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M Y Q U E S T I O N S T O A C A M P B E L L I T E P R E A C H E R

This is a brief supplement to my printed study of how it was psychologically possible for the Campbellite preacher, Fall, to lead off the majority of both the Nashville Baptists and the original First Baptist Church in Louisville, in pioneer times, away from the gospel of grace to the follies of Campbellism. In that study, I cited, as an interesting parallel, the first Campbellite missionaries to Brazil, who took out down the road and, meeting a Catholic, would ask him if he believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; on his assent, and then consent, they would immerse him and give him a letter of admission to the Garanhuns Baptist Church, nearby, where I was living then, in rest from overwork and consequent illness. I am searching through my files, to lessen in every way possible, without destruction of historical material of value, the volume of stuff I have kept through the years. There I found the original set of questions I asked one of these wandering Campbellite preachers, facing which he cried like a baby. Here they are.

1. What is the order of repentance and faith in the biblical experience of salvation ?
2. Do you belong to any religious denomination or sect ?
3. What are the conditions prescribed by the New Testament for salvation?
4. How often should a church observe the Lord's Supper ?
5. If a man who has repented of his sins and trusted for salvation in the crucified and risen Savior, then refuses to be baptized, is he saved?

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6. Does the Holy Spirit operate immediately on the human heart in regeneration, or is his operation confined to the spiritual ~~power~~ power of the inspired Word?

7. Do your churches receive members by baptism by the voice of the church itself or by the sole decision of the minister who baptizes?

8. What is repentance?

9. What is saving faith?

10. Is a believer eternally saved, or may he be lost and saved again?

11. What is the name or names by which churches should be called?

12. Do you practice the use of instrumental music in worship?

13. Who is the responsible human authority in the administration of the Lord's Supper — the minister alone, or the church, or the church including the minister?

14. As a minister presiding in the administration of the Lord's Supper, do you give the elements to Christians who were never baptized?

15. Is there any other baptism than immersion?

16. In what organized way may churches cooperate?

His answers were dodges, equivocations, or straddling the fence and taking both sides of a question. At the end he was all confusion and burst into tears and cried like a baby. But he quit posing as a Baptist out on the highways. Dr. Carver wrote me he belonged to the Hollite wing of the Campbellites.

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