all the way through.

In Hebrews 11:24, Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches, but how? BY FAITH. Same plan IN ALL AGES. My honorable opponent referred different times last night over in Hebrews, to Noah, and Abel, and others that they were saved back there in the Old Testament, but his argument was that they were saved BY their WORKS. The things that they did. Well, I have proven that they were saved BY faith. In John 5:46, Moses wrote of me. He said, **“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.”** Gal. 3:7, **“they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”** Salvation WITHOUT WORKS IN ALL AGES. Saved, all sing the same song. Moral PRINCIPAL never change.

John 20:31, **“BELIEVING ye may HAVE LIFE in his name.”** That is plain, isn't it? **“Believing ye may have LIFE in his name.”**

1. He that HATH life in Jesus' name is SAVED.
2. But the BELIEVER HATH life in Jesus' name.
3. Therefore the believer IS saved.

AGAIN:

1. Every one that BELIEVETH in Jesus HATH life in his name.
2. But all fit subjects for baptism BELIEVE in Jesus.
3. Therefore, all fit subjects for baptism HAVE LIFE in his name.

Acts 14:27, there when the old apostle Paul came back to Antioch on his missionary tour, he and Barnabas, **“they ... gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he has opened the DOOR OF FAITH unto the Gentiles.”**

1. The door opened to the Gentiles was the ONLY WAY of salvation.
2. But the door opened was the DOOR of FAITH.
3. Therefore, the DOOR of FAITH is the ONLY WAY of salvation as Paul said to the Gentiles.

AGAIN:

1. He who entereth the DOOR of faith IS saved.
2. ALL BELIEVERS enter the DOOR of faith.

3. Therefore, ALL believers ARE saved.

AGAIN:

1. All fit subjects for baptism ENTER the DOOR of faith.

2. But ALL who enter the DOOR of faith ARE saved.

3. Therefore, all FIT SUBJECTS for baptism ARE saved.

Gal. 3:22, **“that the PROMISE BY FAITH in Jesus Christ might be given to those that BELIEVE.”**

1. All fit subjects for baptism BELIEVE in Jesus.

2. But all who believe in Jesus ARE IN possession of the promises of God.

3. Therefore, all FIT subjects for baptism are in POSSESSION of the promises of God.

John 11:26, Jesus in speaking to the woman, **“believing in me SHALL NEVER die.” “He that liveth and BELIEVETH in me shall NEVER die.”**

1. Whosoever is INSURED against spiritual death HATH eternal life.

2. He that believeth in Jesus IS INSURED against spiritual death.

3. Therefore, a believer in Christ HATH eternal life.

AGAIN:

1. That which PROCURES eternal life SAVES from sin.

2. But BELIEVING in Jesus PROCURES eternal life.

3. Therefore, BELIEVING in Jesus saves from sin.

AGAIN:

1. ALL FIT SUBJECTS for baptism BELIEVE into Jesus.

2. But all that BELIEVE into Jesus Christ HAVE eternal life.

3. Therefore, all FIT subjects for baptism HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Rom. 5:2, **“Through whom we have ACCESS by FAITH.”**

1. That which gives access into the grace of God SAVES from sin.

2. Faith in Christ gives us ACCESS to God.

3. Therefore, no FURTHER ACT than FAITH is necessary to salvation.

1. ALL FIT subjects for baptism HAVE FAITH in Christ.

2. But all who HAVE FAITH in Christ have ACCESS into the grace of God.

3. Therefore, all FIT subjects for baptism HAVE ACCESS into the grace of God.

We shall notice in conclusion for just a moment, a few more references of those who have been SAVED WITHOUT BAPTISM.

First, I call your attention to Luke 7:47-50. There, Jesus speaking to the woman who came to him at Simon's house, broken hearted, weeping and washing his feet with her tears and wiping them with the hair of her head. Jesus said unto her in verse 47, **“thy sins be FORGIVEN thee.”** In verse 50, **“thy FAITH HATH saved thee.”**

Then we turn to Mark 2:5. The palsied man. There he said, **“thy sins be FORGIVEN thee.”**

There is the blind man of Jericho crying, **“Oh, thou son of David, have MERCY on me.”** And he also FORGAVE him of his sins.

Then, Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8. There we find Zacchaeus coming down out of a sycamore tree. Jesus said, **“Zacchaeus, come down, for THIS DAY IS salvation come unto thy house.”** Zacchaeus then said, **“Lord, ... if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four fold.”** There is a good evidence, my friends, of one who has been saved. I believe he said last night that if the thief on the cross was saved that would not prove my position because that was before Jesus died. Well, if the poor thief was not saved BEFORE Jesus died, God pity all the rest of them in past ages that professed FAITH in the LORD. The Bible says they were the CHILDREN of God. But that is a quibble. That thief on the cross, my friends, is just unanswerable. He was dying on the cross and He said unto him, **“this day shalt thou BE WITH ME in paradise.”**

Now turn to Luke 18:14. There we have the publican. The Pharisee and the publican went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee stood up, of course he was hypocritical about it, thanking God that he was not so and so, but the poor publican not so much as lifting his eyes to Heaven said, **“Lord be MERCIFUL unto me a SINNER.”**

Now the scriptures say that man went down JUSTIFIED rather than the other. So my dear friends, I believe with all my heart that EVERY man that COMES before God with a PENITENT, BROKEN, CONTRITE HEART, like the publican and cries out, **“have MERCY ON ME...”** I believe that God will do that thing and will not turn him away. So then, I trust when my opponent comes to the stand, that he will give attention to all my scriptures, and answer them.

Back to Mark 16:16; **“he that BELIEVETH and is baptized shall be saved.”** I believe it! Shall be! And he that BELIEVETH NOT shall be, what? SHALL BE DAMNED. Watch the TIME element there. Shall BE DAMNED is future. So the corresponding word is we shall be saved in Heaven. Therefore, it is future. **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”** in Heaven. That is - the one that **“endureth to the end shall be saved.”** Let’s start here (pointing to chart). Acts 16:31, BELIEVING in Christ. Mark 16:16, we are STILL believing here. Now, my friends, I believe Mark 16:16 just as strong as my friend believes it, but BAPTISM IS NOT essential to salvation. If it was there WOULD BE A NEGATIVE. (time up) Thank you.

HOGLAND'S THIRD NEGATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen and Friends:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to be back with you again tonight in the negative of the proposition read in your hearing a few moments ago. As the other speaker said, we appreciate very much the good deportment of every one thus far in the discussion. It will not only help you but will help us if you will co-operate along that line, and let us do the debating. As I said last night, it is my will that this debate be held upon a high plane, and I will reiterate the fact that I have no ill will or personal animosity in my heart toward Elder Kesner. As I said, this is not a personal matter. If it were a personal matter, I would go to him man to man and we would discuss these things. These things are as eternal as God is himself, and shall appear before us in judgment. And, with these stubborn facts before us, we do well to enter into an investigation of the word of God.

I am happy to report that some are calling me over the phone during the day that are not members of the Church of Christ with honest hearts, desiring the scriptural references that I have given during the debate. Some who are members of man made institutions, willing to learn that which is taught in God's word. I always love to see a man with an honest heart. When the Bible says, "**He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**", I love to see a man, like Elder Kesner, who says he believes it, and he said he did. As a matter of fact, in his speech he said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." We will see if he stays with it after awhile.

I want to take up Elder Kesner's speech item by item and refute everything he has presented and show that he hasn't given a single argument to sustain his position. The Elder has a number of charts here on the stand. They are about as thick as a book. He might as well secured a book and read it, because you can't see them back there. I don't know how many he has. He presented five charts last night. I have one and I gave more **attention** to his five charts than he gave to my one. As a matter of fact, I suppose he didn't even see my chart. He never did walk over here to it. I am going to see if I can't persuade him to get a little closer tonight. You come on over there, friend Kesner. I am not afraid of you and I am sure you are not afraid of me. You walk right over there and talk with me. You are not debating with this audience, you are debating me. Elder Kesner said he used good ethics, etc. and didn't talk right over his opponent. Well, that's all right, come on over there, I like to hear what you say. Sometimes I can't hear very well.

Now to the charts. If you will give me your walking stick just a minute. (Kesner hands pointer to Hogland) I want to go over these things. You know Elder Kesner gave over forty passages of scripture last night. Friend Kesner, I will use Mark 16:16 as a battle ground. I don't have to go a step further. I will lay one passages before this audience and will stand on it. Friend Kesner has presented another forty scriptures

tonight which will make a total of eighty or perhaps a hundred passages of scriptures. He thinks he will get me off into the wilderness of Judea, talking about these passages that haven't a thing in the world to do with the **proposition** which he has signed his "John Henry" to. (laughter) I am not going to get off on all of these passages, but I am going to briefly cover what he has on his charts. I have the passages here so I will go over them.

Here is the first chart. He presented Romans 3:20, Romans 4:2, Romans 4:5, Romans 4:6, Ephesians 2:8, Isaiah 64:6. Now he gives all of these to show that Abraham was justified before God. I BELIEVE ALL of these passages, Elder Kesner. I will say AMEN and AMEN again, but they have **nothing** to do with your proposition.

The Elder came to Isaiah 64 last night and said that our righteousness was as "filthy rags". He said that baptism was a work of our righteousness. Therefore, baptism was a filthy rag. All right, friend Kesner, since you can't become a **Baptist** without being **baptized**, do you have to wear that **filthy rag** to become a Baptist? (laughter) Huh? That's your position. You gave Isaiah 64 to prove it, so according to your own position, you must wear that "rag" to become a Baptist. You never did answer my question last night. Can you get into the **Baptist Church** without **baptism**? Jot that down. I would appreciate it very much if you would notice it in your next speech.

Elder Kesner gave James 2:24. "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by 'FAITH ONLY.'" He has on the board up here (pointing to charts) James and Paul. He has on one side Paul and on the other James. Now he said James and Paul don't contradict one another. You bet they don't, friend Kesner! You need not try to harmonize James and Paul. They are all right. You need to **line** up with them and you will be all right! Don't you worry about James and Paul. They didn't contradict one another. When James said, "Ye see then how that by **works** a man is justified and not by 'FAITH ONLY'", he meant exactly what he said. Elder Kesner saw the **handwriting on the wall** so he had to rig up a chart to try to evade the issue.

He said that James' justification was before men. Kesner, where is that passage in the Bible that says James' justification was before men? Would you mind quoting that? I never have read it. Where did you get that? Elder Kesner says that James' justification was before men. That is some of Kesner's argument and not the Bible. You answer that in your next speech. He has been teaching that for 19 years right here in this church. The very idea! Some of you people ought to check up on him. Yes, he said James' justification was before men. Who said so? Elder Kesner, did James say it? NO!! I defy and challenge you to find it. You just can't do it.

He said that Paul's justification in Romans was before God, but when James said Abraham was justified when he had offered Isaac upon the altar, he said this was before men. I want the passage.

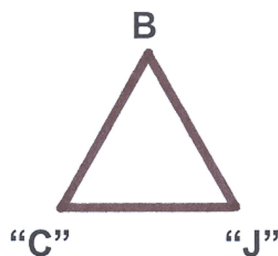
In chart No. 2, he says persons to be baptized. He brings in Matthew 7:17, Matthew 12:33, John 5:15, Luke 14:33, Matthew 19:29. Elder Kesner tells us that a

corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit and a good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit. He tells us we must bear fruit before baptism, therefore, we are saved before baptism. I want to ask you, friend Kesner, what kind of fruit does a man bring forth in repentance? Is it **good** fruit or is it **bad** fruit? If it is good fruit, you have a man saved **before** faith, because in your order of things, repentance comes before faith. If you say that it is bad fruit, then you bring him under condemnation, because repentance wouldn't do him any good. It looks like that one boomeranged on you, too!

Now to chart No. 3. He gives Acts 8:36 and 37, Acts 18:8, then he gives John 3:36, John 5:18, John 5:1, Romans 5:1, Luke 7:15, John 4:15, Luke 7:47, Galatians 3:29, Romans 5:1. Elder Kesner thought I would take these passages up individually. Didn't you think I had any more sense than that, friend Kesner? (laughter) These passages are not germane to the proposition at all. He thought he would lead me out into the wilderness and loose me out there.

All right, chart 4. He gives John 3:14, John 3:18, John 3:36, John 4:15, John 5:24, John 4:15. Elder Kesner, I want to answer you on this now. He quoted over in John 5:24 where "He that believeth is born of God." He said that because I said I had a faith that worked by love, I was born of God before baptism. John also said, "He that DOETH his will is born of God", "He that BELIEVETH is born of God," then "He that LOVETH is born of God." Do we have **three** different births? I want to know. Did John speak of **three** different births, Elder Kesner? Will you answer in your next speech? -- We will wait and see. John says, "He that DOETH the will is born of God." Is he born once when he **obeys** the will of God, born again when he **believes**, and then again when he **loves**? Well, that takes care of his charts that he presented.

Now I want to begin with his speech. But first, I want to give you a piece of chalk, (handing Kesner some chalk) Elder Kesner, and I will give you five minutes of my time to come over here and place an "X" (pointing to triangle) where a man is before he is baptized.



You know, friend Kesner came over awhile ago and talked about that, then he came back over here and never did tell us where a man is before baptism. Bring your chalk over and place an "X" where you want it. Come on. (coaxing Kesner to do it) I defy you to do it! I will give you five minutes of my time to do it! Where is a man **before** he is baptized, friend Kesner? You want to tell us? I will give up the time. Do it in your next speech if you want to. I had this up here last night (pointing to triangle) This is the **last** night you

are in the affirmative. You have just one more speech to do it. I have been begging you to tell us. The salvation of souls is at stake, friend Kesner. People are waiting, the Lord is waiting. He knows what you said, too. I know what you said and I am going to hold you to it. Where are you going to place "HIM", friend Kesner?

Let me tell you, friends, this is going to **haunt** Elder Kesner until his dying day. It will follow him in Judgment and he will appear before God with this and he can't answer it! (laughter) Elder Kesner, where are you going to place him? You don't have to say a word, just take your chalk and place an "X" either by **justification** or **condemnation**. Let me tell you, friends, he saw the handwriting on the wall. If he places the unbaptized man under condemnation, then when he is baptized his **state** is changed and he stands justified. If friend Kesner places him there, I will walk right over, shake his hand and we will stop the debate. We would be on the same ground. But if Kesner places the man under justification before baptism, he sinks the entire Baptist Church, because you can't become a **Baptist** without being **baptized**. Elder Kesner, I am waiting, this audience is waiting, and I am going to be waiting throughout this debate. I want you to place the "X" there.

Now I want to get to his other chart. He has "He that **believeth** and is **baptized** shall be saved" Mark 16:16. Jesus, in giving the world wide commission, said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Now friend Kesner says the salvation here is ETERNAL SALVATION. All right, if the salvation is eternal salvation, when he said, "He that believeth not shall be damned", is that eternal DAMNATION? According to that, friend Kesner, if a man doesn't believe **now** he has no hope of eternal life. One is just as forceful as the other. If one means ETERNAL SALVATION, then the other means ETERNAL DAMNATION. Therefore, if a man doesn't believe **now**, he has no hope of eternal life. You had better be careful or you will have to give up your preaching profession. (laughter)

Elder Kesner makes a play on Mark 16:16. I want to use the black board just a moment (going to black board and writing Mark 16:16). Now friends, I am going to show you the absurdity of this man's position. I want to show you what he has been teaching for 19 years, and show you that it will not stand the Bible test. Now here we have the sentence. (writing sentence) "He that **believes** and is **baptized** shall be saved", as I said last night and Elder Kesner hasn't refuted it, so I suppose he agrees with me. If he doesn't, I challenge him to come up and show why. Now in the sentence we have BELIEF AND BAPTISM joined by the coordinate conjunction "**and**". It joins these verbs of equal rank. Now Jesus said HE that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Now this (pointing to "that believeth and is baptized") is a subordinate restrictive clause, and I suppose Elder Kesner will agree with me on this. Now a restrictive clause is one that restricts the predication of the principle sentence. Now, Lord, you tell us what kind of a "HE" shall be saved. The "HE" that believes and is baptized shall be saved. No more and no less! That will stand as firm as Gibraltar! It will be here when time shall be no more. The only kind of a "HE" that shall be saved is the "HE" that "**believes** and is

baptized.” The subordinate restrictive clause “THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED” is used as an adjective modifying the simple pronoun “HE”. It tells what kind of a “HE” shall be saved. Why, Elder Kesner, these boys and girls in grammar school can understand that. I can take this equation: F plus B equals S. I can call “little Johnny” up here, put my arm around him and say, “Johnnie which comes first, **SALVATION OR BAPTISM?**” Why, he would say BAPTISM comes BEFORE SALVATION. But Elder Kesner says NO! He that BELIEVETH is saved and can be BAPTIZED if he wants to be. Now Elder Kesner, these boys and girls can see that.

Now this is going to hurt you. I feel sorry for you. I don’t blame you, I blame your doctrine. I don’t have anything against you or your people. It is your doctrine. I wouldn’t have exerted myself to come over here and debated you if I wasn’t interested in your soul. Now, friend Kesner, which comes first, **baptism** or **salvation??** Every time **salvation** and **baptism** are mentioned, salvation **follows** baptism. I will give you a few examples.

Acts 2:38 “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.” **First** repentance, **second** baptism, **third**, salvation.

1 Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto baptism doth also NOW save us.” **First** baptism **then** salvation.

Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins.” **First** baptism, **then** the eradication of sins. Notice in every case, friends, that baptism always precedes salvation. I want to ask you a question, friend Kesner. I want you to show me in the Bible one scripture where baptism is mentioned that places **baptism** after **salvation**. Will you do that? Friends, I am not worried because it cannot be found. **Every** passage in the word of God that mentions baptism places salvation after baptism.

Now let us look at Mark 16:16 from another angle. Jesus said faith plus baptism equals salvation. Let us take this equation: 2 plus 2 equals 4, 2 minus 2 equals nothing or zero! Here we have it! Faith plus baptism equals salvation, faith minus baptism equals NOTHING! That is what you get when you do what Kesner tells you to do. (laughter) Now if this is not parallel, friend Kesner, you tell us why it isn’t. Let me tell you friends, when you do what Elder Kesner tells you to do, you get **nothing!** You get zero! The Lord will give you one hundred if you will do this (pointing to “faith plus baptism”).

Now I want to get another portion of the sentence. “He that believeth not shall be damned.” Then he said you notice baptism is not there. Friend Kesner, let me tell you something. A man that doesn’t have faith couldn’t be baptized. He couldn’t if he would, he wouldn’t if he could, and it wouldn’t do him any good if he did! Faith **must** always precede baptism. Why, if you would take a man into your baptistry here and baptize him without faith, he would just go down dry and come up wet. It would be a mere form.

Faith **must** always precede baptism. As a matter of fact, that is the reason I was baptized. I believed the Lord when he said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” If the Lord had said, “He that BELIEVETH and BUTTETH his head into the wall shall be saved”, I would have hit it full force! (laughter)

I believe what the Lord said. Elder Kesner, if you have enough faith, you are going to do what the Lord says. If a man hasn't got enough faith to be BAPTIZED, he hasn't got enough **faith** to be saved. You mark that down! Any man that hasn't got enough faith in God to be BAPTIZED just hasn't got enough faith to be saved. Let me tell you, friend Kesner, God has always told people to do that which is contrary to human reasoning to test their faith. God commanded Abraham to take his only son and kill him. That was against all human reasoning but, by faith, Abraham, with a trust undaunted and eyes centered in Jehovah, took his son and **offered** him! Friend Kesner, any man on God's green earth today that has enough faith in God is going to obey him. That is the reason God placed BAPTISM in the scheme of redemption to test the faith of man. If you don't pass the **test**, you are no good anyway! If you will pass the test by being **baptized**, God has promised you salvation. Friend Kesner, I am expecting you to talk about Mark 16:16 in your next speech. As a matter of fact, I demand that you do it.

Now I want to give a parallel sentence. He wanted to know why the Lord didn't say he that is baptized not shall be damned. Kesner, what if you were teaching school and you would give your class this sentence: “He that EATS food and DIGESTS it shall have health.” You tell them that on the morrow you want them to bring you the negative to that sentence. What if little Johnnie would raise his hand and give this sentence, “He that **eats** food and **digests** it shall have health—but he that **eats** no food and DIGESTS it NOT SHALL STARVE TO DEATH! (laughter) What kind of a grade would you give him, friend Kesner? How in the name of common sense could a man **digest** food he hadn't eaten? That is an exact parallel. If not, why not? I will give you another one. “He that MAKES money and SAVES it shall accumulate wealth but he that makes no money and (pause) SAVES IT NOT SHALL COME TO WANT!! (laughter) How could a man save money that he hasn't made? Why, friends, a man that doesn't believe couldn't be scripturally baptized. It wouldn't do him any good. **Faith** must always precede **baptism**.

Now Elder Kesner gives us something else. He says let me give you a sentence. Let me see, I believe he has it over here on a chart. Yes. Here it is. “He that GETTETH on the train and IS SEATED shall reach New York.” All right, that is the sentence he gave. That's all right. It's the same one Baptist preachers have been using for the past **thirty** years anyway! (laughter)

Now I want to put the sentences here on the board. He that—believeth and is—baptized — saved. Now he gives, He that—entereth—the train and is—seated—shall reach New York”. He tells us that **being** seated is not necessary so he marks through that (marking through “seated”). Then he comes up here and marks out baptism (marking out “baptism”). Well, friend Kesner, did you not know that I can go to New York or Chicago without ever getting on a train? Why, I can go to New York in an automobile

or air plane, so I will mark out this (marking out “getting on” and “faith”). How does that suit you? We will just go in an automobile. (laughter)

All right, let us look at it from another standpoint. I will guarantee you that he won't present this sentence again when I get through with it. Now, let us try it again. “He that entereth the train and is seated shall reach Chicago.” (writing this sentence on the board) Friend Kesner, this is not a sentence for you anyway. Here is the way it should read according to your teaching. “HE THAT ENTERETH THE TRAIN REACHES CHICAGO BEFORE HE HAS TIME TO SIT DOWN!” (extreme laughter, at this point the audience spent about a minute in good cheerful laughter) Friends, that is exactly right. I am serious about this matter. That is exactly his doctrine. He teaches the **moment** you believe you are saved, therefore, as soon as a man **gets** on the train he is **already** in Chicago before he has TIME to sit down. (laughter) Now, friend Kesner, we are expecting you to come out from under the weight of that!

Friends, according to the true grammatical construction of this sentence, the “being seated” is just as essential as the “getting on.” They are joined by the copulative conjunction “and”. He cannot prove by grammar that “GETTING ON” or “ENTERING” is more important or essential than “BEING SEATED”. I defy him to do it. I will take it to any grammar teacher in this town. I won't take it to a Baptist preacher, but I will take it to a grammar teacher. According to the construction of the sentence, the “BEING SEATED” is just as essential as “GETTING ON”. We know of course that a man can go to New York and never get on a train.

Elder Kesner gave about **eighty** passages last night and tonight. I am willing to stake this entire debate on this one passage. I don't have to wander over in the Old Testament, or move around in the New. I will stay with Mark 16:16 and it will haunt you to your grave. You can't answer it. No living man can answer it and no dead one ever did! It is just unanswerable. It is just a simple sentence, it's not hard. I said last night if the president of the Chrysler Corporation or the Ford motor company should make an announcement like this, “He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a new Ford”, there would be an awful large baptismal service in Fort Smith. Among the first to get **wet** would be my friend Kesner because he would want that new Ford. And he knows that. But you know, friends, sectarian preachers will dodge, they will run over there, go here and do **anything** in the world to get that out of the Bible! I don't know why a man with the Love of God Almighty in his heart would belittle Mark 16:16. He asked me if I accepted all of Mark 16. Friend Kesner, I **accept** the word of God in its **entirety**. I accept it from cover to cover. Every phrase and sentence from Genesis to Revelation.

Now I want to present another negative argument. I don't want to erase this, I want to leave this here. (redrawing the triangle on the board) I have supplied Elder Kesner with chalk to place his “X” where he wants it. There is something else I want up here. I want to place this equation on the board. “Faith plus baptism equals salvation” and then, under it, I want this: “Faith minus baptism equals salvation” (equations on board) Elder Kesner, I have an eraser here somewhere I believe. I have it over

here on the stand. I want you to take this eraser and erase the one you don't believe. (handing Kesner the eraser) Will you do that? Will you do that? Will you? Well, I guess he will, he won't answer me. I just want you to erase the one you don't believe. I want to see and also let this audience see. You watch him, friends. (five minutes) Five minutes. Thank you.

I want to now briefly go over my chart. He hasn't touched it. Now, Elder Kesner, I have given your charts consideration and courtesy demands that you honor mine. I am trying to be fair about the matter. I think this audience is going to wonder why you haven't bothered this chart. I am wondering why and they are wondering why. So in your next speech, I will appreciate it a whole lot if you will notice this chart and the thing presented thereon.

FAITH + OBEDIENCE = SALVATION → Rom. 16:26

If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY"

He is saved:

1. Before he COMES to God--Heb. 11:6
2. Before he BECOMES a child of God--Jno. 1:12
5. Before he TURNS to God-- Acts 11:21
4. Before he will CONFESS Christ--Jno 12:42
5. When the DEVIL is still his father--Jno. 8:44
6. Then he is no BETTER than the devil--Jas. 2:19

Saved BELIEVERS

are in the

Church

Acts 22:19; 8:3

"THE CHURCH A
BODY OF BAPTIZED-BEL"
(Baptist-Def)

DEAD? F - W = DAMNATION' --Jas. 2:26

or

ALIVE? F + W = SALVATION ---Jas. 2:24

I showed last night that it takes faith **plus** obedience to equal salvation. Paul speaks of the **obedience of faith**, Romans 16:26. I want everyone in the audience tonight to understand that I **believe** in faith. I believe every man must have faith to be saved. I am not denying faith. I believe in an "**active**" a "**live**" or "**living**" faith. If a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY", as my opponent contends, he is saved before he COMES to God, Heb. 11:6. Elder Kesner made an apology for not quoting all of this passage and I am happy to accept your apology friend Kesner, but I will ask you to quote all of it in your next speech. In this passage, we have "without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." This shows that faith must precede the coming. First a man BELIEVES, then he COMES to God. I would like for Kesner to tell us what a man does when he COMES to God. It couldn't be faith. He teaches that as soon as you believe you have already come to God. But this passage says one must first believe and then he comes. Therefore, there is something in addition to faith.

If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he TURN to God, Acts 11:21.

If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he will CONFESS Christ, John 12:42. And also when the devil is still his father, John 8:44. He hasn't bothered this one. I showed here where these people actually believed on the Lord, yet Jesus said unto them, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh of a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."

No. 6 If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved when he is no BETTER than the devil. James 2:19, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believed and trembled, but wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

I want him to tell me whether a man is saved by a "DEAD" faith or a "LIVE" faith. If he says that he is saved by a "LIVE FAITH" he must give up his proposition because his proposition says faith MINUS works. (pointing to chart) He says that a man is saved by faith without works, of course, that is faith minus works. So he has to say that a man is saved by a dead faith or give up his proposition. He can take hold of either end of that one that he wants to.

I showed over here (pointing to chart) that the saved believer is the baptized believer. I showed this because the Baptist definition of the Church is "a body of Baptized believers." Page 41 of "**Campbellism Exposed**" is where Elder Kesner tells us that. Therefore, if the Baptist Church is saved, the saved believer is the **Baptized** believer. I am going to roll this chart back up and close my speech. I am expecting Elder Kesner to come to the black board and face the issues exactly as he should, and I thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

KESNER'S FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a pleasure that I come back and review my friend's speech. I am really amused at the way he is all worked up about it. And I don't blame him after he stuck his foot in the TRAP I SET for him last night. He certainly has something to sweat about (laughter). Yes, sirEE! It still remains that he said that he HAD, FAITH WORKING BY LOVE, and I proved that if he LOVED God and the brethren that he WAS a child of God.

He brings the new car back into this business about the Chrysler Motor Company. Well, I am just so happy to say I have a brand new car and I didn't have to be baptized to obtain it. It was a FREE GIFT. (laughter). It didn't cost me one dime, and that is exactly what SALVATION IS.

I come back again and remind you that my honorable opponent is having such a pain about me not noticing his chart. I did notice the scriptures on his chart. I thought that was what he put it up there for, and he certainly has ignored most of the scriptures on my chart thus far. He hasn't yet accepted my position on the POINT of faith. Right here (pointing to the chart) at the point of obedience (Acts 16:31) where God SAVED him. I have harmonized the three passages. He still walks around them. I don't blame him.

Now Mark 16:16. He says "this is the battle ground". Well, it seems like it tonight at least, but Mark 16:16 is not anything at all to be afraid of. I asked him if he would accept all of Mark 16th chapter. He referred to Mark 16:16 when he spoke. Then he said he accepted all the Bible, although he qualified it and I will accept the qualifications. He said he accepted all of the Bible. Well, that was an easy way to get around it, but I am taking it for granted that he won't back up on it. Now, in the event he is going to do that, he will take all of it. I turn now to Mark 16:16, **"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."** NOW, he said he BELIEVES THAT, so I will now turn him over to our Holiness friends who believe that.

Now then, he tells you that my scriptures on my chart didn't have anything to do with the proposition. I am willing to leave that with the jury. You are the jury. I don't think that any candid mind that listened carefully to my argument last evening, and with the scriptures from the chart, and from the scriptures tonight, could say that I didn't prove my proposition. He has said so much about the things I didn't notice. A lot of that was quibbles. I did answer many things that he cried about. I want to remind you that I do not have another opportunity in this affirmative. This is my last opportunity, and the gentleman completely rejected ALL of my NEW ARGUMENT of my affirmative to night. What

did he do? He came back and reviewed all the scriptures of last night's argument, which he HAD TWO or THREE opportunities to review, and if he was LICKED on it he should have gone on and tried to redeem himself on what I gave tonight. He knows that he fell flat as a pancake last night, and he is trying to redeem himself from last night. Now then, he has no right to come back and refer to these because I have no opportunity to answer it. He has left the ENTIRE argument ALONE, of my AFFIRMATIVE tonight. Six direct examples of salvation by faith without works or baptism. He left them entirely ALONE, and didn't refer to them a SINGLE TIME. He has no right to do so now.

He refers to James and Paul and says of course they do not contradict, but harps on the fact that I have not explained to you what kind of JUSTIFICATION they were speaking of. I am not going to run off and chase rabbits with him on that now. I have PROVED THAT and the public knows it. And that is enough. I DID show you what kind of JUSTIFICATION Paul was speaking ABOUT. I did show you what kind of JUSTIFICATION James was speaking ABOUT. He comes back and says all the scriptures Paul and James were speaking of were not germane, was not connected with my proposition. But they were just the same, and you know it.

Now we turn to Gal. 5:6, "**Faith worketh BY love.**" He refers to the three different verbs. He that doeth the will of God, and so forth, and so on. Well, that is purely a quibble. All in the world that is. "**Faith worketh BY love.**" Certainly he that doeth the will of God, but who is doing the will of God? I believe with all my heart that I was doing the will of God when I received Jesus Christ, and then in obedience to the commands followed him in baptism. But I was baptized for the same purpose that Jesus was baptized for. And did you notice how he left that HOT potato ALONE? (laughter) I did not mean for you to laugh. I just enthusiastically said it. I'd rather you wouldn't do a lot of laughing. I am just driving the point home. John 1:31. He has no right to come back now, he left it ALONE. I showed how that Jesus was baptized to be made MANIFEST to Israel, and we are to be baptized for the same identical purpose, to be made MANIFEST that we are the sons of God. That will stand. No use to worry about that at all. No, sir.

Where is a man before baptism, Elder Kesner? Before I was baptized in the creek in southeast Missouri, AFTER I had BELIEVED on the Lord Jesus Christ as the apostle said to the Philippian Jailor, I WAS IN CHRIST. That's where I was.

He made a big play about the Baptist Church. We did not sign propositions to debate the Church. We are debating salvation by GRACE through FAITH. Bless your heart, my friends, I preach it, all Baptist preachers preach it. We are saved by GRACE through FAITH whether we ever get into a Baptist church or not. We do not believe in Church salvation, as my opponent does. He brought this up. We are not debating the church question. We are debating salvation BY grace THROUGH faith. He says all the references on my chart are not germane to the subject. No, they were germs though. (laughter) They sure poisoned him. I do not blame him for being afraid of them. No sir. The scriptures which I gave on that subject of the CONDITION OF THE BELIEVER.

John 3:14, “**whosoever BELIEVETH in him shall never perish.**”

John 3:18, “**believer IS NOT condemned.**”

John 3:36, “**believer HAS everlasting life.**”

John 5:24, “**believer . . . passed from death unto life.**”

Rom. 5:1, the believer “**justified BY FAITH.**”

1 Pet. 1:9 the believer’s soul is saved.

1 John 5:1, the believer “**is born of God.**” Now who is to be baptized?

Mark 16:16, “**He that BELIEVETH and is baptized shall be saved.**” Who is to be baptized? The BELIEVER. The BELIEVER is to be baptized. What about the believer? Jesus said the BELIEVER would not PERISH. Jesus said the BELIEVER HAD everlasting life. Jesus said the BELIEVER was NOT condemned. Jesus said the BELIEVER IS passed from death unto life. Paul said the BELIEVER is JUSTIFIED. Peter said the BELIEVER is SAVED. And John said the believer IS BORN of God. Now, friends, if those scriptures are not GERMANE to my PROPOSITION, then I would not know whether I was human or not. He made a play on the boys and girls understanding that. Yes, these boys and girls know whether that is GERMANE or not. Certainly we should NOT perish. Certainly we should HAVE everlasting life. Certainly he is NOT condemned. Certainly he is BORN of God. Who said these things? Christ and the apostles. About whom? About the BELIEVER. My friend, talking about Mark 16:16, said he could stay on it from now on. I imagine that he won’t though. I tell you, my friends, in Mark 16:16 the BELIEVER is the one who does not PERISH. He is NOT under condemnation, he is BORN of God. I am willing to risk the entire debate ON THE CONDITION of the BELIEVER on those points I have laid down every time I have come up here. I am willing to RISK it.

He made a play on the soldier. Let’s see though. I really think he was just a little bit afraid of that after I got through with it while ago. What did he say about the soldier? What did he say about the soldier putting ON the UNIFORM? Nothing. That brings us back to Christ being made MANIFEST, John 1:31, putting on Christ’s UNIFORM in baptism. I will pass it on now because he didn’t say much about it.

Now, he gives his diagram of his sentence and tried to show the very importance and the essentiality of believing and being baptized, being joined together by the copulative conjunction “and”. His argument was that they were equally essential. They may be essential only to the FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP of the sentence, but I stand here and affirm they are not EQUALLY essential as to their PURPOSE and TEACHING. For who is to be baptized? The BELIEVER. I have shown that. Now I want to give the Elder a parallel sentence. Before I do it, I want to remind you: He said he will never use

that any more (pointing to the chart) in a debate. Yes, yes, we will. Right now. "He that entereth a train and taketh a seat shall go to New York." (laughter) "And he that entereth a train shall go to New York whether he takes a seat or not." I don't have to do any quibbling. This congregation can see that very clearly. The necessary thing is the GETTING ON the train. I don't have to get up here and do a lot of quibbling and sophistry to try to keep debating. I have the Bible and I am here to stand on the word of God. Plenty of it to read, and I will read it. I will stand on the plain truth. I don't need sophistry to do it.

Now then, I come to my parallel sentence as to the grammatical construction. Here it is. I will say it slow because I want him to write it down. "He that DIETH and is BURIED shall be dead." Now, wait a minute. (laughter) I do not want you to laugh. Listen, I want you to get the FACTS. You can go to a picture show tomorrow night if you want to. Pull out, if you want to, but let's listen now. "He that DIETH and is BURIED shall be dead." That is a DIRECT parallel. He that DIETH shall be DEAD, whether he is EVER buried or not. And there you have it. "He that BELIEVETH shall be SAVED", whether he is EVER baptized or not. There is your parallel.

Now then a reference was made to Mark 16:16. (Give me a five minute warning please.) When I referred to the passage, "**He that BELIEVETH and is baptized SHALL be saved, but he that BELIEVETH NOT shall be damned.**" What is the time element I said? He didn't notice that time. Beg your pardon, I believe he did. It slipped my mind. About the time element, I said the time element of "**BE DAMNED**" will look to the future. See? "**Believeth NOT shall BE DAMNED**", future. Therefore, the corresponding word, which is "**BELIEVETH**", promised to the future. Well, "**he that endureth to the end shall be saved.**" Where will we be saved? We will be saved in Heaven. Shall be! Now then, he said if that were true, Elder Kesner, "he that **BELIEVETH** would be unto ETERNAL salvation." And bless your heart it sure is. Yes, sir, it is sure ETERNAL. Eternal is like the ring, it is unending, perpetual, immortal, unending never to cease. But he says if that be ETERNAL salvation, then DAMNATION would have to be ETERNAL. Well, bless your heart, if a man never believes in Jesus certainly it will be ETERNAL DAMNATION. Why, of course it will be. Shake hands, that is right. Yes, sir. Well he goes back here to little Johnny. We don't need little Johnny to debate the Bible. Verbs of equal rank. Well, that came up down the line after he finished up his diagram. I have answered verbs of equal rank. BELIEVE is ESSENTIAL to salvation, be BAPTIZED is INCIDENTAL. Then we turn to my corresponding sentence, "he that DIETH and is BURIED shall be dead." DIETH is the ESSENTIAL. Shall be BURIED is the INCIDENTAL. But he that dieth shall be dead anyway, if he has to lay out in the alley some where. He said, "If you don't have enough faith to be baptized you don't have enough faith to be saved." Why, gracious alive! He has already said he LOVED GOD when he was going to the baptistry, and he that "**loveth IS BORN of God**" and HATH eternal life. "**We know that we have passed from death unto life BECAUSE we LOVE the brethren.**" Certainly my faith was operating ALIVE. He asked me the question, "Were you baptized on a live faith?" Certainly I was. And my faith was WORKING by LOVE, and that was the TRAP I got you to stick your FOOT IN. I SET IT purposely. I have shown you that

our faith, WORKING BY LOVE, is salvation BEFORE baptism. My dear audience you can't miss that with all the quibbling in the world. 1 John 4:7, "**he that LOVETH is born of God.**" The verb there is present tense, "**IS born of God.**" Well, let's go a little further here just for a moment. Now in the argument there. (pointing to chart) There is some argument I would like to make but I won't because I won't have an opportunity to come back and answer him now. I will pass it for the present. He said, "Elder Kesner, Mark 16:16 is going to haunt you as long as you live." Ha, well, if I didn't have any more to keep me awake tonight than Mark 16:16, I will sure have a splendid night's rest. (laughter) He says I'll accept all the scriptures when I mentioned Mark 16.

Well, he says, I came back with Hebrews 11:6 and I wanted him to read that. All right we will just do that happily. Turn to Heb. 11:6, "**But without FAITH it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must BELIEVE that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**" He makes a play on that. He says, we must first believe, and then come to Him. Bless your heart, I came to God the day I BELIEVED ON HIM. The COMING is at the TIME OF BELIEVING.

I have been pleading and pleading with him for recognition of my chart. At what POINT in man's obedience does God SAVE him? He said, I accept all the passages, and I anticipated that in my first message, that he was going to do that. I felt sure he would, because I knew the line of argument; yet we both believe in obedience. I put this chart up here purposely, and I am going to leave it here all during the four nights. At what POINT IN MAN'S OBEDIENCE does God save him? Now I asked the question a while ago. Did he answer it? No, sir. Acts 16:31, I asked is this true? "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" I continue asking that question. I hope he will answer it yet. I would rather he wouldn't make any quibble, but come out LIKE A MAN AND FACE IT. That is true, or it is not true. Now that won't be hard to do. That scripture is on the wire recorder, too. It has also gone on record, when I asked him did he accept all of the sixteenth chapter of Mark. He says I accept all of the scriptures in the Bible. Well, then, if he does he won't mind telling us whether this is true or not true. Now, we are STILL SAVED when we are baptized, and STILL SAVED when we get to the end.

Well, another thing. There are some questions I asked him. He said very little about those questions, and made very little answer to them. If one obeys, believes, and is baptized, and falls away and is lost, is he a lost believer or lost unbeliever? And of course he said he was a LOST UNBELIEVER. Then I came back and asked him if he was a LOST UNBELIEVER what in the world must that poor LOST SOUL DO TO BE SAVED? Now that is a good honest fair question, is it not? He said he was lost. He believes he can be LOST, and now what will he have to DO to be SAVED? If he has to BE BAPTIZED THE FIRST TIME TO BE SAVED; and yet he can be lost AGAIN, and on his road to hell, if he is LOST as he says, he is a CHILD OF THE DEVIL. I want to remind you again of my chart last night—A CHILD OF THE DEVIL and A CHILD OF GOD. I asked him which one he would baptized, and he hasn't yet walked up and said, "I will baptize this one, or I will baptize that one." (pointing to the chart) He has been a

good dodger. Now he claims I dodge and try to make you laugh, when he tries to make a quibble point. I want to remind you that there are some good cold, hard facts laid down here.

When he reminded you that he went over all my scriptures on my chart, and made some of you believe so, he left the CHILD OF THE DEVIL and THE CHILD OF GOD ALONE. He may have mentioned some of the scriptures, but he certainly didn't mention the parallel CHILD OF GOD and CHILD OF THE DEVIL. He didn't say WHICH ONE he would baptize. He hasn't said it YET. And I still want him to tell us WHICH ONE will he BAPTIZE. What will that poor LOST SOUL that is on the road to DESTRUCTION have to DO TO BE SAVED, if baptism is ESSENTIAL to salvation? Why does he NOT baptize him the SECOND TIME? I knew that thing was as HOT as a firecracker. I realized that. My friends, these things are germane to the subject.

In the few minutes I have left I want to show you something here he can answer. Of course, I won't have any opportunity now to answer. But notice here some consequences. Jesus said, **"now is the time, to day is the day of salvation,"** and it is denied by the preacher. Why? Jesus said "now is the time." But the preacher becomes a priest, and tells us how FAR SALVATION IS AWAY. If he invites a soul to come to the Lord Jesus Christ, he says I can't say "now is the day of salvation," we will have to wait until we fill the baptistry. It may take between forty-five minutes and an hour, but if you DIE between now and then, it's too bad. But I can tell you sinners what Jesus said: **"now is the time," "today is the day of salvation,"** and you won't have to wait forty-five minutes. **"He that liveth and BELIEVETH in me shall NEVER die."** Now is the TIME, so if you will come trusting wholly and completely in him, you SHALL BE saved. Baptism makes your salvation depend upon a man acting as a PRIEST of your soul. If you can't find a man to bury you in baptism, you certainly can't bury yourself. You have got to have a man to bury you. Therefore, your salvation is depending upon the works of man, and is ROBBING JESUS CHRIST of his PRECIOUS BLOOD which he shed upon the cross of calvary when he died and gave his life FOR the sins of the world. That **"whosoever BELIEVETH in him SHOULD NOT perish, but HAVE everlasting life."** Jesus invites you to come to him and, **"he that COMETH to me I will in NO WISE CAST OUT."** That is the very MOMENT you BELIEVE.

Now notice here that baptism severs the relationship from the unimmersed. There are thousands of people all over the country who have been BORN AGAIN. They have been BORN OF THE SPIRIT of God. They are saved just like the apostle said to the Philippian Jailor, **"BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt BE SAVED."** But this doctrine of his severs fellowship with the UNIMMERSED, and says that they are on their road to Hell. He says you are without God. My friends, I'll tell you, this is serious. The Elder kept arguing a while ago that this was a serious matter. I admit that it is a SERIOUS MATTER, and it is so serious that I don't understand how he can REPUDIATE the GREAT HOST of scriptures that I have given. He said "that my argument was not germane to my proposition." They ARE GERMANE and they shall stand when the

world is on fire. They shall stand throughout all eternity, and everyone that COMETH unto him, BELIEVING on him SHALL BE SAVED. (time up) Thank you.

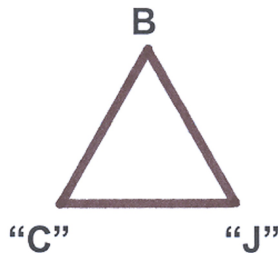
HOGLAND'S FOURTH NEGATIVE

Gentlemen Moderators, Honorable Opponent, Ladies and Gentlemen and Friends: I am happy to come before you once again in the negative of the proposition you have heard discussed for the past thirty minutes. This is the final thirty minutes on this proposition that has been discussed for the past two nights. I want to express once again my sincere appreciation for your conduct not only last night but tonight.

As this is my last speech, I will bring in no new material, but will take up the things that my honorable opponent has presented, then re-affirm the negative arguments which I have insisted that he notice for the past two nights. Last night Elder Kesner gave me something. I intended to give this back to him in my first speech. He handed me a piece of paper. Some of you might have wondered what it was. He walked over to my desk and handed it to me. He asked me to sign it, so I will read it that you might know what it is. "Proposition to be inserted AGREEABLE to each of us. We do hereby agree to debate this proposition in writing and publish it in tract form for free distribution, each one will pay his half of the expense." I have signed it, so I am going to present it back to Elder Kesner. (handing paper to Kesner) Of course, that is just like signing a blank piece of paper because we haven't written out the proposition and, if we don't get together on that, we won't have the debate. He might as well handed me a BLANK sheet of paper.

I want to take up his speech, everything that he has said. Then I want to re-affirm my negative arguments that I have given the last two nights.

I really feel sorry for Elder Kesner. He is labouring under great difficulty. He seems to be under a "NERVOUS STRAIN." He backed off, and I thought he was going to fall off the platform a time or two. Friends, don't blame him, blame his DOCTRINE. He is suffering. He is doing as well as any other Baptist preacher could do. He just can't meet MARK 16:16 and he knows it. You notice my TRIANGLE is still here and I can't get him close to it. I don't know why.



You know, I believe if a man would consistently put something before me and the audience like that and I couldn't meet it, I would just shake hands and stop the debate. I believe that is what I would do. I would have enough courage and conviction to do it. Why, even you people who are not members of the Church of Christ notice that he hasn't bothered that. There is a reason. There is a very serious reason. It is loaded with

“ATOMIC ENERGY” and he knows it. He is afraid to take a hold of it lest it explode in his hand.

Elder Kesner said in the closing moments of his speech that baptism severs all relationship from the unimmersed. Elder Kesner, I am surprised that you would make a statement like that. I am surprised that you would say baptism severs relationship from the unimmersed since you have to be baptized into the Baptist Church to have “close communion.” I believe that was the final thing that you said in your last speech.

Beginning with the latter part of his speech and going toward the beginning, he said that ministers of the Church of Christ could not say NOW is the time, today is the day of salvation, because we might have to fill the baptistry. Well, I have always taught that baptism is essential. I notice that you have one built in your building. If I FOUGHT baptism as hard as you do, I wouldn't have gone to the expense of lighting this one up as beautiful as you have it! I wouldn't have placed all those nice looking stones around it, if I fought it as hard as you do. You say that a man can die and go to Heaven without it, so WHY baptize a man?

I want to ask you, friend Kesner, what blessing can a man get in the BAPTIST CHURCH that he can't get in the LORD? As a matter of fact, a little later on in the debate I may place a circle on the board and ask Elder Kesner to place in it the BLESSINGS one receives in the Baptist Church.

He says that we could not say NOW is the time. Well, Elder Kesner, you couldn't either. Isn't preaching essential? Doesn't the heathen have to hear the word of God? Don't you have to PREACH to him? If not, why do you have missionaries? You claim that in baptism, salvation is in the hand of a man. What about PREACHING? Why don't you take your PREACHERS out of the mission fields? Elder Kesner, you are a preacher, so you had better be careful, you might lose your job!

If you say that man has no part in the salvation of man, then you eradicate preaching. You claim that a man must preach in order for people to hear, believe and obey. Elder Kesner might give the call here some night and say, “Come forth, I want you to be saved.” A man might walk down the aisle that had been living in Africa all his life and doesn't know anything about the Lord. He would say, “Elder Kesner, I want to be saved.” Friend Kesner would say, “Well, do you believe on the Lord?” He would say “Who is the Lord? I have never heard of him.” Elder Kesner would say, “Now is the time.” He would say, “Yes, but I have never heard of the Lord.” Then friend Kesner would have to PREACH to him. So you could not say “**Now is the time**” either! Could you? You would have to preach to him. Now, while you were preaching to him, friend Kesner, what if he would have a heart attack before he BELIEVED. Would he go to Heaven or Hell?

He asked me again why I didn't baptize a man twice. I answered that last night. A man must be born in the family of God one time. You might have a son who would sin,

go away from home, live an UNGODLY life and be LOST, but he still can be brought back. You don't have to be born into your physical family twice, neither does one have to be born into God's family twice.

He said I NEVER say whether I baptized a child of God or the Devil. I beg to DIFFER with you just a little bit, friend Kesner. It is on the WIRE RECORDER. I did say whether I baptized a child of God or a child of the Devil. I said if you mean by a child of the Devil that he is still **living in sin**, I baptize a child of the Devil. Just like the apostle Paul was baptized in Acts 22:16. He still had the CURSE of sin resting over him. Ananias said unto him, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be BAPTIZED, and WASH away thy sins." Was he a child of God or a child of the Devil? If he was saved, HE didn't know it, ANANIAS didn't know it, the LORD didn't know it, GOD didn't know it, but Elder Kesner says he knows it!

He said I said very little about his questions. Well, they were very "LITTLE QUESTIONS". I didn't have to say much. (laughter)

Elder Kesner said you come to the Lord the moment you believe. I agree that is what you teach, but that is not what Hebrews 11:6 teaches. I notice that he got on that passage and came down with his hand and said the moment you believe you are saved. All right, let us see what the Hebrew letter says about it. "He that COMETH to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Anyone knows that the BELIEVING must precede the COMING. He must BELIEVE, then he COMES. You teach that as soon as one believes, he has already come. Heb. 11:6 says you must first believe then you come. Can't you understand that? (laughter)

He said in Mark 16:16, yes, we have verbs of EQUAL rank that is "believe" and "be baptized". Then he said they are equal but one of them MIGHT be incidental. Where is your grammar scholar that will tell you which one is incidental? Are we going to let you be the judge? Friend Kesner admitted that they are joined by the conjunction "and" and said they were EQUAL but said one MIGHT be INCIDENTAL. Elder, who will be the judge to tell us which one is incidental? What if I were to say that "FAITH" is incidental? Wouldn't I have just as much authority to say faith is incidental as for you to say baptism is incidental? I believe I quoted that phrase last night, "What is good for the goose ought to be salad dressing for the gander."

He gives next what he thinks is a parallel sentence to Mark 16:16. He says, "He that DIETH and is buried SHALL be dead". Elder Kesner, where did you go to school? (laughter) I thought "HE that DIETH is ALREADY DEAD!" (laughter) Friend Kesner says "He that dieth shall be dead." Does he die HERE and then is DEAD again sometime in the future? The man that DIES is DEAD that very MOMENT. He uses the FUTURE tense. He said, "He that dieth SHALL be dead." I thought that the man that dieth is already dead. Maybe they taught school differently here than in Texas.

He then accused me of giving "SOPHISTRY". He said all I did was give sophistry. Well, Elder Kesner, we will let the audience be the JUDGE about that. I don't guess that Mark 16:16 is sophistry is it? You might wish it were but it isn't. He said also that his charts might not have been GERMANE to the subject but they were "GERMS". Well, friend Kesner could have left that off. But since you suggested it, since they are "GERMS" that is just the reason these people should let them alone. You know we stay as far AWAY from germs as we possibly can.

Elder Kesner says we need to be baptized just like Jesus was baptized. You know I have heard that for a number of years. People say that Jesus wasn't baptized FOR the remission of sins. I want to ask you friend Kesner, was Jesus baptized **because of the remission of sins**? You had better be careful or you are going to have Jesus Christ a SINNER! Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. He said, "Suffer it to be so now."

He comes to James. He said that James' justification was before MEN. I asked him for the scripture and he never did give it. He never will because it is not in the BIBLE. He asked me if I accepted all of Mark 16:16. Yes, friend Kesner, I accept all the Bible. Now let me turn it right back to you. Do YOU accept it all? Do you accept it all or do you take out part of it? He said earlier that he accepted all the Bible. All right, since you accept all of Mark 16, can people perform miracles now? Elder Kesner, I happen to know that you BAPTISTS teach that the days of MIRACLES are OVER. I teach exactly the same thing, that the days of miracles are over. Of course, if you say they can still be performed, If you will drink a little poison I will be happy to furnish the POISON if you will furnish the MAN! (laughter) So I just turn it right back and ask you, do you accept all of Mark 16?

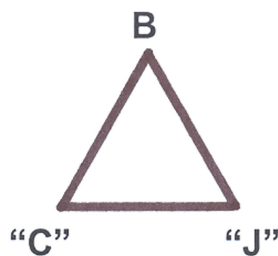
He came back to the thief on the cross and said that the thief on the cross was just unanswerable. I answered last night by saying the thief didn't have to be BAPTIZED because Jesus hadn't COMMANDED commission baptism. Jesus hadn't even died. His will had not been RATIFIED. Friend Kesner, if you will turn over to Matthew 28 and Mark 16:16, you will find that the thief was DEAD already. Jesus then gave the command to go unto all the world and BAPTIZE. Why, if we could call the thief back here tonight, and say that he was sitting right over here by Elder Kesner, I would say, "Mr. Thief, were you baptized?" He would say "NO". I would say, "Why?" He would say "I didn't know it was commanded." "Why didn't you know this, Mr. Thief?" Why, he would say, "I WAS DEAD." (laughter) That is a good reason isn't it? Elder Kesner says the Thief on the Cross is unanswerable. Why, Jesus hadn't even COMMANDED baptism!

He said next that Paul was washed in the blood of the Lamb before baptism. Elder Kesner, in as kind of manner as possible, I deny the ASSERTION and DEMAND the proof! Where is your proof text? You say that Paul was washed in the blood of the Lamb before he was baptized, where is the text? You know we DEMAND scripture in this debate. We don't just take YOUR word for it. You say he was washed in the blood of the Lamb before baptism. Where is the text? My Bible says that Ananias, an inspired man

sent by God said, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins." Well, Elder Kesner, you can understand that. You would have to have some help to keep from understanding it. I will ask you this question. Which comes first, BAPTISM or **the remission of sins**? He said that faith and repentance are the only things a man can DO without DOING anything. In Acts 8:37 when the Eunuch said, "I BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the son of God," did he do anything? Sure he did. As a matter of fact Phillip said, "If THOU believest with all thine heart THOU mayest." Here he demanded a confession. The Eunuch said, "I believe." A verb of action! Elder Kesner says NO, the Lord did it for him. Why, if that be true, friend Kesner, if we are LOST we could blame God for it! If the heathen and people who are prejudice against the gospel and will not accept it are lost, they could BLAME God for their condemnation. Elder Kesner, a man has the choice of believing or disbelieving. Man DOES the believing and he knows that. The very idea of a man saying that one can BELIEVE and yet NOT do anything! Then he came to the conversion of Paul and I have already called attention to that in Acts 22:16.

I want now to briefly reiterate the things that I have presented, and I am not going to bring in any new argument in my last speech.

I want you to notice that he has not bothered the "TRIANGLE" here (pointing to board).



I supplied the man with chalk. I gave him an eraser to erase one of these. (pointing to "faith plus baptism" and "faith minus baptism") You notice that he never came near them. Friend Kesner said the other night that I had a good "**forgettery**". It looks like some one else has a GOOD one, too. You not only deserted my TRIANGLE, but you deserted my comparison, too! I want to ask you, why did you do it? Don't you know that YOUR people can see that you can't answer it? Friend Kesner, they know that you CAN'T do it. If you had been the MAN you should have been, you would have said, "Yes, Hogland. I will mark it down." Then you would have come over and placed an "X" here or placed one there (pointing to board).

He didn't come near my "triangle" and said that he wasn't going to pay any attention to it in his last speech. The reason that Elder Kesner is not going to pay any attention to it is that he saw the HANDWRITING on the wall. He knew if he placed a man over here (pointing to board) under condemnation then, since baptism changes his STATE, as he said on page 34 of his book, he would have a man SAVED by baptism. He knows that if he would take that position, I would have jumped over the top of the table, shook his hand and we would have stopped the debate! (laughter) We would

have been on equal ground. There would have been no use of debating, because that is exactly what the scriptures teach. Paul tells us in Romans 6:3 and 4, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized INTO his death?" That is plain enough for a blind man in the dark to see. Therefore, since we are baptized into his death, baptism does change the STATE of a man. We are under condemnation BEFORE we are baptized, and AFTER we are baptized we are placed under the state of JUSTIFICATION. If not, why not? If Elder Kesner wants to place a man under justification before baptism, as his doctrine teaches, that's all right.

I might add he didn't have enough courage to stand up for his teaching. He wouldn't place him over here (pointing to justification). He knew if he did he would SINK the entire Baptist Church, DEACONS, PREACHERS and ALL. Elder Kesner didn't want to cause his members to suffer that HUMILIATION during this debate! (laughter) I tell you, friends, he didn't want to sink his good DEACONS, he might have lost his job! So he wouldn't place the "X" over here by JUSTIFICATION because it would sink the Baptist Church and he knows it.

I now call your attention to the fact that "faith PLUS baptism equals salvation." That is what the Lord said (pointing to board). Then I place under it, "faith MINUS baptism equals salvation." This is what friend Kesner teaches. He was ASHAMED of it because he wouldn't come up here and ERASE this top equation. He wouldn't do it. I supplied him with an eraser, yes, here it is. It is STILL here. He never did touch it. Do you want to go over there and do it now? You want to? I will give you another piece of chalk if you will go over and place an "X" where you want the man. (laughter) Then I will supply you with this eraser if you will go over there and erase one of those equations. Isn't that FAIR? If not, why not? I would like to see you erase one. He won't do it, friends. No, sir, he WON'T do it, and this debate will END and he still won't do it! Friends, can't you SEE this? There is not a boy or girl, man or woman in this audience but what can see that he is AFRAID of this (pointing to board). He knows that he will either SINK the Baptist Church or, if he places him over HERE, we will shake hands and stop the debate. He knows that if he erases this equation he CONTRADICTS exactly what the Lord said, and if he erases the other one we would still shake hands and stop the debate because "HE" that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved." He is afraid of both of them. Well, that is one way of getting around it.

You know, not too long ago a preacher called at the home of a lady who didn't believe in baptism. He went into the home and spoke to the lady. She said, "Well I don't believe in the ESSENTIALITY of baptism." She said, "I believe like Elder Kesner. When you believe you are saved." He said, "Lady did you ever read Mark 16:16? 'HE that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved.'" She said, "Well, I have read it all right." He said, "Can't you see that SALVATION FOLLOWS faith and baptism?" She said, "That is NOT in my Bible." He said, "Oh, yes it is." She said, "No it isn't." He said, "Oh, yes it is." She said, "Oh, no it isn't." He said, "Why, lady go get your Bible, I want to see it." She walked in the back room, rummaged around awhile in the clothes basket and came out with that Bible! He opened it up to Mark 16:16 and sure enough it WASN'T in there. She

had taken a pair of SCISSORS and CUT it out! (laughter) Well, that is ONE way to get it out. Elder Kesner, if I were you, I would take my scissors and cut Mark 16:16 out. Then I would go the rest of the way, turn infidel, throw my Bible in the trash can and be through. That is what I would do. When you start CUTTING passages out of the Bible, you might as well throw it away! Paul said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" and he included Mark 16:16.

Now in closing, I want to briefly go over my chart again.

FAITH + OBEDIENCE = SALVATION → Rom. 16:26

If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY"

He is saved:

1. Before he COMES to God--Heb. 11:6
2. Before he BECOMES a child of God--Jno. 1:12
5. Before he TURNS to God-- Acts 11:21
4. Before he will CONFESS Christ--Jno 12:42
5. When the DEVIL is still his father--Jno. 8:44
6. Then he is no BETTER than the devil--Jas. 2:19

Saved BELIEVERS

are in the

Church

Acts 22:19; 8:3

"THE CHURCH A
BODY OF BAPTIZED-BEL"
(Baptist-Def)

DEAD? F - W = DAMNATION' --Jas. 2:26

or

ALIVE? F + W = SALVATION --Jas. 2:24

I rolled it up purposely so he would pay some ATTENTION to this, but he wouldn't do it. So I must go over it again. Friends, I want to ask you. Has he ONE time in this debate come over and POINTED to these charts? Not ONE time! He presented a total of 12 or 13 charts. I have ONE little chart with eight or ten scriptures on it and he wouldn't even notice them. I might add, they are LARGE enough that you can see them back there, too. I wasn't ashamed of them. I didn't put them in SMALL letters (pointing to chart).

"Faith plus obedience equals salvation." Romans 16:26. Now if the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY", now I want you to notice this because this will appear before us in judgment, if the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he COMES to God. He must first BELIEVE and then he COMES. My friend teaches that as soon as you believe, you have already come. That is not what Hebrews 11:6 teaches. It says you believe then you come. Elder Kesner hasn't come near that.

Next we find if a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he BECOMES a child of God. Because in John 1:12, "Jesus came unto his own but his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he the POWER to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." The word "power" here means RIGHT or PRIVILEGE. The believer exercises the power, right or privilege to become a son of God. Elder Kesner hasn't come near this passage.

No. 3 If the sinner is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he TURNS to God, Acts 11:21. Luke said, "And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number believed and TURNED to the Lord." Here we have first believing and second turning. Elder Kesner teaches as soon as you believe, you have already turned to the Lord. Here we have the copulative conjunction "and" again. "Many believed AND turned to the Lord." This proves that the believing and the turning are not the same thing. A man first believes then he turns. Friend Kesner never did tell us what a man does when he TURNS to the Lord.

I want you to notice that if a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved before he will CONFESS Christ, John 12:42. "Many of the chief rulers believed on him, but they would not CONFESS him because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." They BELIEVED. Were they saved, friend Kesner? He hasn't answered yet.

No. 5 If a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved when the DEVIL is still his faith, John 8:44. "Many of the Jews believed on him" then verse 44 "Ye are of your father the DEVIL, and the lust of your father ye will do." Friend Kesner teaches the moment you believe you are saved, born of God. Were these people in John 8 born of God? They were believers, but Jesus said, "Ye are of your father the Devil."

If a man is saved by "FAITH ONLY" he is saved when he is no BETTER than the Devil. James 2:19, "The Devils also BELIEVE and tremble, but wilt thou know 0 vain man that faith without works is dead?"

That brings us to the next. I begged him, I pleaded with him, to come over here and tell us whether a man is saved by a DEAD faith or a LIVE faith. You notice, friends, that he never did bother this. He knew that his death warrant was signed if he had. If he had said that we are saved by a "LIVE FAITH" he would have to give up his proposition because his proposition says faith WITHOUT or MINUS works. James says that "faith without works is dead." Therefore, faith plus works equals salvation and faith minus works equals damnation. If not, why not?

Now last I showed you that the saved believer is the baptized believer because the Baptist definition of the Church is "a body of baptized believers". That is the definition he gives. Now, friends, he hasn't even mentioned that. He hasn't even brought it up. Elder Kesner, do you accept your definition of the Church? Is the Church a body of baptized believers? If so, isn't the saved believer the baptized believer? I use you as a witness. You are the man that said that. Yet he doesn't want his own argument!

Now in closing I want you to notice and remember these (pointing to chart) points that I have made systematically. I want you to remember he didn't refer to these things I have presented. I am now ready to meet God in judgment with a clear conscience. I know that I shall meet him and give an account for the way I have dealt with his word. I believe that I have upheld the principles taught therein. You see that I have because he hasn't touched them. I have met every argument the man has presented germane to the

subject. He tried to present many passages that would take me off the subject, but I have held him to his proposition. I have answered every argument that he has presented that dealt with the subject. I have given about 10 passages and he hasn't considered any of them. Now in closing this part of the discussion, I am ready to meet God knowing that I have declared unto you the whole counsel of God. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto everyone that believeth to the Jew first and also to the Greek. We see, therefore, that God requires obedience. I ask you people in the audience to meditate on these things. Don't build up PREJUDICE in your heart. Accept the word of God. You are going to appear before him in judgment and answer for the way you have dealt with Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21 and other passages that teach the ESSENTIALITY of baptism FOR the REMISSION of sins. And now may God's blessings be upon you until tomorrow night when we will discuss a new proposition, and I thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

HOGLAND'S FIRST AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Once again it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be with you in defense of what I believe to be taught in the word of God. I will sound a word of approval upon that which has just been said by Brother Curtis. We appreciate very much the good deportment of every one thus far and hope that such conduct will continue throughout this debate.

It was Jesus of Nazareth who said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." I firmly believe that we have men, women, boys and girls here tonight who realize that it is the truth that will make them free from sin. I know that you are willing to receive with meekness the engrafted WORD of God which James says is able to SAVE your soul. In the song we sang we had these words "Have thy own way Lord." I hope and pray that we were singing with the spirit and with the understanding and really want the LORD to have his WAY. You know sometime we are prone to want the Lord to have his way in the things that pleases us, but when we find a passage that doesn't exactly suit our fancy we want to have OUR own way and shove the Lord aside. So I hope that you were singing with the Spirit and understanding and want the Lord to have his way.

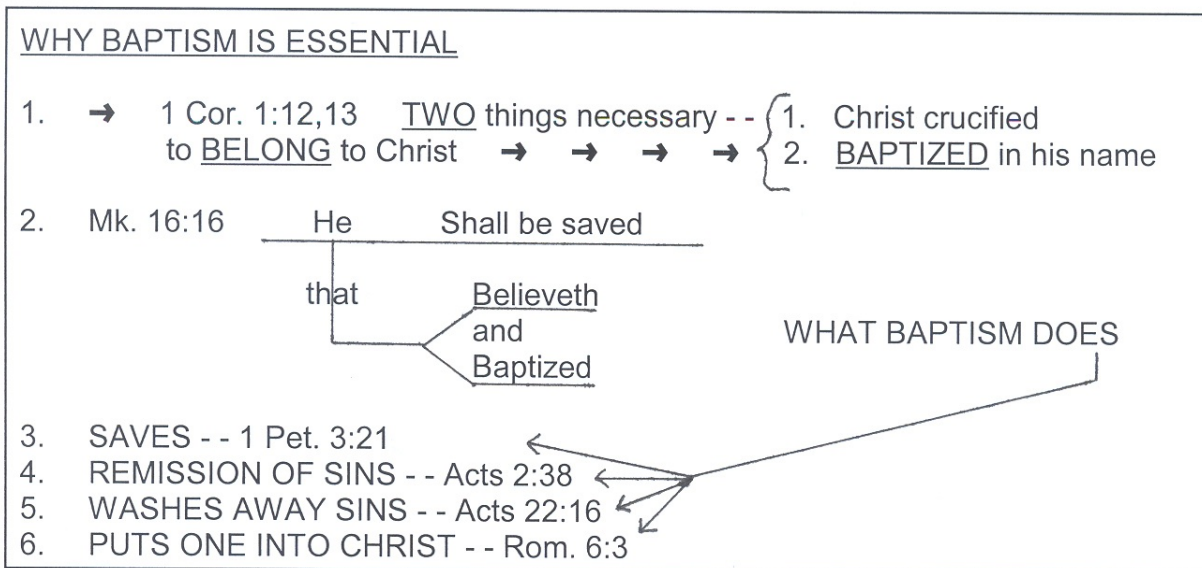
I know that I want the Lord to have his way, and to be guided by his word, because I am going to stand before him in Judgment and give account for the way that I have dealt with his word.

The proposition to be discussed tonight - - "The scriptures teach that an alien sinner must be Baptized in water for his sins to be obliterated or forgiven." As has been announced I am in the affirmative tonight. The burden of proof is in my hands. I must take the word of God and prove that an alien SINNER must be BAPTIZED in WATER for his sins to be forgiven. Since I am in the affirmative my first obligation is to define my proposition and that I will do.

By the "Scriptures" I mean the Old and New Testaments, the word of God. As Paul said to Timothy, "All SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God." By the word "TEACH" I mean that it says so in so many words, or that such statements are made in regard to it, that it makes necessary that conclusion. By the "ALIEN SINNER" I mean the person who has not obeyed the Gospel, or become a Christian. By the word "MUST" I mean it is essential, that it is necessary to justification. By "BAPTIZED IN WATER" I mean WATER baptism, and that this must be an IMMERSION in water by the authority of Jesus Christ and in the name of the FATHER, SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. "FOR HIS SINS TO BE OBLITERATED OF FORGIVEN" I mean blotted out or that he will receive the remission of sins. Now that is the definition of my proposition and if my opponent is not satisfied with it, I would be happy to elaborate on it more conclusive. In his first speech, if he wants me to go into detail any more, I would be happy to do just that.

In beginning I want to say that I believe in FAITH with all of my heart. I believe in REPENTANCE with all of my heart. My friend Kesner believes in Faith, he also believes in Repentance. I believe in Faith and I also believe in Repentance. I also believe that a man must be BAPTIZED in order for his sins to be obliterated. My friend Kesner believes that a man can die and go to heaven and never be baptized. You can see the difference between us. It is not over faith! It is not over repentance! It is over BAPTISM. So that is the thing we want to discuss tonight. Is baptism ESSENTIAL in the Scheme of Redemption?

In the beginning I want to give arguments, clearly, concisely, and systematically so that everyone can understand them. I want my opponent to understand exactly what I am saying. If there is anything I try to do in my preaching it is to be simple and plain. The beauty of the word of God lies in its simplicity! As a matter of fact that is the way God gave it to us, so that all might come to a knowledge of the truth.



Now in beginning on my arguments I call you attention to the chart (rolling chart down). I have at the top of the chart, and I think you can see this in the rear of the building, "WHY Baptism is Essential." I am going to show here by a few passages of scripture, I am not going to give a hundred or two hundred but perhaps eight or ten scriptures, to prove to you that baptism is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

No. 1 This is my first argument, friend Kesner. I want you to remember this and not forget it in your first speech. No. 1 is on 1 Cor. 1. As you know Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians and they were divided. Some were following Paul, some Appolos, and others Cephas, and some Christ. Paul says, "Now ... every one of you saith I am of Paul; and I of Appolos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" They were following these various

men and were wearing their names. When Paul said some of you say "I AM OF PAUL" that means they BELONGED to Paul. Some translations say "I BELONG to Paul." Of course to be "OF PAUL" would certainly mean to BELONG to him. Moffat's translation and others say "BELONG TO PAUL." In other words some of them were saying, "I BELONG to Paul", others "I BELONG to Cephas", and etc. Paul then tells them that two things were necessary for one to belong to him (pointing to chart).

1st. I must have been CRUCIFIED for you. And 2nd. You must be BAPTIZED in my name. Since you were not baptized in my name, do not WEAR my name. You do not BELONG to me! The same principle would apply to Appolos. Was Appolos CRUCIFIED for you? No? Were you BAPTIZED in the name of Appolos? No! Well, don't wear Appolos' name. Was Peter CRUCIFIED for you? No! Were ye BAPTIZED in the name of Peter? Was John the BAPTIST crucified for you? No! Were ye baptized in the name of John the Baptist? No! Well, don't wear HIS name. You see? The same application exactly. Was Martin Luther CRUCIFIED for you? No! Were ye BAPTIZED in the name of Martin Luther? No! Well, don't wear his name.

Elder Kesner, that is the only irresistible conclusion that any man can reach. This is PAUL'S argument and not mine. He said that in order for any man to belong to Christ that FIRST Christ must be CRUCIFIED for that man. We will all agree to that. Elder Kesner will agree with that. He will admit that Jesus Christ died upon calvary for our sins. But Paul says there is something ELSE necessary, too! In order to BELONG to Christ YOU MUST BE BAPTIZED IN HIS NAME! That is an ETERNAL PRINCIPLE that will stand when time shall be no more. Friend Kesner, no dead man has ever answered that and no living one ever will! It is just unanswerable. Now that is Paul's argument and not mine. Paul said in order for a man to belong to Christ, first Jesus must have been CRUCIFIED for him and Number two, THIS IS THE BATTLE GROUND—"YOU MUST BE BAPTIZED IN HIS NAME". No man has ever BELONGED to Jesus until he has been BAPTIZED in his name. That PROVES conclusively that BAPTISM is absolutely essential. I am expecting Friend Kesner in his first speech to say now Hogland's first argument was on 1 Cor. 1. I want him to walk right over and meet it in a SYSTEMATIC manner, face the issue or ADMIT that he can't! When he does this we will shake hands and stop the debate.

Number two. My second argument is based on MK. 16:16 which Elder Kesner seems to choose to EVADE. Jesus in giving the world wide commission said, "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." As I brought out last night, and I have it here on the chart systematically, diagramed, I have over here the simple pronoun "He" (pointing to the board). Now I suppose that Elder Kesner agrees with the grammatical construction of the sentence. If he doesn't he should say something about it. He should give his objections. He has had two or three nights to do it and he hasn't placed up any objection yet. Now the simple pronoun "He" is modified by this subordinate restrictive clause (pointing to "that believeth and is baptized"). Of course it is used as an adjective to modify the simple pronoun "He". It tells what kind of a "He" shall be saved. Now, Lord, tell us what kind of a "HE" shall be

saved. Why, he says, the “He” that BELIEVES and is BAPTIZED shall be saved. No more and no less! Any man that has anything above his eyes besides SINUS trouble can see that! (laughter)

Now I want you to notice that the copulative conjunction “and” joins these verbs of equal rank, and Elder Kesner admitted this and it is on the wire recorder that I have in my possession. He said that these were verbs of equal rank, and the coordinate conjunction “and” joined them, but he said sometimes that one of the words would not be essential. I asked him then how we were to know which one was essential and he hasn’t answered yet. Maybe he will answer tonight. But here we have it. What BELIEF is for, BAPTISM is for; what BAPTISM is for, FAITH is for. If BELIEVETH shall be saved, so is BAPTISM shall be saved. In other words, FAITH ALONE stands for nothing, BAPTISM ALONE stands for nothing, but FAITH and BAPTISM TOGETHER stands for salvation! And that is the only irresistible conclusion that we can come to on the grammatical construction of this sentence from the mouth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I gave an illustration about some wealthy man, owner of some automobile company saying, “He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a new automobile” and said there would be a big baptizing in Fort Smith and Elder Kesner would be the first one to get wet! He has never told me whether he would get wet or not. Well, last night he thought that he would EVADE the issue, and he said, “Well, I happen to know, Elder Hogland, that the Church here gave me a NEW DODGE AUTOMOBILE and I didn’t HAVE to be BAPTIZED to get it!” Well let us see about that, friend Kesner. You didn’t have to be baptized to get this New Dodge automobile, huh? Now you received it because you are a BAPTIST PREACHER, and in order to be a BAPTIST preacher you have to be in the BAPTIST Church. Is that right? All right, in order to get into the BAPTIST Church you have to be BAPTIZED, therefore you had to be BAPTIZED to get it after all didn’t you? (laughter) I want Elder Kesner in his next speech to come out from under the weight of that! He BROUGHT it on himself. He said that he didn’t have to be BAPTIZED to get it.

Next I pass to prove that baptism is essential to 1 Peter 3:20, 21. Here the apostle Peter tells us, “When once in the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the Ark was in preparing, wherein a few souls, that is eight were saved by WATER, the like figure whereunto even BAPTISM doth also now SAVE us.” Now he gives us two sentences. The first one is that Noah and his family were SAVED by WATER. He tells us how they were saved. They were saved by WATER. He says “the like figure where unto even BAPTISM doth also NOW SAVE us.” Elder Kesner tells you that baptism does not save you, but Peter tells you that BAPTISM doth also NOW save us. Friend Kesner, what does BAPTISM save us from now? Or was Peter mistaken about it? He said baptism doth also now SAVE us. What does it save us from? Peter said it saves us. All right now I want to put that up here on the board. Peter said “baptism doth now save us” (writing on the board). All right now that is what Peter says. Now I want to put another sentence under there (writing on the board) “Baptism doth not save us.” All right now you see these sentences are almost just alike. I have “BAPTISM DOTH now save

us,” under it “baptism doth NOT save us.” Now all I have to do to make these sentences alike would be to just erase this little letter (erasing the “T” from not and “W” from now) then I would erase that and they would be just alike. But now I want to place it like the BIBLE says, and then like friend KESNER says. “Baptism doth NOW” and “Baptism doth NOT.” You see just two little letters, “W” and “T”. Now if I would put this up there I would have Elder Kesner’s DOCTRINE, and if I placed this down here I would have what Peter said.

Now, friend Kesner, I have these two sentences here and I have an eraser tonight. Maybe you don’t know how to use it. You catch a hold of the back of it and you rub her like that see. (rubbing eraser over board) I want you to erase the sentence that you don’t believe. Would you do that in your next speech? Will you do it? Well, he wouldn’t answer me! (laughter)

I want you to erase the sentences that you don’t believe. Now you can’t believe both of them. You don’t even have to erase one you can just take a piece of chalk and mark through the one you don’t believe. That will be all right, just so you get one of them off this board. Now, friends, I am going to leave this here (pointing to board). You WATCH him and see if he will erase one. He WON’T do it because he signs his DEATH WARRANT when he does. If he does erase one I will take CARE of him when he does. You don’t need to WORRY about that! (laughter)

So Peter tells us that Baptism saves us. He also gives us a comparison by saying that “Noah was saved by water the like figure whereunto BAPTISM doth also NOW save us” (writing the sentences Noah saved by WATER—we are saved by BAPTISM). Now, friends, here “THE FIGURE” is in the COMPARISON and not in the THING DONE. Elder Kesner would have you to believe that the FIGURE is in the “THING DONE.” He has been preaching that for nineteen years. I want to prove to you, friend Kesner, that the “FIGURE” is not in the THING DONE but in the COMPARISON of the two. I will give a sentence like this (writing on board): “My grandfather went to town in a BUGGY the like “FIGURE” whereunto I go to town in a Mercury Automobile.” Elder Kesner, I “ACTUALLY” go to town. My grandfather ACTUALLY went to town in a BUGGY. I ACTUALLY go to town in a mercury automobile. If you don’t believe I LITERALLY go, you get in with me sometime and you’ll see! (laughter) I literally go! Elder Kesner would have you to believe that baptism just “FIGURATIVELY” saves us. I have already taken care of him if he says the “FIGURE” is in the THING DONE and not in the COMPARISON. If he says the figure is in the thing done, he has Noah saved by FIGURATIVE water! I want to know, friend Kesner, when God opened the windows of Heaven and caused it to rain, was that just FIGURATIVE water? Or was it literal water? I want you to answer me in your next speech. Was it LITERAL water or was it FIGURATIVE water? Well, if Elder Kesner says it was just FIGURATIVE water, he might as well say that Noah was just saved “FIGURATIVELY”, turn INFIDEL and throw his Bible in a waste can. Friend Kesner, Noah was literally saved by water. When God opened the windows of Heaven back there, it rained just like it rained today, it rained hard. When Peter said, “BAPTISM

DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US”, he meant exactly what he said. I want you to remember these two sentences.

Now to my next argument. The next thing that proves baptism is essential is that SALVATION always FOLLOWS BAPTISM. Now I want to give you some scriptures. For example:

First Acts 2:38 Peter says “REPENT and be BAPTIZED everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the REMISSION of your sins.” Now I want you to notice how that was worded. He says REPENT, then be BAPTIZED then the REMISSION OF SINS. Notice that salvation always FOLLOWS baptism. It never comes BEFORE baptism!

Now Mark 16:16 “He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED.” Notice that salvation always FOLLOWS baptism.

Now Acts 22:16 “Arise and be BAPTIZED and WASH AWAY THY SINS.” First BAPTISM, then the WASHING AWAY OF SIN.

Now 1 Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even BAPTISM doth also now SAVE us.” First BAPTISM, then SALVATION. Let’s try another one.

Gal. 3:27 “We are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been BAPTIZED into Christ have PUT on Christ.” First BAPTISM, and then PUTTING HIM ON. Notice, friends, every time BAPTISM PRECEDES salvation. Salvation always FOLLOWS baptism. Elder Kesner would have you believe that SALVATION comes BEFORE BAPTISM but, in the Bible order of things, “he that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED.” “Repent and be baptized, forgiveness of sins.” “Baptized into Christ, baptized to wash away sins.” Why, anyone can understand that. And why would any man try to face these scriptures and turn aside from that which is revealed in God’s word and say that salvation comes BEFORE baptism?

Now my next argument is based upon Acts 2:38. Here in Acts 2:38 the church of Jesus Christ came into existence and I’ll not go into a study of all the activities, but in Acts 2:38 Peter was preaching the sermon. There were gathered in Jerusalem Jews devout men from all nations under Heaven. They had been guilty of crucifying Jesus and they said, “Men and brethren what MUST or what SHALL we do?” Notice that question! They said what SHALL or what MUST we do, that is to be saved. And Peter in answering that question said this is what you must do. He said, “REPENT and be BAPTIZED everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the REMISSION OF YOUR SINS and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Notice that salvation was PREDICATED on TWO things. “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.” Now he didn’t tell them to REPENT and be BAPTIZED BECAUSE of something! This was the answer to a QUESTION. A very IMPORTANT question. Men and brethren what MUST we do? “REPENT and be BAPTIZED everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the REMISSION OF YOUR SINS.” I want you to

notice, friends, that we have a copulative conjunction “AND”. Repent AND be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. The phrase “FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS” modifies both verbs. It sustains EQUAL relation to BOTH. What repentance is FOR, baptism is FOR! What baptism is FOR, repentance is FOR! Repentance ALONE stands for nothing! Baptism ALONE stands for nothing, but REPENTANCE and BAPTISM hand in hand stands for the remission of sins, and I’m challenging and defying Elder Kesner to tell me whether this is the true grammatical construction of Acts 2:38. When these people obeyed the gospel, the Lord added them to the Church. The Lord ADDED to the Church daily such as should be saved, Acts 2:47.

Now my next argument is based upon that which was said by Paul in Gal. 3. Paul said in Galatians 3:26, “For we are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many as have been BAPTIZED into Christ have PUT on Christ.” Now I want you to notice the verse. He says we are all the children of God by faith IN Christ Jesus. For as many of us have been baptized into Christ have put him on. Now, friends, there are two or three things I want you to notice about the sentence. First, we are all children of God by faith OUT of Christ?! No! We’re children of God by faith IN Christ. Well, how do we get INTO Christ? Well, he said, I’ll be happy to tell you. “For as many of you as have been BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST have put him on.” You see? We’re the children by faith, OUT of Christ? No! IN Christ. Well, Paul, how do we get in? Why, he said, as many of you as have been BAPTIZED INTO Christ have put him on. Now here we have the Greek preposition gar, which is “for”. It means to introduce the reason, and I’ll ask friend Kesner if the Greek Lexicons mean what they said when they said “to introduce a reason.” I’ll ask him if that’s true. In other words, this preposition INTRODUCES or gives the REASON for the thing predicated in the principle sentence. It introduces a casual clause. Now notice it. “For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” For what REASON, Paul? “For as many of you as have been BAPTIZED into Christ have PUT on Christ or have clothed yourselves with Jesus Christ.” Therefore, we are all children of God by faith IN Christ Jesus, and NOT OUT, and we get into Jesus by the WATER OF BAPTISM!

Now another argument to sustain the fact that BAPTISM is ESSENTIAL to the remission of sins is found in Romans 6:3 and 4. Paul said, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. For how shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?” Then he said, “Know ye not that as many of us as have been BAPTIZED INTO Jesus Christ have been BAPTIZED into his DEATH?” Therefore, the only way a man can get INTO Christ is through Baptism. I want to know, Elder Kesner, can a man be saved OUT of Christ? If a man can be saved out of Christ then, of course, he can be saved without baptism because baptism puts us into Christ. But I insist that a man must be in Christ before he can be saved. Well, Paul, how do we get into him? “Know ye not that as many of us as have been BAPTIZED INTO Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”

When Paul tells us we are baptized into Christ, he does not mean the literal death because that would be impossible. He means the benefits or blessing that were produced or brought forth by that death. And one of the blessings of the death of Jesus Christ was his blood. Because we are taught that in his death he shed his blood upon Calvary. Therefore, if we are baptized into his death we contact the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST which was shed in his death. The only way that a man can CONTACT the BLOOD is by being BAPTIZED into his DEATH where he shed his BLOOD! In contacting the blood of Jesus Christ, we are made FREE FROM SIN and Paul very beautifully pictures it to us by saying, "Buried with him in baptism that like as Christ was raised up by the glory of the Father, even so we should be RAISED up to walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE."

Now in summarizing, I want to call your attention to some of the things on the chart and then briefly cover what I have placed on the blackboard.

Now I have shown here first of all that BAPTISM is ESSENTIAL from 1 Cor. 1:12 and 13 and I'm expecting Elder Kesner to MEET this in his next speech. I have shown from Mark 16:16 that the only "HE" that shall be SAVED is the "HE" that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED. No more and no less! A man must believe and then he must be baptized in order to be saved. I've shown from 1 Peter 3:21 that baptism doth also NOW SAVE US. I've shown from Acts 2:38 that Peter said, "REPENT and be BAPTIZED everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Now I want to roll the chart up and ask Elder Kesner to come up and face the issues and first of all answer 1 Cor. 1. And the way you let this chart down is just to unwind the string. I've got it tied around here about 3 or 4 times. My time is up and I thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

KESNER'S FIRST NEGATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: I assure you that it is just a real pleasure to come back and pay my respects to the gentleman's remarks, what he has said here tonight.

Now speaking of deportment, I concur with my opponent and his moderator. I appreciate what they have said. I really and truly like to see you give good attention and listen candidly to the arguments.

He said last night that I gave some one-hundred references while he gave only five or six. Well, honestly, he COULDN'T FIND a hundred. (laughter) That is why I gave them. He just simply DIDN'T HAVE THEM to give. I can beat that. I can pile up two hundred. I sure can. But he cannot pile up more than eight or nine direct scriptures that he uses to try to prove his position. He TRIES to do it, but he DOESN'T do it. I am going to show you right now that he DIDN'T DO IT. He thinks he did, but he DIDN'T.

1 Cor. 1:12,13. Let us turn for just a moment and look those things over. **"Now this I say, that everyone of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"** There was division there. That is right. Preacher trouble down there in the Church of Corinth. Divided over preachers, which is indeed a tragedy to any Church. It is bad to get preacher trouble in the Church. Too many have that. But what did that have to do with trying to prove you are saved before baptism? Let me show you how to roll that acorn AWAY. Turn to 1 Cor. 1:17 of the same chapter he has introduced. Paul says, **"For Christ SENT ME NOT to baptize, but to preach the GOSPEL"**; Paul being the authority. Baptism is NOT the GOSPEL. Rom. 1:16, **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation; to every one that is baptized?"** Huh? Huh? NO. **"To every one that BELIEVETH."**

Now let us turn to 1 Cor. 4:15. Let us turn to the fourth chapter a moment. Listen, Paul speaking to the Corinthian brethren says, **"For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU THROUGH THE GOSPEL."** And he said, "I WAS NOT sent to baptize but to preach the gospel". Good-bye, good-bye to that argument.

Now then, I don't guess it will be necessary to refer to the chart. I did it last night. Mark 16:16. Now then, Elder accused me of evading Mark 16:16 last night. He went over that same identical thing again. I was so in hopes that he would give me something to do. (laughter) I have already taken that AWAY FROM him, so I just as soon DO IT AGAIN. I would just as soon discuss it over and over and over if that is the way he wants to do it. Mark 16:16. He says there, what kind of a man is to be baptized? If I have you wrong, Elder, correct me. (Hogland speaks and says, "What kind of a HE shall be saved in Mark 16:16?") I beg your pardon, I thought I got your reference wrong. What kind of a

HE shall be saved? (laughter) Right here, Elder. (pointing to his own chart) This one, Elder, Acts 16:31. (laughter) **“BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be SAVED.”** That is the ONE. That’s it. (Kesner laughing) Yes, that’s it. We are having a good time, aren’t we? (laughter)

Now then, I am still insisting, and oh, I am BEGGING so hard. I do wish the Elder would come on and tell me SOMETHING about this chart. (Kesner referring to the three time elements on his chart.) **“BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ.”** Is that right or wrong? I have BEGGED him to say YES or NO all the way through, and I am going to KEEP begging. I may have to go home wanting. I want to know if Acts 16:31 is right or wrong. I don’t want any sophistry. YES or NO is enough. It is or it isn’t, one of the two. I believe that the HE that believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is SAVED, and is still SAVED when he is baptized, and is STILL SAVED when he gets to the end. That will stand. He complains a lot about me not doing all he wants me to with his charts. What has he DONE to that one? (pointing to Kesner’s charts) This is the third night, and last evening when I gave my last affirmative—just remember—he reviewed all the NIGHT BEFORE and left ALL of my affirmative alone.

When I came to Mark 16:16 I gave the negative and the positive. Did he notice them? Not at all. Therefore, since he did not notice them, maybe he wanted to wait until tonight. I am not going to fuss about that, you see. So then I call his attention to the NEGATIVES which I laid down last evening. Affirmative, “he that loveth IS BORN of God.” “He that loveth NOT is accursed.” **“Repentance is unto life”**, affirmative. NEGATIVE, “Repent NOT shall perish.” Affirmative, **“Believe shall be saved”**; Negative, “believe NOT shall not see life.” Affirmative, “blood cleanseth from all sin.” Negative, **“without the shedding of blood there is NO remission.”** Affirmative, “baptized shall be saved.” NEGATIVE??? Well I don’t know. I don’t know where that is. I will let HIM TELL ME. NO NEGATIVE. I mentioned it last evening. I come to tell you again earnestly, HE CANNOT FIND the NEGATIVE to that. Everything necessary to salvation has its NEGATIVE.

Now as to the grammatical construction of the sentence, I will just have to rehash it again. He rehashed. I’ve got to come back and tell him again. He said the other night that they needed to get me a hearing aid. Well, probably his hearing is getting bad by now. Yes, sir. Now I said, as to the FUNCTIONAL relationship of the sentence that may be true but NOT NECESSARY with reference to the true meaning of the words. “Believe and be baptized.” I said one may be ESSENTIAL while the other may be INCIDENTAL. All right, he comes back and puts the question to me and I happily answer it. “Elder, which one is ESSENTIAL?” He that BELIEVETH is ESSENTIAL. And I will fight until this thing is over. BAPTISM is NOT ESSENTIAL to the OBTAINING of the REMISSION of sins, except in a FIGURE. Figuratively only.

Now then, passing to something else. Well, ha, he brings up the New Ford again. I hate to be killing time on that, but that is all right, I am following him. “He that believeth and is baptized shall receive a new Ford car.” Bless your heart, I received a new Dodge,

exactly like I received salvation as a FREE GIFT of God. **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever BELIEVETH in him should not PERISH.”** It is a FREE GIFT. So then I received it as a FREE GIFT. I was NOT baptized to get it. That is a play he is making. (laughter) No, I wasn't baptized to get it. It was given to me FREE, GRATIS, grace is gratis, WITHOUT anything. Well, I made an argument in the beginning. We will have to go back and pick up those scriptures. “It is all of grace”. Rom. 11:6, **“No more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more of grace: otherwise work is no more work.”** It is one or the other. It is either of grace or works. If you put baptism in there as essential to obtain it, or any kind of good righteous deeds that the sinner can do BEFORE he is saved, then, brother, you have GRACE AND WORKS MIXED together. That has been my contention all along. You put works and grace together, it is like putting water and gasoline together. You spoil the gasoline and it is no good, and the water is spoiled and you can't use it.

All right, 1 Pet. 3:20-21, **“Which some time were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The LIKE FIGURE whereunto even baptism doth also save us.”** Now Peter says it was a FIGURE. The LIKE FIGURE whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, and he stopped there didn't he? Now if he quoted the rest of it, I didn't hear it. Listen to what Peter says, **“Not the putting away of the FILTH of the FLESH, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.”** Well, let us go down here and find old Peter on the chart. (pointing to 1 Pet. 3:21 on chart) Notice LIKE FIGURE, eight souls were saved by water. The like FIGURE, whereunto baptism doth now save us. In the first place Noah was saved, so far as his soul was concerned, BEFORE the flood came. I ask him to deny it. I beg him to deny it. If Noah was saved BEFORE the flood came, then why am I NOT saved BEFORE I get to the water? Noah was saved. He was a preacher of **righteousness** for a long time before the flood came.

Now then “figuratively.” He made a play on the “literality.” Why, certainly, “physically,” when he got into the ark, it kept him away from the water, and he landed over on the other side, but Peter said it's a figure, so then there “the like figure.” He was saved REALLY in the ark PHYSICALLY, but a SPIRITUAL CHILD of God BEFORE he got to the ark. Now then, saved FIGURATIVELY by water. All right, we are saved REALLY by Christ, saved FIGURATIVELY by baptism. **“Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,”** Peter says. Now then in Genesis the sixth chapter verse eight, **“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord,”** and, bless your heart, when he found grace in the eyes of the Lord he didn't have to be baptized. It states emphatically, get it, **“not, the putting away of the filth of the flesh.”** My friends, there is no CLEANSING, no SEPARATION, no FORGIVENESS of literal sins, only FIGURATIVELY in that statement of Peter.

Well, the Lord knew down through the ages that men would try to make salvation out of this beautiful, EMBLEMATIC, ceremony of baptism. So he put that phrase, let me

show you, **“Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh.”** Now then let the scriptures speak for a moment.

In Rom. 3:20, **“Therefore by the DEEDS of the law shall NO FLESH be justified in his sight: for by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin.”** He is talking about that SINFUL NATURE. No justification of the flesh.

Again in 2 Cor. 7:1, **“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”** Now then what? **“Let us cleanse ourselves from all FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH.”**

Gal. 5:16, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the LUSTS OF THE FLESH.”**

In Col. 2:11, **“in whom also you are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.”**

Speaking of the lust of the flesh, 2 Pet. 2:18, **“For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lust of the flesh through much wantonness.”** Speaking of the things OF the FLESH.

All right, now then we come to Gal. 3:27, beg your pardon Acts 2:38. **“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”** Now for the argument that has just been displayed. I don't mean MAYBE! This is the BATTLE GROUND, no doubt, of this discussion. Because Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38 are primarily their hard scriptures, they think they have a home run on.

Now, my friend tells me the grammatical construction, and I happily and gladly accept it, **“YE repent and every ONE be baptized.”** Now we have two verbs here. YE repent, REPENT is 2ND PERSON PLURAL, be BAPTIZED is 3RD PERSON SINGULAR, and there is a law in grammar that VERBS MUST AGREE IN PERSON AND NUMBER to obtain the SAME results. Now then, I'm ready to stand and to RISK THE WHOLE ENTIRE DISCUSSION of this four-day discussion on that thing. Now then, the VERBS MUST AGREE in PERSON, and in NUMBER before you can make them mean the same thing, and obtain the same thing, and this emphatically does not do it. You repent for ONE THING, and you are baptized FOR ANOTHER. Two DIFFERENT verbs. Second, I want you to get it now, SECOND person plural, THIRD person singular. Impossible. So we'll just wait and see what his argument is.

I will say before I go further, while we are waiting on his reaction to the position of my grammatical construction, that we turn to Acts 2:38 and we'll just let Apostle Peter

answer this thing. Leaving the grammatical construction for a moment. In verse 41 Peter being the speaker who spoke the words of the 38th verse, **“then they that GLADLY RECEIVED his word were baptized.”** That is exactly what I did. I first GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD and THEN I was baptized. **“The same day were added unto them about three thousand souls.”**

Now we come to Gal. 3:27. As we turn to Galatians, if you please, in the THIRD chapter verse 26 and 27, **“For ye are all the children of God BY FAITH in Christ Jesus. For as MANY of you as have been baptized have PUT ON Christ.”** Remember that Galatians three is that great and wonderful chapter of JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.

Back to the 14th verse a moment, a strong argument I laid down on the chart last night, and, of course, with all the rest he purely ignored. Verse 14, **“That the blessings of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.”** Listen, **“that we might RECEIVE the PROMISE of the spirit THROUGH FAITH.”**

Then we follow verse 22, **“But the scriptures hath concluded all under sin, that the PROMISE BY FAITH of Jesus Christ might BE GIVEN to them that BELIEVE.”** The HE, that is to be baptized. THERE HE is. **“But the scriptures hath concluded all under sin that the PROMISE BY FAITH of Jesus Christ might be given to THEM THAT BELIEVE.”**

Now then, he made an argument that there was NO WAY in the world to get inducted into Christ except by baptism. Well, I find that TRUE INDUCTION IN Romans 5:2. I made a STRONG argument on that last night, on the chart, and it, too, was UTTERLY LEFT alone. **“By whom we have ACCESS BY FAITH into this grace, wherein we stand.”** There’s our access. Our access IS BY FAITH, by whom? By CHRIST. By FAITH we have ACCESS INTO this grace, wherein we stand.

Well, Romans 6:3, just a moment, (pause) now then note, **“Know ye not that so many of us have been baptized in Jesus Christ have been baptized INTO his death?”** I told you last evening I still stand on it: UNTO Jesus Christ, UNTO his death.

Now then, since the Elder has INTRODUCED the GREEK, I had not, until he did. The Greek preposition eis, or “ice”, as he may want to call it. In Thayer’s Lexicon page 184, Doctor Thayer says, that “the preposition when it has REFERENCE TO LOCATION like, INTO the HOUSE, INTO the CITY, INTO TOWN, INTO HEAVEN, that it is INTO but when it has REFERENCE to RELATIONSHIP, that is is WITH REFERENCE or WITH REGARDS.” So, then, there we have it. **“Know ye not that so MANY of us have been baptized INTO or with REFERENCE with RELATIONSHIP?”** Was our salvation a CHANGE OF LOCATION or a CHANGE OF RELATION? So then, we are baptized with REFERENCE TO Jesus Christ. That carries us back now to Gal. 3:27, **“For you ARE all the children of God BY FAITH.”** Yes. Period. Now then, “as many of YOU.” “You”

WHO? Antecedent of you, is CHILDREN OF GOD by faith, **“As MANY of you as have been baptized INTO Christ have PUT ON or IMITATED CHRIST.”**

And back to Romans 6:3,4, **“Know ye not, that so many of us as have been baptized INTO Jesus Christ have been baptized INTO his death? Therefore we’re buried with him by baptism into death:** Notice! Notice! We’re BURIED WITH HIM, we’re not BURIED IN HIM. UNTO, with REFERENCE to his death. **That like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the LIKENESS of his death, we shall also be in the LIKENESS of his resurrection.”** Now, I do hope and pray that when the Elder comes back he will tell us in his next speech his position on John 3:5. He should do it the next speech at least, for that’s the last he’ll have tonight. If he doesn’t do it tonight, I’ll introduce it tomorrow night. We must hear, if he’ll tell us, what his position is going to be on John 3:5. They preach it, we must debate that out, if possible. I want to know.

So then, I will remind you, friends, again concerning his Mark 16:16. The CONDI-TION of the BELIEVER, WHO’S to be baptized. The BELIEVER is to be baptized. First, the “BELIEVER will not PERISH,” John 3:14, 16. And the “BELIEVER will not be CONDEMNED,” John 3:18. “The believer has everlasting life,” John 3:36. “The believer is passed from DEATH into LIFE,” John 5:24. “The believer is JUSTIFIED,” Romans 5:1. “The BELIEVER’S soul IS SAVED,” 1 Pet. 1:9. The “believer IS BORN of God,” 1 Jno. 5:1. Now, that is the HE that is to be baptized. What HE is it? The HE that WILL NOT PERISH, the HE that IS NOT CONDEMNED, HE that hath EVERLASTING LIFE. HE that IS passed from DEATH UNTO LIFE. HE that has PEACE WITH GOD. HE that is BORN OF GOD, and HE whose SOUL IS SAVED. That is the HE to be baptized. I presented that last night and these SEVEN points WERE NOT recognized. I PLEAD with him now, when he comes back to make his speech again on Mark 16:16 to ANSWER ME. I do hope that he will give ATTENTION to these SEVEN POINTS, the CONDITION of the believer. He wants me to TELL HIM what HE is to be baptized. This is HE and I say these scriptures MUST be answered or leave the HE alone . . . **“He THAT believ-eth.” “For God so loved the world that whosoever BELIEVETH in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” “For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through HIM might be saved.”**

Well I referred to the chart last night, I’ll not turn over there now. It was concerning preaching the Gospel. I said I can preach a NOW gospel to the LOST sinner, but my friend CANNOT preach a NOW gospel to the lost sinner because he would have to WAIT until he got him to the baptistry. Jesus said, **“Now is the time.” “Today is the day of salvation, if ye hear my voice harden not your heart.”** And I can say with all earnest-ness to you tonight, “Now is the time, won’t you come to him, **“for TODAY is me day of salvation.”** When you come believing in him, **“ye shall not perish, but have everlast-ing life.”** Now last night, he said..... Probably I had better not mention that since last night has passed. I beg your pardon. (Hogland says, “That is all right.”) Thank you very

much. I was about to answer a scripture, so I won't do it. I plead now in conclusion that he will notice the CONDITION OF THE BELIEVER. Please NOTICE the AFFIRMATIVE and the NEGATIVE of Mark 16:16. Find the NEGATIVE for, "he that is BAPTIZED." Now these are germane to the subject as sure as you live. We have these under consideration and we want to find the NEGATIVE. Remember, "He that DIETH shall be DEAD." (time up) Thank you.

HOGLAND'S SECOND AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators and Friends:

I'm happy to come before you in my last speech tonight and take up the things which have been presented for the past 30 minutes. I hope and pray that you will be patient as we discuss these things which are vital and essential to the salvation of the human soul.

I want to take up my friend Kesner's speech beginning from the last. He accuses me of overlooking some things and especially his chart over here on the left hand side. I'm going to get to that. As a matter of fact, I'm just going to get to that now and we'll just have that out of the way. (turning to Kesner) Where's your stick? (Kesner hands Hogland the pointer.)

He says, "Hogland's afraid of this chart." Well, let's see who's afraid of it. All right, I may not be able to read some of your writing so I may ask you about some of it. (Hogland reading from Kesner's chart) "At what point of obedience does God save him?" Elder Kesner, the POINT of OBEDIENCE that he DEMANDS in his word! If it's two miles to town, you're not in town if you travel one mile! You know that don't you? You've got to go two miles before you get there! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Elder Kesner, will you shake hands with me that this passage contains the entire plan of salvation? Huh? (Hogland offers his hand to Kesner) Shake hands with me! Does that contain the entire plan of salvation? What's the matter? Don't you want it? You said I wouldn't get on it! Shake hands with me. I want to shake your paw! (extreme laughter). I told you, friends, he didn't want this passage. I put it right BACK in his LAP and he doesn't want it! Why, he knows that Acts 16:31 doesn't say ANYTHING in the world about REPENTANCE. Elder Kesner, can a man be SAVED and not REPENT of his sins? You'd better be careful or you're going to fall into that TRAP you were talking about last night. Now that takes care of his chart.

"He that endureth to the end." Elder Kesner, you shouldn't put a passage like that up there. You claim that if a man ONCE GETS IT he can't lose it! He doesn't have to ENDURE to the END. "If you seek IT you can't find IT! If you find it you can't get IT! If you get IT you can't LOSE it and if you lose IT you never did have it!" Isn't that your doctrine? (laughter) I think it is. What have you? "He that ENDURETH to the END the same shall be SAVED." According to YOU, the MOMENT he BELIEVES he has eternal salvation! Now that's your chart! Now roll 'er around again when I get up here. (laughter)

Now he begins with John 3:16. Elder Kesner backed off about two feet and said "He that believeth hath eternal life." Friend Kesner, does John 3:16 contain ALL the plan of salvation? I wonder if you would shake on that? (laughter) Do you want it? You've been giving it! You said, "He that believeth hath eternal life." Then "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth". Does that contain

the ENTIRE plan? Why, Elder Kesner, you KNOW that it doesn't. It doesn't even mention REPENTANCE so why do you try to pull that over on me? You won't even have the passage yourself.

Then he said, "Elder Hogland is afraid of it." Huh! According to Elder Kesner's DOCTRINE all that's necessary is faith. He said the other night that John 3:16 contained EVERYTHING we had to do to be saved. Well according to that doctrine, the Lord should have sent us a POSTCARD with John 3:16 on it and been done with it! We'd have it all! (laughter) Just mail us a postcard with John 3:16 on it. He said that it contained everything that we must do to be saved in it. We don't need any other part of the Bible.

Well he came to his "NOW" argument and said that I couldn't say that NOW is the time. I beg to differ with you just a little bit Elder Kesner. I showed you last night that a heathen might come forth that didn't know who Jesus was and you'd have to take time to explain to him that Jesus was the Son of God and came into the world to SAVE. You'd have to EXPLAIN it and he'd have to WAIT until he LEARNED who Jesus was, so you couldn't say NOW is the time either! So what's good for the goose ought to be, I believe you said, SAUCE for the gander. That's all right. SALAD DRESSING or SAUCE either one. (laughter)

Now he comes next to Acts 2:38. Where's that chart you had here? (Kesner points to chart) Yes, "Ye repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." He's got here, REPENT a verb second person plural active. I suppose he means active voice. Be BAPTIZED a verb third person singular passive voice. He also has here active and inactive cannot be joined together to secure the same results without destroying accountability. Well, that's a new one on me, friend Kesner. (laughter) Where'd you go to school anyway? Elder Kesner says that SECOND PERSON PLURAL and THIRD PERSON SINGULAR cannot be joined together to secure the same results. Well, Elder Kesner, I'll give you this sentence. What if a teacher would give a group of students this sentence: "COME YE and be EXAMINED everyone of you in the name of the state FOR YOUR CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION." Here we have SECOND PERSON PLURAL "COME YE" and THIRD PERSON SINGULAR, "BE EXAMINED EVERYONE OF YOU" for your certificate of promotion. These TWO are JOINED together to secure the SAME results. And now I'm expecting you to repudiate that one!

Now I'll give you another one. He says that action and inaction cannot be joined together. Now I hope Elder Kesner knows what active and passive voice means. According to grammar, active voice is when the subject does the acting and passive is when the subject is acted upon. Elder Kesner says they cannot be joined together. All right let's try another sentence. "Come ye and be vaccinated everyone of you in the name of the state for the prevention of diphtheria." COME YE, second person plural. The SUBJECT is doing the ACTING, ACTIVE VOICE. Be VACCINATED everyone of you in the name of the state, THIRD PERSON SINGULAR and, Elder Kesner, that is

PASSIVE VOICE because the subject is being acted upon. They are joined together to secure the same results, THE PREVENTION OF DIPHTHERIA! If not, why not? There's your sentence and I'm expecting you to answer these two sentences. I've given you two of them. And I'm expecting you to answer each one of them and they are an exact parallel to Acts 2:38. "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Now, he comes next to Romans 6:3, "baptized into Jesus Christ or with reference to Jesus Christ." Elder Kesner will you produce the translation that says that? I want you to produce the translation that says "WITH REFERENCE TO." I am not saying there's no such translation existing, but I want to see it! That wouldn't do you any good anyway. I might write to a man "WITH REFERENCE" to this debate but the debate wasn't already over.

I'm going back from the latter part of his speech toward the beginning. He comes to Noah and says that Noah was saved several years before the water of the flood ever came. Elder Kesner, what was he SAVED from? In 1 Peter 3:21 Peter is talking about the SALVATION FROM THE FLOOD. He says "the like figure whereunto even BAPTISM DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US." I want you to notice how Peter gave this comparison. "When once in the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was preparing wherein a few souls, that is eight, were saved by (pause) FAITH? No, he didn't say faith here, friend Kesner. He said they were saved by WATER.

If I would fall into the error of my friend Kesner, I would say "WATER ONLY." That is all, WATER ONLY! When Elder Kesner finds a passage on FAITH he says that it is "FAITH ONLY." So here we have NOAH saved by WATER so we will just call it "water only." I would FALL into the same ERROR that you have been in throughout this debate if I were to make a STATEMENT like that, friend Kesner. He WASN'T saved by "water only" but he was saved by WATER! He says, "The like figure whereunto even BAPTISM doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but in answering a good conscience to God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Some translations say "not the mere WASHING OF DIRT FROM THE BODY". That is exactly what we teach! Baptism is NOT a mere BATH! Why, if we were baptized to merely wash the DIRT off the flesh, I would take a bar of LIFE BOUY in there with me and that would be better, you see? It is not to put away the FILTH OF THE FLESH, but it is the answer to a good conscience to God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He tried to make a PLAY on that. Who has been teaching that it is to wash away the filth of the flesh anyway? Furthermore, he said Noah was just saved FIGURATIVELY and he didn't bother my sentence up here. Noah was saved by WATER and we are saved by BAPTISM.

What does baptism save us from now, friend Kesner? Did you forget this eraser? Look over here, friend Kesner, that's it, right here! Can't you remember these? (pointing to blackboard) Do you want me to call your attention to them while you are speaking? Do you just forget them? Is that the trouble? You know I have been putting things up here for 2 or 3 nights and I can't get Elder Kesner to take a stand on them. You know

there's something else I have up here, that's my triangle. You didn't mention that tonight did you, friend Kesner? That has been haunting Elder Kesner now for two nights and this is going on the third. He says on page 34 of his book, and I want to read from it. By the way, Elder Kesner, some of my brethren are wanting to buy this book, so after services tonight, you can make some good sales. I bought two copies and have already sold one. They like this book, and so do I. They are begging for this book. (laughter). I told him that my brethren are going to have to buy it because his brethren won't have it. If my brethren don't buy it, he will go in the hole printing this thing!

On page 34 he says (reading from book), "Faith changes the heart, repentance changes the life and baptism the state." Well, that is exactly right, friend Kesner. That is what the Bible teaches. The Elder said last night that faith changed the state. Now, friend Kesner, when were you telling the truth? (laughter) Did you tell the truth last night or in this book? (holding book up) I want you to tell this audience. When did you tell the truth? Friends, a Baptist preacher can't talk ten minutes without contradicting himself. You watch them. He can't talk ten minutes, to save his life, without contradicting himself! He can't even write a ninety-five page book without teaching BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

All right, since BAPTISM changes the STATE, we place baptism there (on triangle). Condemnation on one side and justification on the other. Kesner tells us that a man must be in one STATE or the other. That he must be in the state of CONDEMNATION or JUSTIFICATION. All right, if he is over here in the state of condemnation then when he is baptized he is translated into the state of justification. If he agrees to that, we will just shake hands and stop the debate. We will just dismiss you good people and let you go home. But if Elder Kesner says that a man is in the state of justification before he is baptized then, since baptism changes the STATE, it would transfer him into the state of condemnation. Then, since you can't become a BAPTIST without being BAPTIZED, that SINKS the entire Baptist Church, Elder Kesner and all. He knows it! He saw the handwriting on the wall! I have given him chalk. Brethren, give me another piece of chalk. I want to give him some more. I think he is out. (laughter) (handing Mr. Kesner the chalk) I will give him five minutes of my time to go over and place his "X" where it belongs. You can do it now or in your next speech, any time that you want to. Friends, you watch him. He won't bother that! Can't you see that he's AFRAID of that?

There is another thing I placed up here. I placed "faith plus baptism equals salvation", then under it I placed "faith minus baptism equals salvation." I have asked friend Kesner to erase the one he doesn't believe and you know he won't do it. Elder Kesner, you couldn't believe both of them. Here is another thing on the blackboard: "Baptism doth NOW save us," then under it, "baptism does NOT save us." Friend Kesner, which one of those do you want to erase? I have one, two, three things here on the blackboard and I can't get him to erase a SINGLE ONE. You watch him, friends, because he WON'T erase any of them throughout this debate either. Elder Kesner, YOUR PEOPLE are wondering why. They have been TALKING and wondering why you won't walk over and ERASE one. Well, if they knew YOU like I know YOU, they would

KNOW why! (laughter) I know you. I know why you won't do it. He is not going to bother it. You people need not get EXCITED about it. Should he mark one out, you people just hold your peace until I get up in my next speech, or if he wants to, give me time right then. You just watch what HAPPENS. He knows these things are LOADED and he doesn't want to catch hold of any of them.

He comes back to the CAR and says that the car was still a gift to him. Elder Kesner, would you have received the CAR had you not been a BAPTIST PREACHER? And can you become a BAPTIST without being BAPTIZED? That is a mighty GOOD question. Can you become a Baptist without being baptized? I have asked you that question three or four times during this debate and you have never told me. I think you teach that a man can die and go to heaven and NEVER be baptized, but one MUST be BAPTIZED in order to become a Baptist. Therefore, it takes more to get INTO the BAPTIST CHURCH than it does HEAVEN. Is that right, friend Kesner? According to your doctrine it is. If not, why not? You refute it if you can.

He comes next to Romans and says GRACE would be no more GRACE if it had WORKS in it. He makes the play that the "works" here is baptism. I deny the assertion and demand the proof! It does NOT say BAPTISM. You just presume that the word "WORK" here means BAPTISM. Furthermore, friend Kesner, don't you know that a thing could be of GRACE and yet have CONDITIONS in it? Do you not know that? Do you not KNOW that a thing could be of GRACE and yet have CONDITIONS? You might have a rich until to die and leave you ten thousand dollars. It would be by GRACE, but in the "Will" he would say that you, "Kesner," MUST TRAVEL to New York City before you COULD receive the money. You see the CONDITION? You couldn't receive that TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS from your uncle until you went to New York to get it, yet it was of GRACE. Do you not know that grace can have conditions? Elder Kesner, was not Naaman saved by GRACE when he DIPPED in Jordan seven times? Did it not have CONDITIONS in it? I want you to DENY that Naaman was saved by GRACE!

Then he has been begging me for the negative of Mark 16:16. He said, "I challenge him to do it." All right, friend Kesner, I gave you this sentence last night which is an exact parallel. I suppose that you accepted it, you never did say that it wasn't. "He that EATS food and DIGESTS it shall have health, but he that eats no food shall STARVE TO DEATH." Where is the NEGATIVE there friend Kesner? Where is the NEGATIVE? That is an exact parallel sentence! I showed you that the man that doesn't BELIEVE couldn't be BAPTIZED. FAITH must always precede BAPTISM. As a matter of fact, that is the reason we are baptized. We believe Jesus when he said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." It takes faith plus baptism to bless a man and give him salvation. All that it takes to DAMN a man is a lack of faith. I gave you another sentence along that line. "He that MAKES money and SAVES it shall accumulate wealth, but he that makes no money shall come to want." Where is your NEGATIVE there?

He said in regard to MARK 16:16, "I was in HOPES that he would leave that OUT." Well, I suppose he was hoping that I would leave Mark 16:16 out! Friend Kesner, it is

going to be in here the rest of this debate. What is the MATTER, can't you ANSWER IT? You never have told me whether I have constructed Mark 16:16 grammatically correct or not, friend Kesner.

I call your attention to the blackboard once again, friends. Here we have it. "He shall be saved." That is the principle sentence. What kind of a "HE" shall be saved? HE that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." I will take it to any grammar teacher on God's green earth, of any reputation, and they will tell you the SAME THING. I think you have already agreed with me that it is CORRECT. He said they were joined by the copulative conjunction "AND". Well, friend Kesner, why won't you accept it? It is in BLACK and WHITE. Salvation is predicated on TWO things. Elder Kesner will quote a verse that has FAITH in it. Well, here FAITH and BAPTISM are both mentioned. "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED." I accept any passage you want to quote that has FAITH in it. I accept Acts 16:31, "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." I accept that, but it doesn't say "BELIEVE ONLY". Can't you see the difference in FAITH and "FAITH ONLY?" You have been preaching for nineteen years "BELIEVE ONLY". That is not what he said. He said BELIEVE! Elder Kesner said all that is mentioned here is faith. Well, repentance is not there. Are you going to ERADICATE that? Your people can see that. You can see the predicament he is in. He is taking a scripture OUT of it CONTEXT. According to him, we could be saved by one passage.

I believe that an alien sinner must HEAR God's word, BELIEVE it, REPENT of his sins, CONFESS the name of Christ and be BAPTIZED. I don't accept JUST a PART of it, I accept it ALL! As Cornelius said to Peter, "We are here present before God to hear ALL things commanded thee of the Lord." Then in Acts 10:47 Peter commanded them to be BAPTIZED and Cornelius didn't refuse, either.

1. → 1 Cor. 1:12,13 TWO things necessary -- { 1. Christ crucified
to BELONG to Christ → → → → 2. BAPTIZED in his name

2. Mk. 16:16 He Shall be saved
that { Believeth
and
Baptized

WHAT BAPTISM DOES

3. SAVES -- 1 Pet. 3:21
4. REMISSION OF SINS -- Acts 2:38
5. WASHES AWAY SINS -- Acts 22:16
6. PUTS ONE INTO CHRIST -- Rom. 6:3

Elder Kesner said I couldn't find a hundred passages in the Bible to sustain my position. I can find far more than you can. I want to ask you this: how MANY TIMES does God have to SAY something to MAKE it TRUE? How many times does God have to say something to MEAN it? When Jesus said "he that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED

shall be SAVED”, did he mean that? or did he have to say it again? I believe when Jesus said anything once that he meant it. I don’t believe he has to say it a hundred times. I believe when Jesus said “he that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED”, that he said what he MEANT and MEANT what he said! Do you, friend Kesner?

I now want to give another affirmative argument, then briefly go over the arguments that I have already presented. Elder Kesner, I have rendered you the COURTESY of coming over to your chart. I have NOTICED your chart, and pointed it out. I want to ask you in a kind of manner as possible, will you come over and ERASE some of the things I have placed on the BOARD? I am saying this kindly. I want to know, these people want to know. I beg you to do it! I defy you to do it! I plead for you to do it! I want you to do it! Friends, he won’t do it because he sees the HANDWRITING ON THE WALL. Any man that can see through a ladder can see that! He is laboring under difficulty. He is not going to bother this chart. He is doing exactly like a man down at Poteau, Oklahoma. He is COMPLETELY EVADING my chart. Elder Kesner, the way you let this chart down is to give this little cord a twist and its falls down so conveniently. If you have any trouble just let me know and I will JUMP that TABLE to come over here and HELP you! (laughter) I’ll let it down because I want to see you get on this chart. I don’t believe you can answer it. I don’t believe you can do it. I don’t believe any living man can answer it and no dead one ever did! It just can’t be done. It will stand as FIRM as GIBRALTAR and will be here when time shall be no more. Any man with an honest heart can see that.

My next argument is based upon Acts 22. As you know Paul was an HONEST man but he was a MURDERER. He was HONEST but HONESTLY WRONG. He was RELIGIOUS but religiously WRONG. He was SINCERE but sincerely WRONG. We have many in the world today who say that it makes NO difference what a man believes as long as he is HONEST in his belief. Here we have Paul who was an honest man. He was even a RELIGIOUS man but he was wrong. You know when a man says that it makes no DIFFERENCE what you believe just as long as you are HONEST and SINCERE in your belief, that is about as logical as saying that it makes no difference what you EAT as long as you eat! It does make a difference what you EAT. You must EAT the RIGHT things. Friends, it is not eating that preserves life, it is what you eat. It is not BELIEVING that SAVES you, it is WHAT you BELIEVE!

The apostle Paul was an HONEST, RELIGIOUS man, but he was mistaken. He was SINCERE, he was ZEALOUS yet he was murdering Christians! The Lord saw that he had an honest heart. He appeared unto him and said “you go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou MUST do.” M-U-S-T, what you MUST do. Friends, the word MUST is one of the most POWERFUL words in the English vocabulary. It means that it is absolutely essential. The Lord himself said Saul, “Go unto the city and it shall be told thee what thou MUST do.” Ananias, a God fearing man, was sent by the Lord to Saul. Now, Ananias, what MUST I do? Ananias said, “AND now why tarriest thou? arise, and be BAPTIZED, and wash away thy sins.” Elder Kesner, since he was told to go into the city to be told what he MUST do, was not BAPTISM essential? Ananias, being sent of

God, said, "and now why tarriest thou? arise and be BAPTIZED, and wash away thy sins." Every boy and girl in the second grade can understand that. "ARISE and be BAPTIZED and WASH AWAY THY SINS." If Paul was saved BEFORE he was baptized, HE didn't know it. If Paul was a saved man before baptism HE was the most MISERABLE saved man I ever read about! He wouldn't eat or sleep. He was praying and God didn't save him by prayer. If he was saved, the LORD didn't know it! If he was saved, ANANIAS, a God sent man, didn't know it! And if he was a saved man, GOD himself didn't know it! Elder Kesner, that proves conclusively that Saul had to ARISE and be BAPTIZED and WASH AWAY HIS SINS. If not, why not? That proves conclusively that BAPTISM is absolutely essential to the SALVATION of the HUMAN SOUL. How much time have I, brother Woodbridge? (three and a half minutes) Thank you.

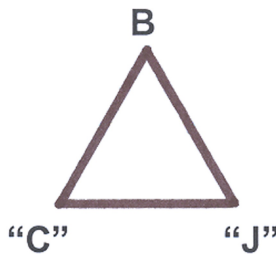
My final affirmative argument tonight is based on TITUS 3:5. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy hath he saved us, by the WASHING OF REGENERATION, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost;" Elder Kesner, what is the "WASHING OF REGENERATION?" He hath saved us by his MERCY, but HOW by his mercy? By the WASHING OF REGENERATION. Friends, I can call up a whole host of Baptist scholars and every one say that the "WASHING OF REGENERATION" is baptism. I am asking friend Kesner this question, I will not write it out. If he fails to answer it, tomorrow night I will WRITE it out! What is the "WASHING OF REGENERATION" of Titus 3:5? Is it baptism? If it isn't, what is IT? I want to know. This audience wants to know. What ever it is, we are saved by it! Friends, that proves conclusively that BAPTISM is ESSENTIAL to salvation.

Now in the closing moments of my affirmative speech tonight I want you to notice some things. I say this in a kind of manner as possible. I have nothing personal against Elder Kesner. You are going to watch me at the close of the debate SHAKE hands with him and we will be as big a friends as we ever were! This is not a personal matter. Oh, I PRESS Elder Kesner, but I am laughing deep down inside, and sometime I just bubble over. Friend Kesner has NOT paid any attention to this chart. (pointing to chart) You people see that he will not take my arguments SYSTEMATICALLY. I want to roll this half way up. I am not going to roll it all the way up (rolling chart) because if I roll it all the way up, he won't pay any attention to my chart. If I leave it down he will forget my blackboard. I am going to leave it half way and see if that will work! (laughter) My time is up and I thank you.

KESNER'S SECOND NEGATIVE

Gentlemen Moderators, Honorable Opponent, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am happy to come back and answer this speech. Even though it is quite a RE-HASH and all of that. I am happy to come and do it. Well now, I have been amused. I would not have said one thing in the world about MY CHART if he had ONLY ANSWERED the scriptures I gave. I have been answering the scriptures. You all know that I ANSWERED that scripture. You all know that I told WHO it is to be baptized. The "HE", I proved that. Now because I didn't go over here and put my finger on it like this (rubbing Hogland's chart with his hands) he claims I didn't answer it. The "HE", that is the "HE" who shall NOT PERISH. The BELIEVER that won't PERISH, HAS eternal life, has PEACE with God and his soul IS saved and IS BORN of God. I proved that.

Now I want to go back and pay a little more respect to 1 Corinthians. Is that right, elder? I am touching the chart. (Kesner rubbing his hands over the chart) (Hogland says, "Stay over there.") How long? (Hogland says, "Long enough to answer it.") Well, I've got something else to do. (laughter) (Hogland says, "Put an "X" over there.") Oh, OK. Now keep in mind, friends, keep in mind that I've been waiting and waiting until he got you at a high point. In the first place, the triangle. I answered that.



I didn't come around and do that SOPHISTRY STUNT that he wanted me to do. I didn't fall into a SOPHISTRY TRAP. I am fixing to attend to him. Don't worry. Just wait patiently. I am fixing to attend to him, but THAT is a SOPHISTRY CATCH. I answered that thing last night (pointing to triangle) and every intelligent person knows I did. I don't mean to infer that he is not intelligent; don't misunderstand me. God forbid I do that. I refuse to mistreat or anything that will intimidate him in any way. But I just know the tactics of debating. (Kesner laughing with the audience) That is all.

Now I ask the elder to get his feet down and get ready and I am going to ask everybody that loves him not to get mad at me. He wants me to put the "X" here or there, see? Well, that is a CATCH. I answered that thing just exactly scripturally last night. I can ask plenty of questions and put the box out there, and then ask the elder to put "Yes" in it. Now he asked me to put the "X" there. Which one do you want? That is what he has BEGGED me to do. I have answered it. I have SHOWED YOU that HE IS MISCONSTRUCTING my book. Now then I am going to ask the elder when he comes up here if he will put an "X" in one of these. (Kesner draws two squares on board and places "Yes" by one and "N" by the other) Have you quit whipping your wife? (laughter) There are

plenty, listen folk, there are plenty of questions that you can ask in a SOPHISTRY MANNER and just to say YES and NO leaves it entirely UNEXPLAINED. See? Now then the same system runs with that (pointing to “BAPTISM DOTH NOW SAVE US” and “BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE US”). I am going back here and answer that INTELLIGENTLY just like I did yesterday. The statement, “Faith changes the HEART, repentance the LIFE and baptism the STATE”. I showed how that the soldier is ALIVE BEFORE he dons the uniform; and when he puts on the UNIFORM, he CHANGES his state. Now then these two (pointing to the triangle of justification and condemnation), get it now, these two ARE CONDITIONS. This “C” represents condemnation; then this “J” as justification. All right. The justified man is the BELIEVER who will NOT PERISH, who has everlasting LIFE, who has passed from DEATH UNTO LIFE, who is BORN OF GOD, that believer IS JUSTIFIED. Now then, faith changes the HEART, repentance the LIFE. Now then when he is baptized it changes his state, like DONNING THE UNIFORM, just like a soldier. Did he say anything about my soldier? Huh? Did he? Now if he did I didn’t hear him. I used that soldier’s UNIFORM and you all know, listen, a soldier in camp, who has donned the uniform, and taken his STAND and his STATE in the UNIFORM is still an American citizen just as he was BEFORE. He was an American citizen BEFORE he put on the UNIFORM, but he has changed his STATE; and he had better wear that UNIFORM. If he doesn’t Uncle Sam will get on to him because that UNIFORM MANIFESTS, DECLARES, the THING HE IS STANDING FOR. It reveals the STATE and POSITION he is in. Now then in baptism we PUT ON Christ. Put on, I told you awhile ago, to IMITATE Christ. Well, I am not going to make any further argument until he rebuts that one. He didn’t “rebut” it so I wait to see. (Kesner laughing) I have the argument I want to make but will wait until he “butts” at it. (laughter) Oh, well, we are having a good time, aren’t we? So long as the fun is in good spirit, that is all right.

Now then, in opening this thing, he has cried about me not noticing his chart. Well, I have done that. I have come here and given reference to those things. Now there is the fact about the STANDING or STATE of a man. There is the fact. Here we are justified by FAITH, but baptism is the DONNING or the STANDING or the STATE. Like PUTTING ON clothes. The UNIFORM IMITATING Christ.

Now then. Does Jno. 3:16 include all the plan of salvation? If so, then what are you going to do about repentance? Repentance and faith I TOLD YOU THE OTHER NIGHT, and he did not make any fight against it. Repentance and faith are INSEPARABLE graces. You cannot have saving FAITH without REPENTANCE. I refuted that, but he didn’t come back. I am sure he will now, no doubt. But I said that you cannot find a place in the Bible where faith and repentance are in the order he mentioned. But to the contrary, it is repentance: **“Repent and believe the Gospel”**, Mk. 1:15. **“Repent ye that ye might believe”**, Matt. 21:32. **“Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ”**, Acts 20:21. **“Repentance to acknowledging the truth”**, 2 Tim. 2:25. **“Repentance from dead works and faith toward God”**, Heb. 6:1. No one can place faith in Christ as HIS savior, get it, as HIS SAVIOR while he STILL LOVES SIN. No instance IN THE SCRIPTURES where faith is mentioned as preceding repentance.

Huh? Let's see, that's right. (laughter) For a second I thought I'd missed it. (laughter) NO place in the scriptures. There they are.

Now then, the elder comes back with the construction of Acts 2:38. Elder, I know you understand how hard it is to write a sentence while a fellow is speaking. If I get it wrong, will you correct me? "Come ye and be examined," is that right? (Hogland says, "That's right.") "Everyone of you." (Hogland says, "In the name of the state for your certificate of promotion.") Now then, the other one. Well, they're both alike. If I answer one I answer both. (Hogland says, "Yes, active and passive voice.") Yes, sir. Now then, friends, keep this one thing in mind. "Come ye and be examined." They are not for the same thing. Coming is one thing, and the being examined is another. But I'll say further to just clean the slate and let the responsibility of proof be on him. I stand here, and I stand, and I STAND without any fear. I know what I'm talking about. I know that he can't do it. You have the second and third person in both sentences. BEG YOUR PARDON, you have the PLURAL and SINGULAR in both sentences; but you ONLY HAVE THE SECOND PERSON. You DO NOT have SECOND person and THIRD person, and I'll say something else now. Listen. Listen to me! Listen! Now he has referred to scholars he can produce. Baptist scholars. I'd rather not get into that thing because you won't understand; but now if you want to push it, I'm NOT EMPTY handed! And I'll tell you now, friends, that there is NO LANGUAGE UNDER THE SUN—you take the English, the Greek, or the Hebrew, the Latin or any other—and there's no language under the sun that you can find where you can WRITE a sentence with the SECOND PERSON PLURAL and the THIRD PERSON SINGULAR with the SAME PREDICATE. It CAN'T BE DONE. POSITIVELY. The LAW of GRAMMAR WON'T allow it.

All right, Rom. 6:3,4. Well, we'll just go back and preach some more. He said the interpretation that I gave on that wasn't right. The preposition there is "INTO". The preposition has reference to RELATIONSHIP. It is with REFERENCE to or WITH REGARD. When it has reference to LOCATION - like the HOUSE, in the CITY, INTO HEAVEN—it is "INTO." Otherwise it's with REFERENCE TO. Therefore, when we're saved DO WE CHANGE our location? Now he's trying to make baptism the SAVING element here. If SO, then it CHANGES the LOCATION. But it's with REFERENCE to; it is with RELATION. Now then, we're baptized with RELATION to Christ's death. It's RELATIONSHIP. With REFERENCE to it. **"Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized INTO Jesus Christ were baptized INTO his death? Therefore, we're buried with him in baptism INTO death like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in newness of life."** We're buried with him. Now then, I don't believe he mentioned that. I don't believe he recognized that point I made. I guess he will. We're not buried to GET INTO him. We're buried WITH HIM. We are PICTURING in our burial his DEATH and how that we HAVE DIED to sin, how that we have been made ALIVE unto God.

In Eph. 2:1, **"And you hath he quickened who wore DEAD in trespasses and sins."** So then we bury live men; and the Elder, in answering my questions the other night, he said that his faith was ALIVE when he was baptized—that his faith was WORK-

ING BY LOVE. Now let's be honest about it. What a PREDICAMENT. He DID something last night I didn't think he would DO. Not many of the debaters ever will do it. They'll just TAKE IT on through and go home. But he tried it anyway. I had to have 3 or 4 rounds with him before he would do it, but he did it anyway. About the CHILD OF GOD and the CHILD OF THE DEVIL. WHICH ONE would you baptize? He finally said HE'D BAPTIZE THE DEVIL. Now if I misquote him, he can correct me; but that's the way I heard it. Well now, here is the PREDICAMENT. He said he would baptize THE CHILD of the DEVIL. Well, all right. He turned around and said he was baptized on a LIVING FAITH and a faith that WORKETH BY LOVE. How in the world, Elder, can you harmonize those statements? How can the child of the devil HAVE FAITH that's ALIVE WORKING BY LOVE and be a CHILD of the DEVIL? I CAN'T understand it. I can't SEE—well, that's just one of those PREDICAMENTS the man's IN.

Well, all right. What was Noah SAVED FROM if he was saved BEFORE the flood? Noah was SAVED FROM HIS SINS. Just what I was saved from BEFORE I was baptized. Saved FROM my sins. I don't believe the Elder will make a very hard fight against the fact that Noah was a SAVED CHILD OF GOD BEFORE he got into the ark. Surely he won't, but we'll wait and see.

Now then, he made a play here on 1 Pet. 3:21 about the FLESH. Well, I expected it. I anticipated all of that. And now then, here is his play. He said, "Now if I believed that way I would take a BAR OF SOAP down there with me." He left, or made the run, that it was the dirt and filth when you take a bath. He knows better than that. Now he knows better than that, my friends, just as sure as you live. Isa 4:4, "**Wash away the filth of Zion's daughters.**" Is that the DIRT on their skin? Let's let the Elder tell us whether that is the dirt on his skin or not. Come on what kind of filth? I gave you several scriptures here, a number of references here, my friend, to show conclusively what we were talking about. He did not take up these scriptures one by one in trying to refute my FLESH argument. He refuted all of them with a cake of SOAP. That is SOPHISTRY. That is the kind of debating he is doing with the Bible. I'll not fuss if he never touches one of these charts or never looks at it or never comes over here, if he will take the SCRIPTURAL ARGUMENT I give and ANSWER the scripture. I don't give a snap whether he ever touches my chart. I gave you plenty of scripture here about the FLESH BUSINESS, so I will give them again because I want to REMIND him of them.

In Rom. 3:20, "**Therefore by the deeds of the law shall no FLESH be justified in thy sight for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**" He is talking about the sinful nature of the flesh?

Now in 2 Cor. 7:1, "**Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all FILTHINESS of the FLESH and SPIRIT.**" Can you take SOAP and wash that SPIRIT?" Huh? "**Perfecting holiness in the fear of God**"? Gal. 5:19. Listen, "**Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**" etc. Does it take SOAP to clean that?

Now he comes back and makes a play with my book again. Well, Elder, we are going to have the book out in plenty of time for sale. I hope you will take me to be sincere. Because of opposition, I have held the book back until it is over just for COURTESY toward you only. I am not afraid of the book. I wouldn't have printed it if I had been. The book will take care of itself. I just did it for COURTESY TO YOU. When it is over we will put it on sale. I will say now, if you will pardon me, if you have any books for sale, or anything you want to distribute, feel free to bring them out here tomorrow night. I will just gladly do it. I'll be glad to do it. (Hogland says, "Thank you.") All right. Well, well, well, well, well. (laughter) As the Elder comes back—(Kesner laughing).

The Elder comes up here and says, "Elder, don't you know that GRACE HAS CONDITIONS?" Well sir, it took HIM to tell me. My friend, when you put CONDITIONS in grace. Grace is gratis. Grace is a thing you get from God WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING. **"Salvation by grace through faith."** That has been my proposition and I have affirmed it for two nights and have ABUNDANTLY PROVEN it with LOTS of scriptures UNNOTICED yet. Grace. I deny that grace in salvation IS CONDITIONAL in any manner. Receive it FREELY. Who? EVERYONE! Isa. 55:1, **"Come to the waters, come buy wine and milk, without money and without price."**

Now he said something about FAITH PRECEDING baptism. Why, certainly. He acknowledged that it did. That is fine; so DO I. Now I haven't been making any demonstration. Humanly I am tempted to do it—going on with this "hand shaking". But really, that hurts the high type of debating. But humanly, I feel like wanting to do it. But if you will pardon me I won't. But listen! But listen, friends. (laughter) I am trying to be COURTEOUS to him. You see that I AM. He said the other night, "Elder Kesner lifted his hand and said, 'Pour it on my doctrine all you please.'" I DIDN'T lift my hand. I know I said it, but I didn't say, "Bark at me all the time just like I was a POSSUM on a tree." (laughter) That is all right if he gets enjoyment out of it. It doesn't disturb me. No. No, I will be frank with you. You may think I am a liar, but I am not. I hope he won't try it, but he could spit in my face and he couldn't make me mad. (laughter) When I go into a debate, I go in there to be a gentleman and to be fair and to take it. I will have to say that you folk have been swell on both sides. I am enjoying it. Yes, siree. Good sport indeed.

Yes, FAITH PRECEDES baptism to be sure; but let me remind you, HE BEING WITNESS, that FAITH WORKETH BY LOVE and I again put it to you, 1 Jno. 4:7, **"he that loveth IS BORN of God."** Well, that is exactly what I believe and preach. I heartily AGREE with him. 1 Jno. 3:14, **"We know we have passed from death unto life because we LOVE the brethren."** Sure. All right then, that takes care of that all right.

Acts 16:31. Now I thank him very much for coming over here. (Kesner walking over to his chart) I didn't mean for him to come over here and handle the chart. I wasn't particularly worried about whether he ever touched it or not. He could have stood over there and answered it. But he has not yet answered the direct question and, since he wants to rub these things in so hard (pointing to Hogland's chart), I will keep on rubbing him. Is it "yes" or "no"? Acts 16:31. Is it "yes" or "no"? Is that right? Is it "yes" or "no"? I

say it is “yes”. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved”** and I am STILL SAVED when I am baptized. Yes, siree, and still saved when we get to THE END. He doesn’t believe that, providing only if he HOLDS OUT.

Now then, oh my, my, my, my, what that old boy did. (laughter) You know the other night I asked him a question: “If a man obey the Gospel, believes, repents, and is baptized, then he falls away is he a lost believer or a lost unbeliever?” He came on. I didn’t think he would do it. Frank Norris wallowed Foy Wallace a whole entire week with that thing, and Foy wouldn’t touch it. But HE did. He said he is a LOST UNBELIEVER. And I came back with the other question and asked him: “HOW will that unbeliever that is lost BE SAVED the SECOND time?” He hasn’t told me that yet. He will no doubt. But when I asked him then: “WHY, why won’t you baptize him another time?” he says: “Why, Elder Kesner, for the same reason that you are not born but twice in your family.” Well, when he did that he HUNG HIS HOOK! (laughter) Oh, I beg your pardon. That was an error, my friends. That’s why I don’t baptize twice. (Kesner snapping his fingers) Is that right? Be born once. Is that right? (Hogland says, “Yes.”) I don’t want to misrepresent him. I don’t have that intention. So when he did that he HUNG HIS HOOK. Now then he is preaching “Baptist teaching” like I do. “ONCE saved ALWAYS saved.” I had it on my chart. (Kesner claps his hands, some Baptist also join in the clapping and says, “POUR it on now.”) All right. I didn’t mean to make a demonstration. We are just doing this in fun. There now. (laughter) Here we come. Listen, born ONE time in NATURE; born ONE time in GRACE is my position and he came right along and ACCEPTED IT. Thank you, sir. (laughter)

Well, he hasn’t said anything about Jno. 3:5. I thought he would in his last message or speech, but he didn’t. I trust that he will yet. Jno. 3:5. We want to air that out a little while because they preach it all over the country every where they go. They teach it to their young ministers in their schools; and that ought to be aired out right here. But I am not going to air it out now. We will wait until he brings it up; and if he doesn’t, I will later.

Now then, turning to Titus 3:5, **“Not by the works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy hath he saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.”** Now I want you to notice. He wants to know what the washing is. He says that it is baptism. That is his position. Well, let us see what the scriptures say, **“not by the works of righteousness which we have done.”** Now you turn to Matthew the third chapter verse fifteen. Jesus said to John, **“Suffer it to be so for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.”** Baptism is a RIGHTEOUS ACT. He, Titus, says, not by WORKS of righteousness. So we let Titus answer that.

Well, he brings up the apostle Paul in Acts the twenty second chapter. There the **“washing away of sins.”** I believe it is Acts 22:16. **“And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins calling upon the name of the Lord.”**

In the first place, the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 15:8 says, “**Last of all he was seen of me also as of one born out of due time.**” Now the apostle ought to know more about it than anybody. He said he WAS BORN when he SAW the Lord, and then he was sent down to Damascus. Ananias said, “We hear that that man has been persecuting—etc.” In one verse Paul said, “**What shall I do Lord?**” The Lord said unto him, Acts 22:10, “**Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it will be told thee all things appointed unto thee to do, And when I could not see for the glory of the light, being led by the hand of the etc.**” What was the MATTER with him? He could not SEE. “**And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews that dwelt there, came unto me, and stood by me and said unto me ‘Brother Saul, receive thy sight,’ and the same hour I LOOKED upon him. And he said ‘The Lord God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou should know His and see that just One and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.’**” Now notice the apostle Paul is here telling that the Lord has ALREADY CHOSEN HIM. Now if you will turn to the TWENTY-SIXTH chapter for just a moment. In Acts 26:17, “**Delivering thee from the people and the Gentiles, unto whom NOW I send thee, to OPEN their eyes, and to TURN them from darkness to LIGHT, and from the POWER of Satan unto God, that they may RECEIVE the FORGIVENESS of sins, and INHERITANCE among them which are SANCTIFIED BY FAITH that is in ME.**”

Paul was sent to the Gentiles:

1. To OPEN their eyes.
2. To TURN them from darkness to LIGHT.
3. To turn them from the POWER of Satan unto God.
 - (1). That they might RECEIVE the FORGIVENESS of SINS.
 - (2). And INHERITANCE among them that are SANCTIFIED BY FAITH in Christ.

1 Cor. 1:17 “For Christ sent me **NOT TO BAPTIZE**, but to **PREACH** the Gospel.”

1. Paul was SENT TO OPEN the eyes of the Gentiles, and to TURN them from darkness to LIGHT.
2. But he WAS NOT sent to **BAPTIZE**.
3. Therefore the EYES of the Gentiles could be OPENED WITHOUT **BAPTISM**.
 1. He was sent to TURN them from the POWER of Satan unto God.
 2. But he WAS NOT sent to **BAPTIZE**.
 3. Therefore the LOST can be TURNED from the POWER of Satan unto God WITHOUT **BAPTISM**.
 1. He was sent that they might RECEIVE FORGIVENESS of sins.
 2. But he WAS NOT sent to **BAPTIZE**.
 3. Therefore the LOST can receive FORGIVENESS of sins WITHOUT BAPTISM.
 1. He was sent that LOST sinners might receive an INHERITANCE among them that are SANCTIFIED BY FAITH in Christ.
 2. He WAS NOT sent to BAPTIZE.

3. Therefore the LOST CAN RECEIVE their inheritance WITHOUT baptism.
(time up) Thank you.

HOGLAND'S THIRD AFFIRMATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators and Friends:

Once again on the closing night of this series of discussions, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be here in defense of what I believe to be taught in the word of God. I will voice my approval to the things that have been said in regard to your conduct. I realize that with such a GREAT audience here from night to night we could not be perfectly still, but you are to be commended on your conduct thus far, and I know that such will prevail throughout the discussion.

It has been an honor to me to meet Elder Kesner in debate. I appreciate the fact that he was willing to meet me in this debate that we might bring these TRUTHS in God's word in the open. The prayer that rests upon my heart is that the truth will shine brighter as it comes forth from the heat of controversy. I hope that as we discuss these things tonight, that you will meditate seriously upon the things to be said and be as the Bereans of old who searched the scriptures daily to see if these things be so.

As you know once again I am in the affirmative, and the proposition has been read in your hearing. I am affirming that "The scriptures teach that an alien sinner must be baptized in water for his sins to be obliterated or forgiven." In other words, I believe that a man must be baptized in order to be saved. I do not believe any man's sins are obliterated until he OBEYS the Lord in BAPTISM.

I believe in "faith" with all of my heart. I accept every passage on the sacred pages of inspiration that teach FAITH. I believe every passage that teaches REPENTANCE. I believe every passage that teaches CONFESSON. I also believe every passage that teaches BAPTISM. The difference in Elder Kesner and myself is BAPTISM. He believes in faith. He believes in repentance. He believes in confession, but he does NOT believe that a man must be baptized to be saved. He claims that BAPTISM is a good WORK like visiting the sick. If I thought that baptism was a good work like visiting the sick or giving to the poor, I would DO it EVERY DAY! I asked him in the discussion why he didn't baptize a man more than once if it was like visiting the sick or giving to the poor and he has not answered. Furthermore, is there any other good work that we are to do just one time?

Before I take up the things in his speech last night, as I didn't have a chance to answer in order to bring the discussion out in the open, I have 6 or 7 questions that I want to ask my friend Kesner. He asked me questions while HE was in the AFFIRMATIVE, so I have the PRIVILEGE and right to ask him some questions also! Friend Kesner said last night, "Elder Hogland ANSWERED my questions." He said, "He did something that very FEW Gospel preachers will do." He said, "He ANSWERED them." Well, Elder Kesner, that should be a compliment to me, and I want to oblige you with some questions and I hope that you will pay me the same COURTESY.

No. 1 Does salvation always FOLLOW baptism where baptism is mention? I have been asking you that question and I can't get you to answer it so I thought I would put it on a piece of PAPER and see if you will ANSWER it.

No. 2 What is the "WASHING OF REGENERATION of Titus 3:5? I just want to know what it is. Just say the washing of regeneration is so and so, and I will be satisfied. Don't JUMP to another passage! You stay with this ONE and tell us what it is. I want to know, the audience wants to know, and we have a RIGHT to know!

No. 3 Are we saved by the WASHING OF REGENERATION as Paul says?

No. 4 Does it take more to get into the BAPTIST CHURCH, of which you are a member, than it does to get to HEAVEN? I have asked him that a NUMBER of times and he hasn't answered. I want to know.

No. 5 Did you ever tell a man to "arise and be BAPTIZED and wash away his sins" as we have in Acts 22:16?" Please give me an answer of "YES" or "NO". Don't run to another passage!

No. 6 Do we walk the NEW LIFE BEFORE or AFTER baptism, Romans 6:3-5?

No. 7 Now this question number seven deals with a THING he brought up last night. He brought it up at the time he led the CHEER SECTION and CLAPPED for himself! Friend Kesner rather amused me last night. You know, after he sat down he said, "Now we shouldn't have CLAPPED, YOU shouldn't have done that FOLKS." Why, friends, he stood right up here and CHEERED with you! (Hogland clapping his hands) Yes, he did and I have it on the wire recorder. Friend Kesner, are you going to make APOLOGIES for that? (Kesner says, "I have already done it.") All right, that is fine but I didn't know you were a CHEER LEADER. I thought you were a PREACHER! (laughter)

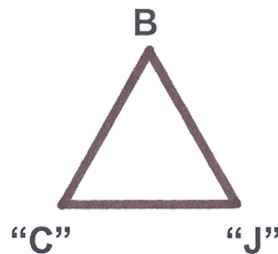
In connection with that, Elder Kesner said I was teaching the impossibility of apostasy because I said that a man didn't have to be born into the family of God TWICE. Since he has brought up the "APOSTASY QUESTION" I think it fair that I ask him a question in regard to it. That is the reason I am directing this question to you.

No. 7 If a man who has been BORN again, JOINS the BAPTIST CHURCH and later, through the WEAKNESS of the flesh, gets drunk, if he DIES DRUNK will he go to HEAVEN or HELL? Now, friend Kesner, I want the answer to that. I hope he doesn't take the position that one of his brethren took on it. He took the position that the Lord WOULDN'T let him DIE if he got drunk. Of course, according to that all a man would have to do would be join the Baptist Church, GET DRUNK and STAY drunk and the Lord wouldn't let him die! (laughter) Friend Kesner, I am expecting an answer on that. You brought it up, I have it on the wire recorder so I will just pass the buck back to you. I answered your question and you admitted it, now why don't you answer mine? Turn about is fair play.

Now No. 8 This question is in connection with the other one. No. 8 If the Baptist Church WITHDRAWS from a man for getting drunk, what MUST he do to get back into the BAPTIST CHURCH?

No. 9 What kind of a "HE" shall be SAVED in MARK 16:16? Will you QUOTE this verse PLEASE? I will oblige you with these questions (handing questions to Kesner). I will appreciate it if you will answer them.

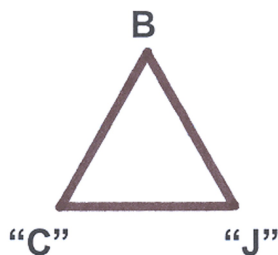
I now want to take up his speech last night. I might add that I wouldn't have brought up the question of APOSTASY had he not mentioned it. He brought it up himself by claiming that I was teaching it. In the opening of his speech, he dealt with the TRIANGLE again. I thought for awhile last night that Elder Kesner was going to DO IT in spite of the world! He walked over here and said, "GET READY." He held up his left hand and said, "GET READY." Then he looked at it (the triangle) and said, "You know that is just a SOPHISTRY TRAP" and he backed off. He said it was just a sophistry trap.



Well, Elder Kesner, if that is a SOPHISTRY TRAP, it is your own SOPHISTRY because I got it out of your own book! Page 34 of "Campbellism Exposed". So if there is any SOPHISTRY in that it is your own. I will write it up here, page 34 down toward the bottom of the page (writing it on the board). There it is. He has the book for sale back there. My brethren are just eating them up! They are just buying them left and right. Elder Kesner came over and I thought for awhile he was going to mark an "X" on this (pointing to triangle). He never did do it. He told us to get ready so I got ready for the IMPACT, but it never did hit! I am wondering tonight and, Elder Kesner, you have one more speech to do this. Your time is just about up. I have been PRESSING you on this for four nights. I haven't got you to TAKE a POSITION on this yet. I wish you had marked it the first night, then we wouldn't have to talk about it anymore. I hate to talk about something OVER and OVER. If you will just answer me, we will FORGET it. I have had to come back every night and ask him. I have PLEADED with him! I have COAXED him! I have almost gone over and hugged his neck and I still can't get him to place an "X" where he wants it. I am honest with you, friend Kesner, I believe if I were a BAPTIST and my PREACHER wouldn't take a position on that, I would call him up on the phone and give him one of the awfulest tongue lashings he ever received. You won't stand up for your position in your book. Now, friend Kesner, when did you tell the truth last night or in your book? Huh? I'll tell you what I'll do. If you will go over and place an "X" on that board, I will give you five minutes of my time. I will give you some chalk, too. I will give you five minutes of my time to go over THERE and take a POSITION on it.

Elder Kesner in trying to EVADE the issue, gave a sentence. He said that it couldn't be answered with a YES or NO! Well, it depends on whether a man WHIPS his wife or not! Elder Kesner asked me if I had STOPPED WHIPPING my wife. Well, friend Kesner, you should have asked my wife that question. You should have asked HER if she has stopped WHIPPING me! (laughter) But since you use that as a parallel, I will say YES or NO if you will walk over with me and place an "X" on my TRIANGLE. Will you do it? (laughter) Come on now, that's your parallel. Do you want it? Come on now! I'll use this piece of chalk and then I'll give it to you and you can use it. How about that? Will that be all right? (laughter) Why, friends, he doesn't want it, see? That's exactly how he was on John 3:16. He gave it to me and then he didn't want it back! This is his parallel and he doesn't even want it. Elder Kesner, I wouldn't mention that again if I were you.

Then Elder Kesner brings up the SOLDIER and says, "Well, you know the soldiers dons the uniform", and he says that changes the STATE. In other words, he used that as a comparison here in changing the STATE. He said he's a soldier and he puts on his uniform and his STATE is changed. Well, I want to know, Elder Kesner, what STATE is a soldier in when he puts on his uniform? You know I thought that a man was JUST as much a SOLDIER WITHOUT his UNIFORM on as he was with his UNIFORM on. According to Elder Kesner, every night when the soldier goes to his bunk, pulls off his clothes, he is OUT of the army for 8 hours until he puts his clothes on again! (extreme laughter) Isn't that right? That's what you put up there, I suppose that's what you want. I tell you, boys, if you want OUT of the army just go out here and PULL your clothes off and Uncle Sam will never bother you! (laughter) You WOULDN'T be in the ARMY according to friend Kesner! You know, he said, "Hogland won't bother my soldier." I've KNOCKED your TOY soldier down! (laughter) So that's not a parallel at all friend Kesner. I didn't ask you for a YES or NO, all I asked you for was just an "X" that's all.



If you prefer you can write a zero or just scribble here on either end. Just anything to let us KNOW where you want him, that's all.

Well, Elder Kesner said last night, "Well, I'll tell you that's just a SOPHISTRY TRAP." He said, "I know debating." He walked over here and said, "That's a sophistry trap, SOPHISTRY! SOPHISTRY!" He says, "I KNOW debating!" Well you must not know TOO MUCH about it or you wouldn't have put PAGE 34 in "Campbellism Exposed!"

Now he came next to John 3:16 and I asked him if John 3:16 contained the entire plan of salvation and he says, "Well, it contains EVERYTHING that a man MUST do to be saved." Then I asked him where REPENTANCE was and he said, "Well, I'll tell you, Hogland, repentance and faith are INSEPARABLE." Well, Elder Kesner, to your surprise, I'm going to agree with you on that. And I'm going to tell you something else that's INSEPARABLE too, and that's FAITH and BAPTISM, Mark 16:16. That's right. Now even though we think they are INSEPARABLE, friend Kesner, we still KNOW they are DIFFERENT things. You know there are some things that may be INSEPARABLE to receive an end, but yet they are DIFFERENT things! You agree in your book on page 34 that FAITH is one thing and REPENTANCE is another thing. Now, he says that faith and repentance are inseparable. I'll agree to that. They go hand in hand, but there are some other things that must go with faith and repentance. FAITH must also go with BAPTISM. Jesus said, "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved." Repentance goes hand in hand with baptism. Acts 2:38, "REPENT and be BAPTIZED everyone of you for the remission of your sins." And all of these things are INSEPARABLE, Elder Kesner, and they go hand in hand, but still they are different. My LEG and my FOOT are inseparable if I walk, but yet my FOOT is not my LEG! You see? Elder Kesner would have you to believe that REPENTANCE and FAITH are the same thing. They are different but inseparable if they bring one SALVATION. But so is BAPTISM inseparable from FAITH and REPENTANCE.

Then he comes to Acts 2:38. Elder Kesner said, "I will STAKE the whole debate upon the grammatical construction of Acts 2:38." All right, we may stop the debate! Get ready now. Elder Kesner said he would STAKE the whole debate upon this and he said that SECOND PERSON PLURAL and THIRD PERSON SINGULAR cannot be joined to the same predicate to obtain the SAME results. He said "I know what I'm talking about." He said it can't be done in GREEK—it can't be done in ENGLISH—and it can't be done in LATIN. Well, Elder Kesner, fortunately I'm talking ENGLISH tonight, and I want to give you a sentence where it is DONE! I gave you this last night: "COME YE and be VACCINATED everyone of you in the name of the state for the prevention of diphtheria." That is an EXACT parallel to Acts 2:38. "Come ye" is SECOND PERSON PLURAL, ACTIVE VOICE, be vaccinated everyone of you is THIRD PERSON SINGULAR, and here they are JOINED together by the copulative conjunction "and" to obtain the SAME result, the PREVENTION OF DIPHTHERIA! And now since you REST the debate upon that, let's shake hands and STOP it! Are YOU ready?

Elder Kesner, who diagramed this sentence for you anyway? Did you not know that "everyone of you" is in apposition with "ye". Ye—everyone of you. Elder Kesner, would have you to believe that SOME of them were to REPENT and others were to be BAPTIZED. Elder Kesner, HOW MANY MORE OF THEM WERE TO REPENT than were TO BE BAPTIZED? Will you tell us in your next speech?

I want to put this sentence up here, friends. There's no sense in a man placing a sentence like that on the board and on a chart. And I'll take it to a former county superintendent here in the audience and have him verify it. He has been a county

superintendent for a number of years and we've got school teachers all over town. Elder Kesner knows that the sentence isn't diagramed correctly. I don't know who diagramed it for him. I'm going to thoroughly EXPOSE him before this audience! All right, Elder Kesner, we have here "you", or "ye". "Ye" Repent. So we will take the verbs REPENT and be BAPTIZED (putting on the blackboard). Now the phrase "FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS" modifies both verbs, sustaining equal relation to both. So we have it. "For the remission" (give me a piece of chalk) "for the remission of sin." Then over here we have "ye". "Everyone of you" (diagrams sentence). "Everyone of you" is an apposition with the pronoun "ye." It explains it. "Everyone of you" be baptized. "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin." The phrase "for the remission of your sins" modifies both verbs sustaining equal relation to both, and I CHALLENGE you to deny it! I'll take this to any teacher in this town. Who diagramed that for you? Where'd you go to school anyway? Now, Elder Kesner, if that's wrong (Hogland pointing to his own diagram) you get up here and show me where it is wrong and there'll be a HOT time in this Baptist meeting house tonight! Elder Kesner, I suggest that you rededicate or rework that chart of yours. That's not right. I'll take it to anybody in town. I want to ask you HOW many more were to REPENT than were to be BAPTIZED? How many more? Why, you know that "everyone of you" is in apposition with the pronoun "ye" or "you".

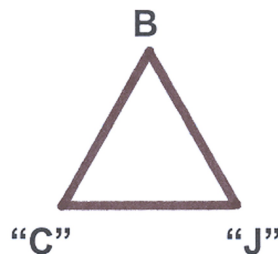
He says not many debaters would answer the question as to whether they would baptize a child of God or a child of the devil. I answered and said if Elder Kesner meant by a child of the devil that he was still under the CURSE of sin, I said I'd baptize a child of the devil and you know the IMPACT hit him so hard, he hasn't RECOVERED yet! He says, "Why, you know I haven't seen MANY PREACHERS that would answer that!" Well, this one did didn't he? (laughter) I answered it for him, he admitted I answered it and since I was courteous enough to answer that for you, friend Kesner, I wonder if you will answer one for me? Which do you baptize? The OUTER or INNER man? I'd even let you answer that NOW if you want to. Which do you baptize, the OUTER or INNER man? If Elder Kesner says he baptizes the OUTER man he has to baptize a child of the DEVIL to make him a child of GOD because his doctrine teaches that little babies are born in sin, they remain in sin, totally depraved, children of the devil until death. Therefore, if he baptizes the outer man, he has to baptize a child of the DEVIL in order to make him a child of GOD. Is that your doctrine, friend Kesner? Well, I answered yours, now there's a question for you! You said you were trying to get me in a TRAP, so we'll see if you get out of that one!

Elder Kesner said, "Hogland's strong passages are Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38." Elder Kesner says, "He thinks he's hit a home run." Well, Elder Kesner, I'm on THIRD base here with this TRIANGLE and if you don't place an "X" here pretty soon I'm going to get HOME! You had better do it in your next speech or I will have a HOME RUN! I'm glad he admitted that MARK 16:16 and ACTS 2:38 are STRONG passages and indeed they are! "REPENT and be BAPTIZED everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS." And then Jesus said, "BELIEVE and be BAPTIZED

and you shall be SAVED.” Could anything be PLAINER? Could anything be STRONGER?

Then Elder Kesner says the “FILTH OF THE FLESH” in 1 Peter 3:21 is the actual ERADICATION OF SIN. He said that Peter said there, that baptism did not wash away sin. I’m asking you, Elder Kesner, in as kind of manner as possible for the TRANSLATION that renders the FILTH OF FLESH there as the ERADICATION OF SIN. As a matter of fact, you used Mr. Thayer last night as your star witness, and I’m happy to use him again. Mr. Thayer tells us that it is not the WASHING OF DIRT from the flesh. He says it’s actually DIRT! Moffatt’s translation says not the mere washing of DIRT from the flesh. And the revised standard version, a translation which came out in 1946, says also that it is not the washing of the DIRT from the flesh or cleansing the body. So, Elder Kesner, did these men mis-translate this passage? Elder Kesner, you KNOW that Peter didn’t mean the remission of sin. He was talking about the actual FILTH of the BODY and that’s exactly what we teach. We don’t teach that baptism actually WASHES the DIRT from the BODY! I said this last night, and I didn’t mean to say it in an ugly way. If that were actually true, we’d take a BAR OF SOAP in the baptistry with us to help get some of that DIRT off!

Then Elder Kesner came next in his speech and said, “I want to hold back my debate book until the debate is over” and he says, “I did that for courtesy.” Well, Elder Kesner, I want to express my appreciation to you for holding your book back until the debate was over. Of course, that was all right but I enjoyed reading the book. He let me have a copy before the debate. I will not accuse him of advertising the book after we had signed proposition for debate, but he did ADVERTISE the book before we signed propositions. Of course, if he had wanted to sell the book it would have been perfectly all right. But I will make a suggestion, friend Kesner, before you bring your book out, if I were you, I’d cut page 34 OUT! I’d take it out. I mean I’d take it back to the press and cut PAGE 34 out, because every time a man picks up “Campbellism Exposed” he’s just AUTOMATICALLY going to turn to page 34. He’ll just turn over and read that and then he’ll remember this TRIANGLE here on this blackboard. I’d like to make a little proposition with friend Kesner. I don’t know whether he’d accept it or not, but I’m actually serious in the matter. Elder Kesner, I have a little blackboard over at the Park Hill Church of Christ and if you will permit me to put this TRIANGLE on that blackboard and stand it right up here in YOUR MEETING HOUSE right back here, I’ll pay you one dollar per month rent for 12 months!



Will you let me leave it over here? I’ll give you a dollar right now, if you will let me place that TRIANGLE right over there and leave it for 12 months. Well, of course, they’re not

going to FORGET it anyway! No man could. You know leaving it up here four nights PRESSING you and BEGGING you and PLEADING with you, they're not going to FORGET it anyway. But I'd be willing to pay you a dollar a month rent if you'd let me put it over there and just let your people see it for 12 months. I'll even give you a check in advance if you want it. Of course, I don't know whether Elder Kesner would trust my credit very long or not but, if he will allow me to do that, I'll be willing to pay him. Well, he can be thinking about that.

Now he said that we're saved by grace and that grace could not have any CONDITIONS. I gave him last night Naaman and I asked him if Naaman was saved by GRACE when he dipped himself seven times in Jordan, and I suppose he has forgotten it, he hasn't ANSWERED it yet. So I'll suggest it again. Elder Kesner said, and it's on the wire recorder, he says, "We are all saved by grace." He says EVERYONE and he quoted, I believe, from Isaiah 4. He said, "and without money and without price," it's free! All right, Elder Kesner, if everyone is saved by GRACE, will the INFIDEL be saved? Sounds like you're teaching UNIVERSALISM! If you say that God's GRACE is showered upon EVERYONE, UNCONDITIONAL, then the INFIDEL would be SAVED, would he not? Or would God be a RESPECTER of person?

Elder Kesner made the statement that there were no CONDITIONS in grace at all. Well, in Titus 2:11,12, "For the GRACE of God that brings salvation hath appeared unto ALL MEN." All right since the GRACE of God hath appeared unto ALL MEN, and there's no CONDITIONS in it, then the INFIDEL will be saved. Is that your doctrine, friend Kesner? You said there wasn't a single CONDITION in it! He says there's not a thing a man can DO to be saved and he emphasized that so according to his own doctrine the INFIDEL would be saved. The UNBELIEVER would be saved because there would be NO conditions in grace. The Bible says it hath appeared unto ALL men. Paul didn't say that it hath appeared unto just SOME men, but he said it hath appeared unto ALL men. He tells us what grace does. He says, "TEACHING US that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously 'in this world.'" So God's grace TEACHES US to DO something. Elder Kesner says that grace won't allow us to DO anything, but Paul says that grace teaches us to DO something. What, Paul? To live Godly in this present world. Elder Kesner, does a man DO anything when he lives godly? And I want you to remember, was Naaman saved by GRACE or was he saved by WORKS when he dipped in the Jordan River seven times? (three minutes) Thank you.

I must hasten along. He says in order for a man to pass from death unto life, he must LOVE the brethren. Elder Kesner first said in order for you to pass from death unto life you have to BELIEVE. Next he says in order for you to pass from death unto life, you've got to LOVE. Well, Elder Kesner, if we pass from death unto life when we LOVE the brethren, what if a man FALLS OUT with the brethren and doesn't love them, does he pass back from LIFE unto DEATH and FALL from GRACE? You said, "We know we pass from DEATH unto LIFE when we BELIEVE." Now, which end of it do you want? Which ONE do you want?

He said next, and I quote, "Baptism is essential to forgiveness in a figure." Well, that's getting pretty CLOSE, friend Kesner. In fact, that's about as CLOSE as I've heard you in this entire debate. He was trying to get around Mark 16:16 and he said BAPTISM is essential to FORGIVENESS in a FIGURE! In a figure.

Then he asked me on his chart, you haven't got that one, yes, here it is Acts 16 still up here. He came over, after I CHEWED this CHART up and handed it back to him, and he didn't want it. He came back over and says, "Elder Hogland, is it YES or is it NO?" Well, Elder Kesner, I want to tell you it is Y-E-S, Yes! . . . Write it down! Y-E-S, and DON'T come over here again and say, "Elder Hogland is it YES or is it NO?" It's "YES", friend Kesner. (laughter)

Now you see we've got the chart taken care of, but he'll be back OVER here NEXT TIME and say, "Hogland didn't say YES or NO." I told you last night I believed in FAITH, but Paul didn't say "FAITH ONLY", he said "believe" and I tell sinners the same thing. I tell anyone to BELIEVE in order to be saved, but I don't tell them to "BELIEVE ONLY"! I don't tell them to "CONFESS ONLY!" I tell them to do it all. Why don't you? Why don't you start practicing that? You know Elder Kesner would do all right if he did as well on BAPTISM and REPENTANCE as he does on FAITH because he knows Acts 16:31 and John 3:16 by heart, but neither of the passages say by "FAITH ONLY." As a matter of fact, we have a number of things that the sinner must do.

Now before my time's up, there's two or three things I want to place here on the board. I want to place faith PLUS baptism as Jesus said equals salvation. Faith MINUS baptism equals salvation and I want to ask Elder Kesner if he will erase one. I might add, Elder Kesner, this is the last time you'll have because in your LAST speech you can't erase these because I won't have a CHANCE to reply and no NEW argument can be brought in your last speech. So you'll have to do it in your next speech or FOREVER hold your PEACE!

Now, I want you to erase the one you don't believe. I have also up here "Baptism doth NOW save us" and "Baptism doth NOT save us." I want him to erase the sentence he doesn't believe. I asked him last night and he wouldn't do it. He admitted last night that I answered his questions. (time up) All right, thank you.

KESNER'S THIRD NEGATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: I kept thinking he would make me some scriptural arguments tonight, but he is still RE-HASH-ING the things that have been gone over for a long time.

He has handed me some more questions. No 1. Does salvation always follow baptism where baptism is mentioned? He didn't say just where it is mentioned. It might be mentioned in a newspaper somewhere, or some author might mention it. (Hogland says, "I mean in the Bible.") Oh! I don't know. It wasn't qualified. OK. Thank you. So far as the actual appearance in the Scripture is concerned, this is right. (Hogland says, "Thank you.") The argument is, the PURPOSE of baptism. Baptism is a FIGURE, to DECLARE, and NOT TO PROCURE. That doesn't change the place of baptism yet.

No. 2. What is the washing of regeneration of Titus 3:5? That is salvation.

No. 3. Does it take more to get into a Baptist Church than it does to get into Heaven? Yes, sir! (laughter) I was waiting until he pressed me a little harder so I could get you folk all set for it. You can get into Heaven simply by the FREE GIFT of God's saving grace. **"For the gift of God s eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** But it takes something else to get into the Baptist Church. Baptism is a work of righteousness and we must be baptized. He won't have a chance to answer me, so I will try to clarify myself now so he will have another opportunity to answer me. Some Baptist preachers among us take the position that we are baptized in the Baptist Church. I don't know whether he will press this position against me or not, but I do not believe that. You are baptized before you are received by the hand of fellowship into the Church. I admit that we have some Baptist preachers that erroneously take the other position. I understand that. I mean I just don't teach it that way.

No. 4. Are we saved by the washing of regeneration as Paul says? 1 John 1:7, **"the BLOOD of Jesus Christ is son cleanseth us from all sin"** and this is the regenerating work of God. Titus 3:5, we will go back there for just a moment: **"Not by the works of righteousness which we have done."** Now that includes all works of righteousness. I brought in Matt. 3:15 two or three times to back this up, that it is a work of righteousness. So far he has left that alone. **"Not by WORKS of righteousness which we have done, but according to his MERCY hath he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."** We are BORN of the SPIRIT, WASHED in the BLOOD of the Lamb. I acknowledge, as he said the other night, that some scholars say this is baptism. I'll not fuss about it. There are some who take the position that this refers to the FIGURE of baptism. It may do it. I am not big enough to know whether it does or doesn't, and he isn't either. That is a question that is debatable with lots of people. You see, that is just a "hair splitting" question. But I believe whatever is included there, it is the regeneration work making a NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS.

No. 5. Do you ever tell a man to **“arise and be baptized and wash away his sins?”** Please say “yes” or “no.” Huh? He wanted to get it to where it would be like the quotations he has here on the board. And all of that “yes” and “no” like whipping the wife. Huh! There are just lots of questions that you can ask that will just get down to yes or no, you see. (laughter) You see, the Elder knows that. He is making a play on you folk about those things but, bless your heart, there are just a lot of them, “yes” and “no.” Huh! Now, if he will say like Paul and give a scriptural background, Ananias with Paul, I will agree. If you will qualify it with that. (Hogland says, “I will.”) Acts 22:16. But remember that the old apostle Paul was already **WASHED IN THE BLOOD** of the Lamb before he **GOT TO** Ananias. I **PROVED** it last night. (laughter) Now then, last Sunday night we had some folks saved, and they are yet to be baptized. I am insisting on them coming and, as Ananias told Paul, to **“wash away their sins.”** **FIGURATIVELY**, exactly like Paul washed them. Like Peter said “baptism is a **FIGURE** to **DECLARE**”.

While my friend took up my soldier awhile ago, he still **LEFT** my argument **ALONE**. I made it **THREE OR FOUR TIMES** and now then I will have to make it all over again. I am sure that you **GET TIRED** hearing them repeated over and over, but I gave you the argument with the soldier; how that we are baptized for the same **PURPOSE** and **EXACTLY LIKE JESUS**. He was baptized to **BE MADE MANIFEST** unto Israel, John 1:31. He was to be made **MANIFEST** to Israel to **DECLARE** him to be the **SON OF GOD**; **NOT MAKE HIM THE SON OF GOD**. And for the same reason I stand here to declare to you, my dear friends, if we are baptized for any other reason other than like Jesus was baptized, we are **NOT IMITATING HIM**, as I told you in Gal. 3:27 last night. I did think he would come back and make an argument on that and rebut me on that thing last night. I waited last night and he didn’t do it, and I thought he would come on back and give me a booting at it tonight and he didn’t do it. I quoted that passage Gal. 3:27, **“for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have IMITATED Christ.”**

Now then, in my remaining argument, and I am going to have to make it now because I won’t have a chance to make a new argument. I want to be fair. We have had a good time together. I like the spirit of it. If there is any ill-will around here it is some of you folks, it isn’t me. All right, I thought he would come back and say, “Elder Kesner, don’t you know that that is not **IMITATE** but it is to **PUT ON**?” Well, anyway he didn’t say it. But, of course, that is the original, to **“PUT ON”** Christ. That’s right, but what does **PUT ON** Christ mean? It means **TO IMITATE**, to **ACT LIKE**, in **LIKE MANNER**. Now then, if I was going to **IMITATE** a soldier, I would get that soldier’s **UNIFORM** on. If I was going to **IMITATE** a judge, I would put a judge’s **GOWN** on. If I was going to **IMITATE** a clown, I would put a **CLOWN’S SUIT** on. If I was going to **IMITATE** an officer, I would put an officer’s **UNIFORM** on. Therefore, baptism is like **DONNING A UNIFORM**.

I’ll go on while I’m on that question and come back to here (pointing to triangle). Well, I’m telling you now, my friends, this triangle hasn’t disturbed me a bit. I have answered it over and over and over and over. I’ll say another thing, page 34 in “Campbellism Exposed” will be there and be read a long time. I think he’s the only one that’s worrying about it.

Now, I'll tell you something else. I have BEEN as NICE as I know how to, my dear friend, and humanly temptations I have refrained. I still want to refrain, but he brought up "CAMPBELLISM EXPOSED" and I wonder (pause) what he's worrying about that book for? DOES THAT MEAN HIM? (laughter) Now, if it DOESN'T mean him, why WORRY about it? That's talking about CAMPBELLITE HERESY. I'm not LAYING it on him. I'm not CHARGING him with it. But he's been WORRYING himself to death about that book and I'm not charging him with it. If it doesn't MEAN HIM, then let's go on and LET IT ALONE; but wait a minute! I have given the truth about that (pointing to triangle). We are from condemnation to justification. How do we pass? Faith changes the heart.

"With a heart man believeth unto righteousness, with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10. Now then repentance, Acts 11:26. Repentance changes the life. "He's granted repentance unto life" and repentance and faith, as I said, were inseparable graces. What do I mean by inseparable? I mean inseparable. Yet, if you repent in February and exercise faith in May, they are certainly not together. But no man, as I proved on my chart the other night and he never said anything about it, no man can exercise LIVING FAITH in Christ as long as HE LOVES SIN. And there's no way for him TO STOP LOVING sin to BECOME ALIVE that life may be granted unto him but by old time conviction and repentance toward God. The Apostle Paul REPENTED of sins and EXERCISED FAITH in Christ before he GOT TO Ananias. Then if one has REPENTED toward God and has FAITH in Jesus Christ, he LEAVES that CONDITION. Now keep in mind, I've been telling you, but I'll keep telling you just as long as he thinks you misunderstand it. Now, if he DOESN'T understand it, I think you do, but so long as he DOESN'T understand it, I'll keep TELLING HIM so you can listen to it. These are CONDITIONS. The lost CONDITION and the saved CONDITION, justification? The point about it is how do you get out of the LOST CONDITION, condemnation? You get out BY REPENTANCE toward God and FAITH IN Jesus Christ and, bless your heart, this crowd remembers very well that I have GIVEN ABUNDANT SCRIPTURES TO PROVE THAT.

Now then, Elder, I believe you'll acknowledge that I've been FAIRLY NICE and there's ONE THING that happened BACK THERE. THE OTHER NIGHT you folk missed all of that and I've never SAID A WORD about it. If he will ACKNOWLEDGE I've been NICE to him, I WON'T TELL IT. (Hogland nods his head, yes.) Thank you. Thank you. I'll NOT TELL IT because I do like the old boy fine. It was a little thing between he and I. I'LL NOT MENTION IT. There's ONE THING I will REMIND you of though, that there was ONE HALF of my AFFIRMATIVE of TWO nights, I had it DIVIDED, I brought you ONE HALF the first night, and I saved the OTHER HALF for the SECOND NIGHT. Arguments that I wanted ANSWERED, and ALL this congregation know that not ONE single scripture of that LAST AFFIRMATIVE WAS NOTICED. Those TWO affirmatives he said were LOADED with atomic energy. Well, they were loaded with annihilation energy, PROVING HOW we get out of the condemned state into the justified state, saved child of God. He asked me a question a time or two and I've answered once. He asked me again.

No. 6. Is all the plan of salvation in John 3:16? I'm not a bit afraid to answer that the SECOND TIME; Yes, sir, Yes, sir.

No. 7. Do we walk the new life before or after baptism? We begin walking the new life in Jesus Christ when we're BORN AGAIN. But we're buried with him in the LIKENESS of his DEATH and we're to be RAISED in the LIKENESS of his resurrection and we're to WALK in the NEWNESS of LIFE. In the burial of baptism, there we PICTURE just as real a picture as Jesus was when he was buried yonder in the tomb. We picture the BURIAL of a dead man. Jesus died and was buried in the tomb and he rose the third day. And when we die to sin we are buried with him, and we rise and in that rising we walk in a NEW LIFE.

No. 8. If a man who has been born again joins the Baptist Church and, through the weakness of the flesh, gets drunk, if he dies drunk will he go to Heaven or Hell? He has absolutely, in this question, I'm not afraid of it, if I was debating him on the security of the believer, or on apostasy, I wouldn't be afraid of it; but he's INTRODUCED BRAND NEW ARGUMENT APART FROM THE PROPOSITION he read. So I'll not be LEAD OFF now, but I'll tell him now that I'm not afraid of the SECURITY of the believer.

No. 9. If the Baptist Church withdraws from a man for getting drunk, what must he do to get back into the Baptist Church? If that man genuinely born of God, saved by the grace of God, if he goes astray and is tempted and does wrong, and many do do wrong after have been saved, and they have to be excluded; and we have excluded them from the Central Baptist Church. There have been times when they come back penitentially and asked for forgiveness and asked God to forgive them, and then we re-instate them and give them the hand of fellowship. That's what Baptists do. Now then, Elder, before I answer that next question of yours, I have a few more here for you.

No. 1. Since the believer FALLS AWAY and is LOST, AS YOU SAID he was a lost unbeliever, what must he do to be saved the second time? I've been trying mighty hard to get him to answer this one, too. Maybe this last time he'll do it because he sure left it off last time, and you know what? He said yes, and turned around and REPUDIATED IT before he stopped talking. He did it! Why didn't he say yes and walk off and leave it? Huh? No, he said yes, and then qualified that he didn't mean it like he said it. He said no, not just faith only. You've got to come over here to this, and he dropped down to the second after all (reference to Mark 16:16 on the TIME ELEMENT on Kesner's chart).

All right. No. 2. Is there no way that a lost soul can reach Christ's blood except in baptism?

No. 3. If so, then why do you claim that a Christian can become in a WORSE CONDITION than he was BEFORE he was SAVED, and yet you dry clean him the SECOND time and get him into Christ and in touch with the blood that cleanses us from ALL SIN, WITHOUT BAPTIZING him the SECOND time?

No. 4. Is everyone lost who is not baptized into the Church which you are identified with?

No. 5. Is Acts 16:31 right or wrong? Well, he has made a stab at it. He didn't answer it like I asked him to but, nevertheless. (laughter)

What kind of a HE shall be saved in Mark 16:16? Will you quote the verse? Do you folks like to here me quote them? (laughter) I've done it over and over. What kind of a "HE?" "HE" that shall not PERISH. John 3:14 **"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** The man that won't PERISH. All right, here's the NEXT one. He that is NOT CONDEMNED. John 3:18 **"He that believeth is NOT CONDEMNED, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the only begotten son of God."** That's the HE. John 3:36 **"He that believeth on the Son hath EVERLASTING LIFE: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him."** And that's the HE. The one that has EVERLASTING life. 1 John 5:1 **"He that loveth is born of God."** So then that is the ONE, the "HE" that is BORN OF GOD. Romans 5:1 **"Therefore being justified BY FAITH, we have peace with God THROUGH our Lord Jesus Christ."** The "HE" that is to be BAPTIZED is the "HE" that has MADE PEACE with God. Well, I could go on with a lot of these references but there is no use in me going on any further.

Now then, last evening on Galatians 3:27, my friend brought an argument. I didn't get around to it, but he has another time and opportunity to answer it. It is on Galatians 3:27 on the word "FOR". And he introduced the GREEK on this word. I did not introduce it. He introduced the word FOR in the GREEK which is "GAR". Now in his explanation, and if I am wrong I will gladly change it, Elder. If I understood you and remember you right, you introduced the word "GAR" (FOR) meaning the REASON OR CAUSE. Am I right? (Hogland says, "To introduce the REASON.") Well, REASON OR CAUSE or just REASON? OK. Thank you. (laughter) Now then, don't laugh. We were just understanding each other that is all. I am not trying to get back at him. We are trying to reason this thing out. Now, while it does show REASON OR CAUSE sometimes, Doctor Thayer, on page 109 and 110 says it **"POINTS OUT, EXPLAINS, DECLARES, MAKES CLEAR."** Now then, the word FOR or "GAR" is referring to what's in verse 27: **"FOR as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have PUT ON Christ."** The explanation the Elder has given unto you is for a purpose, making it APPEAR those PEOPLE IN VERSE 26 were NOT children of God UNTIL they were baptized and saved by their baptism. Now I call your attention to the Greek Grammarian and Lexicographer, not only Thayer but Dr. Robertson, in his Greek Grammar page 1190. Here is what Dr.. Robertson says as one of the GREATEST GRAMMARIANS of all times. He says, "It is a MISTAKE to approach the study of "GAR" with the theory that it ALWAYS or properly shows CAUSE." That is the POSITION my friend TAKES on THAT. "It is best to note first that it EXPLAINS." He says, "instead of baptized into Christ being the CAUSE of our BEING CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH, IT IS THE EXPLANATION, that which POINTS

OUT.” Get it? Here is Dr. Robertson’s DEFINITION that it POINTS OUT, DEMONSTRATES, EXPLAINS and makes CLEAR that we ARE CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH as the PREVIOUS sentence states. **“For YE are ALL the CHILDREN of God BY FAITH.”** Therefore, this word FOR, “GAR”, EXPLAINS.

Now, Elder, there is something in me that just rebels when I have to answer a thing that gets personal, but there is a little thing that has got to come out. Now, according to our RULES that we SIGNED, we were NOT to make ANY INSINUATIONS. In other words, we are to consider EACH OTHER’S ABILITY EQUAL. Five or six times, and it came again last night he said, “Elder Kesner, WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL?” Now it doesn’t make any difference where I went to school. I do not resent it, but the thing about it is, “What is good for the goose is sauce for the gander.” So we will have to give him a little sauce on this. He said TWICE LAST NIGHT, and that is on the wire recorder, that FOR or “GAR” IS A PREPOSITION. I believe the Elder made a slip of the tongue and I am going to give him a chance to do that. I believe he knows better. “FOR” IS NOT A PREPOSITION, it is a CONJUNCTION.

Now, I realize that I am very, very imperfect. I do not claim perfection. No doubt I have made a number of grammatical errors in this debate, and I am not professing I haven’t. I am only referring to these things because I have been ASKED several times, “WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL?” Well, it does not make any difference where the Elder went to school. I never referred to WHERE HE WENT TO SCHOOL, or questioned it, but I have been holding back and waiting because there are a NUMBER of sentences here where I have GRAMMATICAL ERRORS HE has made in HIS speeches. I will NOT READ them, but I will remind him I would not have brought it up had he not referred to it tonight. I said I will not read them tonight if he DOESN’T refer to WHERE I went to school again, but since HE DID I must at least meet it to be fair. Anyway, I will say another thing. It makes no difference, Elder, WHERE I went to school, and I do not claim to be smart, but I will tell you one thing, you do not have a SUPERINTENDENT to meet this (referring to the grammatical diagram of Acts 2:38 on Kesner’s chart) unless he wants to run the risk of repudiating his scholarship and humiliating his profession. You may have a COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, and no doubt he knows English, but if he knows anything about the GREEK he will not come up here and repudiate this DIAGRAM (pointing to the chart). You think I DIDN’T KNOW WHAT I was doing when I came here? I would have been a pretty looking thing getting up here GIVING THAT and not know what I was doing. “WHERE DID YOU GET THAT, ELDER?” Dr. Pettit, a Greek scholar, DIAGRAMED that, and that isn’t all. The PRESIDENT OF one of your colleges said that it is RIGHT. I have his statement here on the table if it becomes necessary to be read. He said it is RIGHT. Said what? He said “YE” is SECOND person plural; “BE BAPTIZED”, third person singular. And I said last night that I would STAKE THE DEBATE on it. I still STAND on it UNFLINCHINGLY. You cannot, LISTEN now, whether it be GREEK, HEBREW, LATIN, or any other language, you CANNOT join SECOND PERSON PLURAL to THIRD PERSON SINGULAR with the conjunction “AND” to the same PREDICATE. It CANNOT BE DONE. N. B. Hardeman would not deny it. Furthermore, wait a minute now, the sentence which you gave me on being vaccinated. Hardeman

gave that to Dr. Bogard in the debate at Little Rock. You have second person in both verbs. In the Greek the forms are different. You CANNOT WRITE THIRD PERSON, IMPERATIVE, AORIST in English because we have NO such FORM IN the English. The forms in the Greek are different to that in the English. (time up) Thank you.

HOGLAND'S FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE

Gentlemen Moderators, Honorable Opponent, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to come back in my last speech in this series of discussions. As has been said, this will be my final.

As I'm in the affirmative tonight, I want to take up the things that my friend has said. I'm going to have to do this hurriedly to cover all the territory that I want to in my last speech. He has presented me with some questions and I'm happy to oblige. Of course, I think Elder Kesner will agree that I haven't made it a habit to EVADE his questions. As a matter of fact, I have met the questions that he has presented, and he has ADMITTED it. I'm going to answer these.

Elder Kesner has met SOME of the questions that I have presented, but he hasn't met them ALL. Of course, I'm sorry for that. Perhaps he didn't have time; but I think he did have time on some that he evaded.

In regard to the question I asked him awhile ago about the kind of "HE" that will be saved in MARK 16:16. I asked him to QUOTE it and he never did quote it. He got over in John 3:16 but he never did quote MARK 16:16. Elder Kesner, I want to be just as fair about this as I possibly can, but I asked you to do it, and you wouldn't. Why, my MODERATOR saw that you were AFRAID to quote it; this AUDIENCE saw that you didn't quote it. You went to other PASSAGES and I asked you not to. I said, "Elder Kesner, don't go to another PASSAGE." I said, "Quote this one." And in SPITE of my PLEADING with you, you went to another PASSAGE! Well, I'm sorry about that.

I don't want to impose upon Elder Kesner, and I want to be nice to him and treat him nice and that's what I've been doing. But, of course, a debate is a debate and I'm going to PRESS him on DOCTRINAL issues. I've done that in this debate and I'm going to show you in a few moments that I can go over and shake hands with friend Kesner and if he thinks it necessary, I'd hug his neck. Why, I haven't anything against Elder Kesner. Not a thing in the world personal. And I don't think he has anything against me. (Kesner says, "That's right.") You see, this is just a matter that is as eternal as God's word. It's nothing personal. If we were having trouble personally, I would just come over here to his office and he knows that. I'd go right in his office there and we'd talk it over. That's to his door and KNOCK. I LISTEN to his broadcast and I to his door and KNOCK. I LISTEN to his broadcast and I knock on his door just as he's QUITTING! (laughter). I go right in and we talk it over. That's the way I am. I'm not afraid of any man, in that sense. I don't care who he is. You people know that I believe what I say and I don't go to a man's back. I believe what I preach with all the "atom" of my being, but I have no personal animosity against any man.

I hope Elder Kesner wasn't implying in his last speech that I have anything against him because I surely don't. (Kesner spoke up and said, "I surely didn't.") Well, that's fine

and we're going to show you that we are men, and shake hands when this debate is over. These things are vital. All we want you to do is STUDY your Bible. Just see WHO is preaching the TRUTH. That's all we want you to do. Put prejudice out of your mind. You know, friends, prejudice is the thief of men's souls. It will steal your salvation and if the DEVIL can instill PREJUDICE in your heart, he has you just where he wants YOU. Now I hope that no man's mind was made up before he came here. Your mind should be made up only on those things found in the WORD OF GOD! Because if you came here with PREJUDICE, it didn't do you any good.

Well, now getting to these questions. I'll read them. He has 3 or 4 here.

No. 1 Since the believer falls away and is lost, what must he do to be saved the second time? Elder Kesner, in order for a man who has departed from the Church to be RESTORED, he must REPENT of his sins, just like YOU said! You said that the man that left the Church and through the WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH falls away and gets DRUNK, when he comes back and humbly REPENTS, he is forgiven! We have that in Acts the 8th chapter. Simon the Sorcerer BELIEVED and he also was BAPTIZED, but he ERRED from the paths of righteousness and Peter said, "Simon, REPENT of THIS thy wickedness." He didn't say the wickedness BEFORE he was saved. He said of THIS wickedness NOW! REPENT and you'll stand justified. That is exactly what I tell sinners to do who have departed from the faith. I tell them to renew their allegiance unto God through genuine REPENTANCE. I have called your attention to Acts 8 which is the SECOND LAW OF PARDON. That answers No. 1.

No. 2 Is there no way a lost soul can reach the blood of Christ except baptism? Elder Kesner, the ONLY way that a man can reach the BLOOD of JESUS is by being BAPTIZED into his DEATH where he SHED his BLOOD. That is found in Romans 6:3 and 4. We are baptized INTO his DEATH and you'll admit that he shed his BLOOD in his DEATH. So if we are baptized INTO his DEATH, we CONTACT his BLOOD in his DEATH and, therefore, are made FREE from sin.

No. 3 If so, then how do you claim a Christian can become in a worse condition than he was before he was saved? Yet you DRY CLEAN (pause). Elder Kesner, by that word DRY CLEAN, I don't know exactly what you mean. I hope you weren't trying to be UGLY with me! (Kesner says, "Not at all.") By the word DRY CLEAN, you weren't trying to be ugly? (Kesner says, "Oh, no.") All right fine! (laughter) "Yet you DRY CLEAN the second time, get him into Christ and get in touch with the blood that can cleanse us from all sin without baptizing him the second time." Well, of course, that one was answered in the other one. (Kesner speaks up and says, "That's all right. You've already answered it.")

All right the next question. "Is everyone lost if he not baptized into the church which you are identified with?" Elder Kesner, anyone who is not baptized INTO CHRIST cannot be saved! It wouldn't make any DIFFERENCE whether it would be in the Church

I'm in or not. But he must be baptized into the LORD'S CHURCH which is found in the BIBLE.

Last is Acts 16:31. Right or wrong? I think he'll agree that I answered that over here but, of course, if you had rather have r-i-g-h-t instead of y-e-s, I'll say r-i-g-h-t. It is right! Elder Kesner said in my answering Acts 16:31, I backed up and then I backed out. I didn't back out, friend Kesner. I said I tell sinners to believe on the Lord that they might be saved, but I don't tell them to "BELIEVE ONLY." There's a difference in a man BELIEVING and a man "BELIEVING ONLY." That's what you've been teaching for 19 years here in this good meeting house at the Central Missionary Baptist Church. You just add the little word "ONLY" and you have YOUR DOCTRINE! Do you not remember James said, "Ye see then how that by WORKS a man is justified and NOT by FAITH ONLY." N-O-T there. Just a little word there. Just three letters and that REFUTES your theory. NOT by "FAITH ONLY." So then why do you want to tell people they are saved by "FAITH ONLY" when James says they CANNOT!

I can't understand a man who would just DELIBERATELY go on PERVERTING God's will. James said you cannot be saved by "FAITH ONLY." Elder Kesner says just believe on the Lord and you'll be saved. Why, you hear it over your radios. Why do THEY do that? I tell you, friends, they won't meet me in public debate, the ones that do it. They won't! Of course, they'll get over the RADIO and teach it, but there is no ONE to CALL their HAND. I'm just sitting in my home squirming around you see because I can't answer it! (laughter) I love God Almighty's truth and that's the reason I came over to Elder Kesner's office and CHALLENGED him for a public DEBATE. I'm just happy that he accepted it and I'm enjoying it! We might get together and have ANOTHER ONE before long. Isn't that right? (Kesner shook his head yes). Good! (laughter) Now, friends, you see he said that. We may get together and have these propositions again. I'm just enjoying this and, as he said, it's fun. He said he was having a good time. And that's just what we want to do. Of course, we have nothing personal against one another. When I hear SOMETHING over the radio I'll just WALK in and we'll TALK it over! (laughter) That'll be all right.

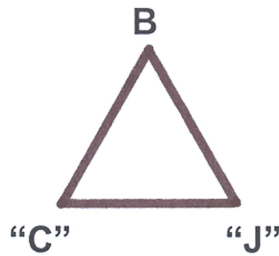
Now I must hasten along. I want to say just briefly here, that I appreciate Elder Kesner meeting me in public debate. You know we have some who say, "Oh, a debate is a sin." They say "it's wrong to debate." You know, friends, the man that doesn't believe in debating has to AGREE with EVERYONE on EVERYTHING! You know we have a lot of people who will DEBATE against DEBATING! A man will say, "Hogland, I don't believe in debating." Well, if you don't believe in DEBATING, why are you DEBATING with me? Are you DEBATING against DEBATING? That's what they say, isn't it, friend Kesner? He knows that's what they say. (laughter) (Kesner said, "Yes, that's right.") They'll come to him and say, "Oh, Kesner don't think it's right to debate." You see, they DEBATE against DEBATING! I can prove to you. In the 19th chapter of Acts, Paul held a public DEBATE or public DISPUTE for 2 YEARS and 3 MONTHS. It's the longest PUBLIC DEBATE on record. I wonder if Paul was living in sin? If you people don't believe it, turn to Acts 19 and READ it. Then Jesus was the greatest CONTROVERSIALIST in the

world. He had three DEBATES in one day, recorded in Matthew 22. Two DEBATES with the PHARISEES and one with the SADDUCEES. You can turn and read about those debates. Did he commit sin? Stephen also debated. I just want to convey to you that DEBATES are NOT sinful and I have scriptural verification of it! Oh, if you want to call it a public DISPUTE call it a PUBLIC DISPUTE. A DISPUTE and a DEBATE are the same thing.

Now I must hurry because I want to get to some more things. He says that baptism is like donning a uniform and the other night he was talking about the soldier, and said baptism was like putting on a uniform. He said a soldier would sure be PUNISHED if he didn't put on his uniform. Then he said we put on the UNIFORM of CHRIST when we're BAPTIZED. According to that, friend Kesner, the Lord sure will PUNISH you if you don't PUT him on in BAPTISM. He said it took more to get into the BAPTIST CHURCH than it does HEAVEN.

All right, he says that BAPTISM PRECEDES salvation. Now he made that statement. He said that baptism precedes salvation. In other words, you must FIRST be baptized and then SALVATION later. Well, I thank you kindly for that admission, friend Kesner. It took me a LONG TIME to get it out of YOU. Notice what the Bible says, friends. "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED." BAPTISM then SALVATION. "REPENT and be BAPTIZED for the REMISSION OF SIN." BAPTISM then REMISSION OF SINS. He agreed that where baptism is mentioned it always PRECEDES salvation. You ADMITTED it in your last speech. You know some of your friends are going to REMEMBER that. They are going to remember that Elder Kesner said that BAPTISM PRECEDES SALVATION and it's on the wire recorder, too. Honestly, why don't you TRY PREACHING it that way next Sunday? I would appreciate it if I were to hear you preach that over the radio. I'll be sitting at home and saying, "Amen, GLORY BE!" (laughter) That's what I'd say. That's what I want you to do. I'm honest with you, Elder Kesner. If you can admit it HERE, why can't you admit it OVER THE RADIO? I would. I'd even preach it here in this pulpit. I'd say, "Friends, I mentioned in the DEBATE with Hogland that BAPTISM always PRECEDES SALVATION. And it does." Then you could quote Mark and SLAP your hand down on this pulpit and say, "HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED." You could say the only kind of a "HE" that shall be saved is the "HE" that BELIEVES and is BAPTIZED. And if I were sitting in the audience I would give you an AMEN! Before long you would have some of your BAPTIST friends CONVERTED! You would CONVERT them to the Lord! I am honest about this, friend Kesner. All you need to do is start preaching the BIBLE. That is all in the world you need. You are a good man. I love your personality. You just need to start preaching the Bible. Elder Kesner, I BELIEVE you KNOW IT! As a matter of fact, you said that "BAPTISM SAVES us by a FIGURE." And that's getting hot! Just move your "FIGURE" and you're there! (laughter) All right I must hasten along. My time is rapidly passing by.

Now I want to come to the things on my blackboard before my time is up. Now in talking about these things, I am not going to mention this any more (pointing to triangle).



Elder Kesner came over and he LABORED and LABORED until I actually felt sorry for him. You know, last night when he lead the "CHEER SECTION" in the CLAPPING, I wanted to clap too because he needed it. I actually felt sorry for him and wanted to clap, too. You know, friend Kesner, you would make a real debater if you had the "TRUTH." You would. You could back off out here and say, "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved" and you would and could SWAY some people. You would make a mighty good debater, if you would just start preaching the TRUTH. I just wonder how you can face these scriptures (pointing to chart) and still teach "FAITH ONLY?" How can you do it? I am sincere about this. You know, friends, I couldn't go to BED and SLEEP good at night if I taught a DOCTRINE in direct OPPOSITION to Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38.

I am making a PLEA with you tonight who ever you may be and wherever you may live. Don't take Hogland's word for it, just accept the WORD OF GOD! As we sang last night, "Have Thine Own Way Lord." "Lead me where ever you will." "I will follow your will." Don't follow Hogland, don't follow Kesner, just follow the WORD OF GOD and that's all. Now I am going to leave this here and I don't want him bothering it in his next speech (pointing to the triangle). He can't place an "X" there because I couldn't reply to it. You already know the answer to it. If he places him under CONDEMNATION, then baptism would place him under JUSTIFICATION. And we would shake hands and stop the debate. Of course, if he has him over here (under justification) then when he is baptized, that would place the Baptist Church under CONDEMNATION. I don't say that reflecting upon the BAPTIST CHURCH or on you because I do want to be nice. I want to be just as nice as I can. But, Elder Kesner, that is the only IRRESISTIBLE conclusion that any honest man can draw. Because that is just a plain little triangle. It is either here or here (pointing to triangle). And baptism changes the STATE, and you said it.

He said something about the book. The book is not worrying ME, Elder Kesner. The book is worrying YOU. You are the ONE the book is worrying! It is NOT worrying me. (laughter) PAGE 34. It is not worrying me, it is HELPING me. As a matter of fact, I say "amen" to that. I will shake your hand that BAPTISM changes the STATE of a man. A man is either in the STATE of CONDEMNATION or JUSTIFICATION. There is not another STATE a man can be. No other state in the world.

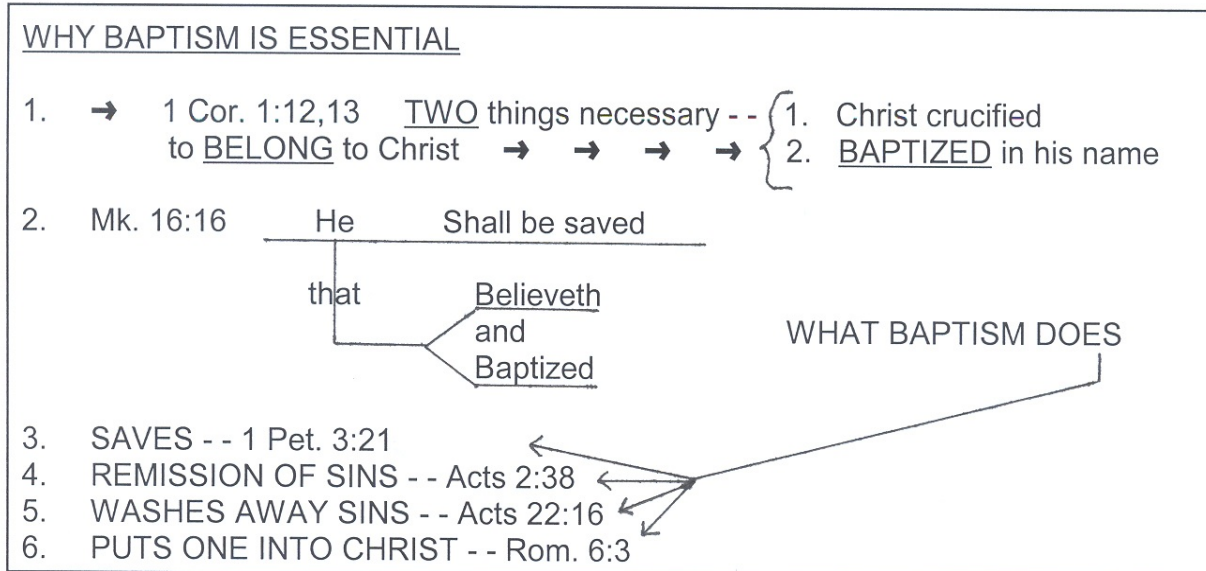
Now over here I placed FAITH PLUS BAPTISM EQUALS SALVATION then I placed down here FAITH MINUS BAPTISM EQUALS SALVATION. And you know,

friends, I guess he forgot it. I am not going to accuse him of DELIBERATELY overlooking it, but I asked him to come over and erase one and he wouldn't. Now honestly, what are some of you who are members of his CHURCH going to think about that? Which one does he believe? Does he believe that FAITH PLUS BAPTISM equal salvation or FAITH MINUS BAPTISM. I am honest about it. He can't believe both of them. He must erase one of them.

Then I put up here what Peter said, "BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE US." I said in a kind manner, friend Kesner, I will furnish an eraser if you will erase one to let the audience know where you stand. He never touched TOP, BOTTOM, SIDE, or anything else of it. Now who would say that I am being UNFAIR about that? Is there anything unfair about it? I just want to find where the man's POSITION is. I want to find out what he believes. I have asked him on these THREE things, to tell us what his position is and, thus far, he has failed. He hasn't said anything about salvation always following baptism. I put these passages here last night. 1 PETER 3:21, GAL. 3:27, ACTS 2:38, MARK 16:16. I showed how that salvation always follows baptism.

All right, now I want to call your attention briefly to the chart. How much time have I brother Woodbridge? (you have thirteen minutes) Thirteen minutes, thank you. I have up here on the chart and Elder Kesner hasn't noticed it yet. I think you can all see it from the rear of the building. You know, friends, I came over and picked up this chart (pointing to Kesner's chart). I explained it. I went right down the line on it. He CHALLENGED me to do it so I did! I did it in as kind of manner as I knew how. Now, Elder Kesner, I will appreciate it if you will come over and get on this 1 Cor. 1:12 argument. and go right down the line.

Paul said TWO things are necessary to BELONG to Christ. First, Christ must have been CRUCIFIED for you; secondly, you must be BAPTIZED in his name. That was a new ONE on Elder Kesner and he hasn't RECOVERED from the IMPACT of it yet! Elder Kesner, that is PAUL'S argument not MINE and you haven't touched side, bottom, top or anything else of it. It is here in black and white! There are TWO things



necessary for a man to belong to Christ. First, Christ must have been CRUCIFIED for him and secondly, you have to be BAPTIZED in his name. Any man that has not been BAPTIZED in the name of Christ doesn't belong to Christ. I don't care WHO he is or WHERE he may be.

Elder Kesner said he had a NUMBER who were going to be BAPTIZED. He said they were ALREADY SAVED and he was going to BAPTIZE them a little LATER. He said also, and I have it in my notes, "That after baptism a man walks the NEW LIFE." Or that the "NEW LIFE" follows baptism. All right, friend Kesner, since the NEW LIFE follows baptism, Romans 6:3 and 4, what kind of a LIFE are these people walking that HAVEN'T been BAPTIZED? What kind of a LIFE do they walk from the TIME they GET SAVED until they are BAPTIZED? Are they a LIVING CORPSE? Now if the "NEW LIFE" follows BAPTISM, if a man GETS SAVED before he is BAPTIZED, what kind of a LIFE is he walking THEN? It couldn't be the NEW LIFE. Is it the OLD LIFE? It is either the "NEW" or the "OLD", or is there an IN-BETWEEN? Now you said in your statement that the "NEW LIFE" followed baptism. Now, friends, that is the PREDICAMENT this man's in. He said that the "NEW LIFE" followed baptism. Then what kind of life are they walking? It couldn't be the "NEW LIFE" because he said that the "NEW LIFE" followed BAPTISM! The only life it could be is the "OLD LIFE". Can a man be saved and continue to walk the OLD LIFE, Elder Kesner?

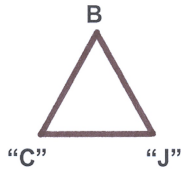
I showed here from Mark 16:16, and he hasn't denied it that, the only kind of "HE" that shall be saved is the "HE" that BELIEVES and is BAPTIZED. Joined together by the copulative conjunction "and". "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Last year, I believe it was, I CHALLENGED Elder Kesner for a debate. We didn't work out propositions on it at that time, and some members of this Church became somewhat WROUGHT UP and they called me at my home on Jenny Lind. One night I was receiving calls along late in the night, and some LADY from this church, she may be HERE in the audience tonight, it's all right if she is, she called me up and said, "Are you the PREACHER of the Park Hill Church?" I said, "Yes Maam." She said, "What do you MEAN challenging Elder Kesner for a debate?" I said, "Well, I didn't mean anything by it, I just wanted an HONORABLE DISCUSSION." She gave me one of the sharpest tongue lashings I ever received. I don't suppose I would have received a worse tongue lashing if SHE had RUN into MY car down town somewhere. (laughter) She got me told for four or five minutes then said, "Do you ACTUALLY believe that BAPTISM saves?" I said, "I think I do." She said "Well where is your PASSAGE?" The first thing that came into my MIND was what Jesus said, "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be saved." I said can't you see that salvation is PREDICATED on TWO things, FAITH and BAPTISM. She said, "Quote that again." I said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." She studied a minute and then said, "You know PREACHER, I don't know the DODGE to that but Elder Kesner does!!" (laughter) Friend Kesner, what is the DODGE to it? I have found out that he can't DODGE it either!

Friends, what do you think of a person who wants to dodge the scriptures? She said that Elder Kesner knew the dodge to it, but you have seen that he DOESN'T know the DODGE to it. It's just not "dodgeable". (laughter) It means what it says. "He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED." Why, let me tell you something, friends. Any man that can see through a ladder can see that! Any man that can't understand a simple sentence like that hasn't got anything to worry about anyway, because the Lord will take him in Heaven after awhile. These boys and girls can understand a simple sentence like that.

I next call your attention to the fact that baptism saves us. I have my sentences here on the board. Peter tells us that baptism saves us from something NOW. I asked Elder Kesner what baptism saves us from NOW. He never did tell me. BAPTISM gives us the REMISSION OF SINS, Acts 2:38. I asked what baptism does. It SAVES, GIVES THE REMISSION OF SINS, it WASHES AWAY SINS, Acts 22:16, and puts one INTO CHRIST, Romans 6:3 and 4. I have shown conclusively that baptism is essential to salvation of the human soul.

First of all, if you are ever saved, you must SAVE YOURSELF. In Acts the second chapter, Peter said, "SAVE YOURSELVES from this untoward generation." I cannot be saved for YOU. I cannot LIVE your life and you cannot LIVE mine. We must "save OURSELVES from this untoward generation." My plea with you is that you will lay aside all prejudice and you will remember what I placed here (pointing to board). You will



remember the “triangle”. You will remember that faith PLUS baptism equals salvation. You will remember that “baptism doth also NOW save us.” You remember these passages. I plead with you my friends, from the bottom of my heart, go to your homes, get your BIBLE, get your concordance if necessary, study these passages. Don’t accept it because I say it. You accept it because it is in THE WORD OF GOD. You don’t have to accept it because I said it. You can hate me, but don’t hate God’s word because it will condemn your soul. You want to believe that which is found in the WORD OF GOD.

You remember when Paul stood in the presence of the Great King Agrippa. He expounded unto him the way of the Lord and Agrippa said, “Paul, ALMOST thou PERSUADEST me to be a CHRISTIAN.” Friends, ALMOST is but to be lost. You must render obedience unto the Gospel in its entirety. You must HEAR God’s word, Romans 10:17, “FAITH cometh by HEARING and HEARING by the word of God.” You must also BELIEVE the gospel, Hebrews 11:6, “For without FAITH it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must BELIEVE that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” You must REPENT of your sins, Luke 13:3. Jesus said, “Except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise perish.” And then Jesus tells us in Matthew 10:32, “Whosoever shall CONFESS me before men, him will I confess before my father which is in Heaven.” Then lastly, friends, the thing that places you into Christ Jesus. The thing, YEA, the thing that changes your STATE is baptism itself! This is confirmed on page 34 by Elder Kesner. We are TRANSLATED from the kingdom of DARKNESS into the KINGDOM of God’s dear son, Col. 1:13. As Ananias of old said unto Saul of Tarsus, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be BAPTIZED and WASH away thy sins.” Friends, I am pleading that you will do exactly that. That you will “ARISE, and be BAPTIZED and wash away your sins.” That is not what Hogland says, that is what the sacred pages of inspiration say.

Then, after while when life’s dream is over, when its battles have been FOUGHT and its VICTORIES won, you can lay aside your battle shattered armour on the fields of honorable controversy, and rest assured that God will welcome you into that everlasting home of the soul. When the pale horse and his rider cross the threshold of your earthly home and waft your loved ones away into regions unknown, through a mist of tears you can envision that rainbow of hope and shout in triumph, “JESUS SAVES! JESUS SAVES!” It’s that hope that pierces the gloom of the tomb, the HOPE that looks into regions beyond; it’s that hope that EXALTS and EXCELS any hope that we have on earth; it is that HOPE that looks unto Heaven itself with its walls of Jasper and its paved streets of gold.

I am pleading with you, friends, to accept that which is found in THE WORD OF GOD. John, the oldest of the apostles said shortly before he laid down the pen of inspiration in the book of Revelation, "Blessed are the dead that DIE in the LORD—that they might rest from their labors." Revelation 14:13. Friends, in order to DIE in the Lord, you must LIVE in him. In order to get INTO him, you must be BAPTIZED, Romans 6:3 and 4. If you LIVE IN HIM you will DIE IN HIM! John said this when he got a glimpse of that beautiful home of the soul.

In closing my speech tonight, as I have said before, this is a friendly discussion. We are here because these things are vital and essential. To show you that I have no personal animosity in my heart toward Elder Kesner, I want to shake his hand. (Hogland shaking hands with Mr. Kesner) This shows that there is no ill will in our hearts toward each other. We want you to understand that. We are discussing these things that you might come to a knowledge of the truth. May God's blessings be upon you is my prayer, and I thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

KESNER'S FOURTH NEGATIVE

Honorable Opponent, Gentlemen Moderators, Ladies and Gentlemen: In this concluding message of the debate, I again assure you that it is indeed a pleasure for me to come and appear before you. I enjoy the spirit of it in the conclusion. I will gladly, heartily, whole heartily, shake hands with my opponent. I think we think more of each other now than we ever did before. (Kesner laughing) Yes, sure enough, Elder, come over to the office any time you want to. (Hogland said, "Thank you, you come over to see me any time.") I'll enjoy it. Whether we agree or not. I want to say something else, too. I want to make this sincere, you other preacher brethren of his church, who live here in town or out of town, I gladly invite you to drop by any time. I'll treat you just as nice as I know how. If it comes handy I'll drop in to see you. Yes, sir, I'm honestly thrilled that this is concluding with such a good spirit. Sure am. I shall not intentionally include in my brief resume any new argument. If I should happen, carelessly, to make any new point, if I'm reminded, I'll apologize. I don't mean to.

Now then the two sentences I want to notice, of course he'll have no chance to reply. I meant to do it, but I honestly forgot it that time. That's sincere. If I understand it by memory, and I think I can. "Baptism doth NOW save us. Baptism doth NOT save us." Is that right? (Hogland says, "Yes.") I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give the Elder FIVE minutes of my time to mark out the ONE that's not so. I'll pass the buck back. (Hogland says, "You want me to, right now?") Yes, sir. (At this point Hogland rises and runs to the blackboard.) (laughter) (Hogland says, "Keep his time, it won't take me long. You want me to mark out the one I don't believe?") That 's right. (Hogland says, "All right, I will leave up here "Baptism doth NOW save us," and I'll MARK through "Baptism doth not save us.") Then you believe baptism doth now save us? (Hogland says, "Yes, sir!") Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. OK. (laughter) Now then, **"baptism doth now save us"** and there's nothing else at all in it. That leaves it PURELY WATER. (Hogland rises and says, "The word "NOW" doesn't mean ONLY.") All right, as you don't have another chance, we'll just friendly stop it. (laughter) I don't want to get anything in of an ugly spirit. Because I did mean to take care of it before, but over looked it. Honestly, I did mean to.

Now then as we come to our concluding thoughts. He made a mention that I have been evading a question, or some questions. I thought I had honestly, sincerely ANSWERED those questions, though they were not satisfactory TO HIM of course. But I don't think ANYBODY has been a better EVADER of question than THE ELDER has been during this debate. And, in spite of that, he answered some I didn't believe he would. But nevertheless that's passed in the background now.

He brought in the triangle, mentioned it again. Now that's passed and he'll have no chance to answer me so that's gone. (laughter)

And then, about Acts 16:31, man believe ONLY, he said he BELIEVED that was right, but not ONLY. Well, he quotes James, that man is not saved by "FAITH ONLY." That was his rebuttal to that. Well, of course, all I can do is to remind you that that has been thoroughly thrashed out, in the FIRST AFFIRMATIVE on the "ONLY" in James. I must be careful that I don't introduce new argument. I don't want to be unfair.

I believe he mentioned that we are not to follow Hogland and Kesner, but we are to follow Christ. Well, I concur to that. We're to follow Christ, but HOW are we to follow him? We are to IMITATE HIM. Therefore, we must FIRST be a CHILD OF GOD before we can FOLLOW him. We must be a BORN CHILD OF GOD. Now then, what kind of a life do they WALK BEFORE they are baptized? I said they walked the CHRISTIAN life. They are a new creature in Christ Jesus, they are BORN AGAIN, and BAPTISM IS TO DECLARE, just like Jesus was MADE MANIFEST to Israel (John 1:31). Therefore, we are baptized in the same manner, to DECLARE and to MAKE MANIFEST, we arise out of that watery grave IN A FIGURE, and we're walking in that FIGURE as we're walking alive LIKE JESUS was alive, when he arose from the tomb. We're buried with him in baptism.

Now then, he asked me if I baptized the two natures; the two natures, outer nature, or inner nature? Well, man is a three-fold being. Man is a trinity, and God said, **"Make man after our own image."** Therefore man is an IMAGE of God. Man is BODY, SOUL, and SPIRIT. That makes the man complete. These three agree in one. Whenever you baptize a man, whatever makes man, that's what you baptize. You baptize man.

Then he comes back again and refers to 1 Cor. 1:12 and 13 on the chart, and complained that I had not noticed the chart. Well, honestly I don't know what to do to notice it. I ANSWERED EVERY SCRIPTURE he had on it, so far as I can understand. I took 1 Cor. 1:12 and 13, and answered it. I brought up 1 Cor. 1:17 and showed how that Paul said, **"I was NOT sent to BAPTIZE, but to preach the gospel."** Then I came over to the 4th chapter verse 15 where Paul said to the Corinthians, **"I have BEGOTTEN ALL OF YOU through the gospel."** Now the Elder NEVER DID ANSWER 1 Cor. the 4th chapter, verse 15. **"I have BEGOTTEN ALL OF YOU through the gospel,"** yet he was NOT SENT TO BAPTIZE. Now, friends, there is an argument that will just keep standing.

Now I want to call your attention to Acts 22:16. I'm not going to make an argument, only calling attention, but he DIDN'T ANSWER IT. He produced it as an argument in his affirmative. Over in Acts the 22nd chapter verse 16, Paul washing away his sins. Last night I came and made an ARGUMENT on that and I SHOWED PAUL'S COMMISSION. I argued 1 Cor. 1:17 and he DID NOT FACE this argument, and that was a STRONG argument. I will not introduce new argument now, because he has no chance to reply. So we'll have to pass that on.

I'm calling your attention to some things he didn't meet. Then again coming back to Rom. 3:3 and 4. Well, in Rom. 3:3, 4 the prepositions there have REFERENCE to RELATION and, as I have already given on last evening the definition of lexicographers,

on the preposition EIS, that it is with REFERENCE to relation or regards. I made the argument as to WHETHER OR NOT our salvation was to LOCATION or with RELATION. "As many of you as have been BAPTIZED WITH REFERENCE to Christ." We're baptized WITH REFERENCE to his death. And that will stand.

Well, I want to call your ATTENTION to the fact that HE DROPPED Acts 2:38. He didn't make an argument, and he DID NOT CALL UP THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, and HE DID NOT bring in any AUTHORITY. He only stood here and DENIED it, but he DID NOT DISPROVE Acts 2:38, the thing I was WILLING to RISK THE DEBATE ON, and I'll GO HOME REJOICING that he DIDN'T TAKE IT AWAY. Well, I KNEW HE WOULDN'T before I came. That's one thing I knew WOULDN'T HAPPEN. That thing WILL STAND as it's been discussed.

1 Pet. 3:21. He comes back now to the FIGURE. That is to the salvation of Peter. I was listening carefully that last time, but probably I need my hearing aid. I didn't hear him quote it this way, "The like figure whereunto," but that is exactly.... (At this point some children were talking in one corner of the building.) Stop that! That is exactly what Peter said, "the like figure," and a FIGURE is not the REAL THING. There's my shadow, it's a figure of me, but it ISN'T me, it's like me, like me. Baptism is a FIGURE as we have discussed over and over. The LIKENESS as Jesus was baptized to MANIFEST, that he was the SON OF GOD. Then we are baptized TO MANIFEST that we are SONS OF GOD, not to BECOME the son of God.

Well, I won't fuss about it, and am not peeved about it, but I didn't think he would turn to DEBATING WITH THE LADIES in the church. I thought he signed to MEET ME. And about "Brother Kesner knows the dodge." He said, there just isn't any DODGE. It's a fact that Brother Kesner knows how to tell WHO'S BAPTIZED. I've DONE IT over and over and over until YOU FOLKS ought to have it BY MEMORY like I have it. Yes, you ought to have it by memory. Yes, I believe that debating is good, Elder, repeating these scriptures over and over. The church, the most of them, won't read their Bibles any way, and this is a good way to teach them isn't it? (Hogland says, "Yes, it's a good way.") (laughter) We just tell them over and over until they memorize them. (Hogland says, "Yes, that's right.") Yes, sir! Now if you folks aren't getting some good out of this debate it's your fault, you're not concentrating. (Hogland says, "That's right.")

All right. He said, "**Save yourself from this untoward generation.**" Now, if I understand what he meant by that passage in Acts, and the purpose of it, "**to save yourselves**" leaving the influence that there's something you YOURSELF are going to have to DO to be saved. That's the position that he signed up in the proposition, and that he's taken all the way through. And all the GREAT CORRELATED references I gave here to PROVE that we're saved without works STILL STAND, my friends, UN-ANSWERED. I want to remind you while passing. I'll not refer back to the charts tonight now. I am just BRINGING to your minds, I'm just REMINDING you that ONE-HALF of my AFFIRMATIVE, and I had some of my VERY BEST AFFIRMATIVES SAVED FOR THAT SECOND NIGHT, and not one of them were mentioned. But if that's fine debating, all

right, we're still going to shake hands. I sure would like to have had that answered though.

Now, my friends, if baptism IS ESSENTIAL to salvation, as we have been debating the four nights, it CONTRADICTS A GREAT BODY OF SCRIPTURES, which I've repeatedly called your attention to, and which the Elder ACKNOWLEDGED. I brought about one hundred. I don't know how many I had, I didn't count them. Numbers and numbers of them, yet if BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL to salvation, IT CONTRADICTS the inspired record of Luke which I have quoted time and time again. Philip said, **"if thou believest with all thy heart thou mayest."** And he answered and said, **"I believe that Jesus is the son of God."** **"If thou believest with all thy heart."** Well, I believe that with all my heart, my friends, and I'll not go through a long host of references for the simple fact lest I carelessly, enthusiastically get into a big way, and quote some scriptures and impose on my friend. I don't want to impose on him. I believe that I have convinced him that I'm not here to impose on him. Even though we have had a good friendly discussion, I haven't tried to impose on him. But let me tell you, my friends, with all the earnestness of my heart, the thing I'm CONTENDING for is that men and women HEAR the gospel, BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and be SAVED upon the TERMS of the gospel. **"For there is no other name given among men except in Jesus."** He is the saviour and, **"as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** But now remember when Jesus was dying upon the cross, bleeding and dying for the sins of the world, he was there giving his LIFE, paying the PRICE, that you and I may come, wholly and completely surrendering our lives unto him. To be SAVED BY HIS GRACE AND MERCY, and not by any WORK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, which we have done. We have discussed this all through this debate. Now then. Jesus paying the PRICE, shedding HIS BLOOD, pouring out his life blood upon the cross of Calvary that men and women everywhere may be saved. And I will say one thing. I overlooked it in my notes, but it clicked here just now. I want to go back. I don't want to leave that unturned. Some reference he made to the infidel. Well, I can't call what the point was. Anyway I'll go on. (Hogland says, "Do you want me to call your attention to it?") Please. (Hogland says, "All right. You said that grace had no conditions, and I said in that case would the infidel be saved?") Thank you. I must not have caught it or something. Thank you, thank you. Friendly, very friendly. "That grace had no condition, and in that case would the infidel be saved?" He therefore sought to stamp universalism upon me. Now, friends, of course, that was an argument of his own, but I know that this congregation does not believe that I believe in universalism. (laughter) I believe just like I have debated with you, for all these four nights, with a great host of scriptures I have piled up and piled up here to show that we are SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH WITHOUT WORKS, and those arguments ARE STANDING many of them, UNANSWERED, and they will CONTINUE TO STAND in the day of judgment UNANSWERED. "He that cometh to God and trusts him as his personal savior will be saved." Then we follow him PUT ON Christ in baptism. The UNIFORM of the soldier.

Now then reference was made to the UNIFORM about the soldier pulls the uniform off, then he is out of the army. (laughter) Well, it depends where he pulls it off. He has got to go to bed, and sleep, and Uncle Sam makes provisions for that. But if he pulls it off as I said previously, and goes to town without authority on him, then he is in trouble indeed. But we will pass that on now. That's just reiteration of what has already been said because he referred to it.

Now then, friends, remember that Jesus said yonder in the 18th verse of the third chapter of John that, **"he that believeth is not condemned."** Everyone of you listening to me tonight who will come to him, REPENTING OF YOUR SIN, and BELIEVING ON HIM, you are NOT CONDEMNED. But if you DON'T BELIEVE in him of course you ARE CONDEMNED, without God LOST and WITHOUT HOPE in the world.

My friends, I want to call your attention to a few facts. How long did it take the spirit of God to raise Jesus' body from the dead? Just in a MOMENT, in the TWINKLING of an eye. That's part of this debate. How quick does it take God to save us? Just in a MOMENT, in the TWINKLING of an eye. How long did it take him to SAVE THE POOR WOMAN yonder who came weeping and washing his feet? In a MOMENT in the TWINKLING of an eye. (At this point Hogland calls a point of order, and insists that new material is being brought in.) Am I? You never did notice that part. I don't mean to bring it up. I remembered I presented it, but I didn't remember whether you answered it or not. I don't mean to do that at all. I meant to present the argument right. So Jesus, when he does things, he does it IN A MOMENT. It doesn't take him always to do it. But, nevertheless, the fact is whether we are SAVED THE MOMENT we believe or whether we are not saved UNTIL we are baptized, as my friend has been debating and debating. So then we come SURRENDERING our heart, our LIFE, our all to him, then Jesus sheds abroad in our hearts the love of God, and we go on rejoicing. Following him in baptism, FIGURATIVELY as we have discussed over and over and over again.

Now, for the purpose of not wanting to trample on this man with scriptures that have not been brought up, and the fact that he did not lay enough argument down here to keep me talking, (laughter) I wouldn't mind talking all night but, nevertheless, to refrain from going and trampling on his privileges, I tell you now I will come to conclusion a little ahead of time. I don't want to infringe on the man. I've got just bushels I want to say, but I expect you have, too. (Hogland says, "Yes, that's right.") (laughter) Now, dear friends, I remind you that it has indeed, honestly, and sincerely, been a marvelous privilege to meet this man in this friendly discussion and now then, in turn, (at this point Mr. Kesner shakes hands with Mr. Hogland, his moderator, and time keeper). We are happy indeed for the fine spirit that has been manifested. (At this point people started leaving the building.) Now, if you please, friends, don't. There are just a very few announcements these men want to make. Please give them audience, and let them make them before you scatter. Will you do that? Please do that for courtesy sake.