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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15. THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR.**

ACTS 12:1-14.

**MOTTO TEXT:** "He kneeled down and worshipped with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."—Acts 7:60.

Stephen had been arrested before the Sanhedrin. He had spoken faithfully and fearlessly before the Lord. He preached to them a wonderful sermon, and as he spoke, his face shone with a preternatural radiance.

"When they heard these things..." They had quietly listened to Stephen's argument. But when he came to the personal application (12:13) they burst out in fury. They started at him like wild beasts. All pretense of order and law was abandoned. They rushed to the heart. "Literally" they were seen through."

"And he, being full of the Holy Ghost..." According to the promise of the Lord when they should be brought before kings and rulers for his sake. This was the first Christian martyr, and his glorious witness was granted him not only for his own comfort and encouragement, but for the strengthening of all the martyrs who should come after him.

"And the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God..." Those under the old dispensation had the glory of God, but they were allowed the same exalted blessing. The Holy Spirit may not take away the weight of day from the eyes of the dying saint, yet is the glory of God in the writing Savior as near to them as to Stephen.

Verses 56, Stephen alone saw the vision, but he told it to his friends who might well believe it as they saw the glory on his radiant face. This is the only time in the Bible when any one has been himself called the Son of Man. When the Lord spoke of himself in heaven or the evangelists spoke of him, it was of his sitting at the right hand of the Father. But Stephen saw him standing to receive his faithful martyr. He is no forgetful God, now that he has resumed the story which he began before the world was. He is deeply interested in his people; he rejoices to welcome them into the many-mansioned house he has prepared for them.

"Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears..." To signify they would hear no more of that blasphemy. They were not to give him his formal condemnation by law. If Jesus is not God, Stephen deserved stoning, according to the law of Moses; and it should have been done regularly and according to law. As it was, this was no legal condemnation, but murder.

"And said out of the city and some..." The law of Moses required all executions should be made within the city limits (Lev. 24:14). The man Stephen had been turned by rage into a murderous mob, but they cared for the appearance of law sufficiently to take the form of a city and stone him. Just about this time the Jews were without a governor, Pilate having been removed.

"And they stood Stephen calling upon God and saying, Lord Jesus receive the spirit..." Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost when he thus prayed to Jesus. This is another proof, and every page of Testament is full of such proof, that the Nazarene is the great God. It is right to pray to the Lord, though Christians generally pray to the Father. There is no room for sleeping between the praying Stephen

and the Father, standing to receive his life into his own hands.

"And he knelt down, as the storm of death fell round him, and cried with his earnest soul, 'Lord, Jesus receive the spirit for the young man standing there with the witness' robes? We hear in this prayer the echo of the words, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'"

"And when he had said this, he fell asleep..." He knelt to the Father, his body went to the grave, his spirit to the waiting Lord. Death for the believer is but a sleep. To human wisdom it seems strange that a man of such spiritual and mental power as Stephen should have been allowed by God to be slain so early in his work. But God knows. No man is necessary to his work. If he takes Stephen home to glory in a chariot of pain, he can raise up a Paul in his stead.

"And Saul was consenting to his death..." The Greek implies heavy approval. "There was a great persecution..." Having no one to stand in the apostles' stead, the persecuted fled. They had not yet been told by the Spirit to go elsewhere.

"And devout men carried Stephen..." And devout men carried Stephen to his burial. It is in this brief expression that these devoted men were not believers in Jesus, but were pious Jews who were sojourning in the Jewish work of their countrymen, but would express their detestation of it. Their great lamentation was meant as an indictment against Stephen.

"For he had said..." He was made head of the church. "He was very active and bitter as a persecutor, very believing he was doing God service. And let us not forget that if Jesus were not God, Saul was right in this thing. He searched the house, he spared none. "Haling" means hauling, dragging out of the house. He was before the priests and had the use of the temple guard to aid him in his persecution.

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Literary.

Magnates.

THE August number of the Review of Reviews contains a character sketch of Mr. Grover Cleveland, written by a gentleman whose qualifications are admitted the very best. Mr. George F. Parker, who has recently edited Mr. Cleveland's speeches, official messages and other utterances, is sympathetic and eloquent, but careful and candid, sketch of the distinguished statesman of the Democratic party. This August number of the Review of Reviews is particularly interesting. One of its keenest criticisms is shown in the editorial attack upon "Cahenism," by prominent American Catholic editor, who declares that within a certain limit the Catholicism of the United States, and is a most unworthy conspiracy to prevent the Americanization of European immigrants to this country.

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LOUISVILLE, KY. MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 1909.

Only of the signs of the times which cry for gratitude to God, is the weakness which our churches show to-day. Especially is this true of the Southern churches. The brethren are not asleep in the ranks. They are obeying the command which we give to all who believe...

And what is still more encouraging to us is that they are showing the bravery which Paul showed in Corinth; the very highest exhibition of courage; the same which was shown by the men of the Roman executioner...

But he did it. Paul knew that faithfulness was his business, the consequences were his own. He did not hesitate to condemn a wrong because it was done by Peter and his opposition might "injure the cause."

One of the recent instances in which this faithful watchfulness has been shown was when the Southern Convention series for the current quarter said something which was a rebuke to the Southern churches. And when the Convention Series held the lesson on the day of Pentecost, "The First Christian Church," the writer did not see the hearing did not see the value of the lesson, but could mean even when most strictly interpreted...

The Reformation here is always about in the summer as different ones take their vacation. Dr. Eaton is the one who maintains the Quarterly, and is left for Europe several times in the season that he usually goes on his vacation. No one had read the Quarterly, hence the Reformation which we know of the opposition in the papers and we heard of church resolutions on the subject. And then came the reformation of friends because of the papers. The reformation, whether it be in the Southern or in the Northern, is our countrymen. It is our countrymen, it is our countrymen, it is our countrymen...

and faithful in witnessing over Peter to the South. The silence of the Reformation here is not a rebuke to the Southern churches. It is a rebuke to the Southern churches. It is a rebuke to the Southern churches...

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Some good people say the Reformation is the Southern Baptist, particularly the gray-headed ones, absolutely perfect. Especially that when we look across the Ohio river, we put on the bluest of glasses. It is a matter of no moment what the result is in the salvation of souls as to the place where it was fulfilled...

Therefore the unconverted, whether in the church or out of it, will be greatly delighted with this way of writing of baptism. The writer declares it has opened new worlds to them and made them love the Bible as never before. Yes, verily, before. In regard to the latter point, the writer means on every page. He says it as they do Herodotus and Homer.

But the Scriptures stand against such a course. The writer will not make men who unto salvation, will not make men who unto salvation...

What could be more in accordance with Scripture, common sense, and common decency? There is no need for any of our people who are not in the church to be any more than they are. It is a matter of no moment what the result is in the salvation of souls as to the place where it was fulfilled...

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Is the only baking powder yet found by chemical analysis to be free from all impurities, and absolutely pure. This perfect purity results from the exclusive use of cream of tartar specially refined and prepared by patent processes which totally remove all the tartaric lime. The cost of this chemically pure cream of tartar is much greater than any other, and it is used in no baking powder except the "Royal."

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"I find the Royal Baking Powder composed of pure and wholesome ingredients. It is a cream of tartar powder, and does not contain either alum or phosphates, or other injurious substance."

(Late U. S. Gov't Chemist) "E. G. LOVE, Ph. D."

Prof. Love's tests, and the recent official tests by the United States and Canadian Governments, show the Royal Baking Powder to be superior to all others in strength and leavening power.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Barbours are making up Germany. There was a slight shock before, and on the 20th a severe one, which was followed by a general strike. The general strike was in Nieder-Lahn, where the strike lasted for several days and no business was transacted there was no loss of life.

There has been great loss of life and property occasioned by a storm in Japan. The Barbours River was twenty-four feet above the normal stage, and at Okazaki the water was twenty feet above the normal stage. It was killed in Tokushima, and many lives were lost.

There have been two terrific blizzards in Vermont, where the snow was thought to be the heaviest ever. The blizzards were in the mountains, and the snow was very deep.

The treaty between the U. S. and Canada regarding the boundary between the two countries. The treaty was signed in 1842, and it has been the subject of many disputes.

A Sunday-school incident. Last Sunday just as the school was about to be dismissed a brother was called to the front and said, "You all know that our beloved superintendent has been sick and unable to attend school for some time."

The German Reichstag has announced the results of its investigation into the matter of the Kaiser's health. The Kaiser's health is reported to be good, and he is able to attend to his duties.

### BERCHMAN'S PILLS

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FOR ALL BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS

Such as flat stomach, wind and pain in the chest, indigestion, constipation, headache, dizziness, nervousness, depression, melancholy, and all the ailments of the stomach and bowels.

The project through this subscription never was brighter than it is now. The Baptists have a magnificent prospect of the station, and have determined to do all in their power to capture the field for the Kingdom of their salvation.

The District of Columbia Board of the North Baptist Association met in this church, and from the reports our work showed that the Lord was greatly blessing our efforts. Reports showed 8 Sunday-schools organized, 1 church organized, 20 additions and 25 contributed by the field, which is still another step forward.

The Ministers' Institute convened here Saturday with a large attendance throughout the session. The Board of Health has an interest in the discussion of every question upon the programme which created a good feeling, and our ministerial brethren were his field entrusted with the mission work, and promised to press the same before their respective congregations.

On Sunday at 11 o'clock the church was packed, when we concluded it was a prophetic time to do some extra work. The Master, after the sermon we raised for field work \$65.00, and the Board now has two evangelists in the field.

We may expect grand advances to be made by the Baptists here as they are waking up and feel the importance of the mission work.

The next meeting of the North-Central Baptist Ministers' Institute will meet with the Baptist Church at Barboursville, West Virginia, on every Baptist preacher in this section that possibly can attend these meetings, for they are of great advantage to every minister.

We now have a District Sunday-school Convention—it is a Baptist convention, not a union. Now, as this is the first time since the formation of this denomination, it is hoped that every Baptist in the bounds of the convention will feel interested enough in the work to attend the same and attend the meeting of the convention.

The work is moving along gradually by the grace of God. New houses of worship are being built, and creditable houses too they are. Three churches have arranged for dedication in September. May God continue to bless our work as a denomination through Southwestern Kentucky. May the truth be established all over the land.

We have plenty and are prospering in temporal as well as spiritual things. Yours in the Word, W. J. PUCKERT, Fossil, Ky., Aug. 11, 1927.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—You will please excuse me for writing to you on a subject that I feel a deep interest in. The subject is the organizing of the Baptists of the state to their whole duty in the missionary work.

The advantages of this plan—1. The meeting has a definite and fixed purpose. 2. The place of meeting is and should be without expense and loss of time.

3. The Baptists of each county can be met thoroughly in such conventions than they can in any assembly. 4. The subject of the plan is the organizing of the Baptists of the state to their whole duty in the missionary work.

Passengers going to any point East or West and desiring a quick and comfortable trip, will find it to their advantage to take the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The Louisville and Nashville Railroad is the only line that runs through the heart of the South, and it is the most comfortable and the most reliable.

# TRIPLE

## PRICES THAT ARE TRADE WINNERS.

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Men's	Peasng Shirts, worth 15c, alteration price, per yard, 75c
Men's	Brown Stripe Linen, for Boy's Wash Pants, worth 25c, alteration price, per yard, 125c
Men's	Solid-color French Oragny, in cream, light blue, medium blue and lavender, worth 40c, alteration price, per yard, 125c
Men's	One lot French Gingham, worth from 25c to 40c, alteration price, per yard, 125c
Men's	Blue Creole Linen Checks, worth 40c, alteration price, per yard, 20c
Men's	Double-fold 124 Columbia Button, regular 124 quality, alteration price, per yard, 65c
Men's	Light-grown Alameda Zephyrs, worth 12c, alteration price, per yard, 65c
Men's	Printed Grenadine Stripes, of season price was 15c, alteration price, per yard, 50c
Men's	Black and White Figured Satton, worth every day 15c, alteration price, per yard, 9c
Men's	Draw Gingham, new styles, in plaids and stripes worth 12c and 15c, alteration price, per yard, 75c
Men's	Turkish Bath Soap, per cake, 2c
Men's	Palm Soap, per cake, 4c
Men's	Honey Glycerine and Brown Windsor Soap, per cake, 5c
Men's	Imported White Castile Soap, per cake, 5c
Men's	Transparent Glycerine Soap, per cake, 4c
Men's	Lubin's Powder, per package, 5c
Men's	Swandow complexion Face Powder, per box, 10c
Men's	Vaseline, per bottle, 5c

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Will you apply to me to see that you get the best shoe for your money. I have been making shoes for over 40 years, and I know what I am talking about.

### Jersey Pants

For Children in Blue, Tan, Drab and Brown Shades reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.

### Summer Neckwear

In Bobby Puf Shapes, out from 35c to 10c and 50c and 75c Four-to-Hands reduced to 25c.

### Silk Shirts

The finest and best Shirts in town out from \$4.50 to \$2, and the Finest Necktie Shirts reduced from \$3.50 and \$4 to \$2.

### Summer Coats

And Vests, same quality, that other houses offer as a bargain at \$4 and \$5. You can buy here for \$2 and \$3.50.

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Cash Sellers of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

### THE MARKETS.

#### LEAF TOBACCO MARKET.

Report for the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 11, 1927.

Common to medium leaf	1.0000
Medium to fine leaf	1.1000
Choice to extra leaf	1.2000
Light medium leaf	1.0500
Shades	1.0000
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#### LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Report for the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 11, 1927.

Good to extra shipping steers	1.0000
Medium to fine	1.1000
Light to medium	1.2000
Common to rough	1.3000
Light to medium	1.4000
Medium to fine	1.5000
Choice to extra	1.6000
Good to extra	1.7000
Medium to fine	1.8000
Light to medium	1.9000
Common to rough	2.0000