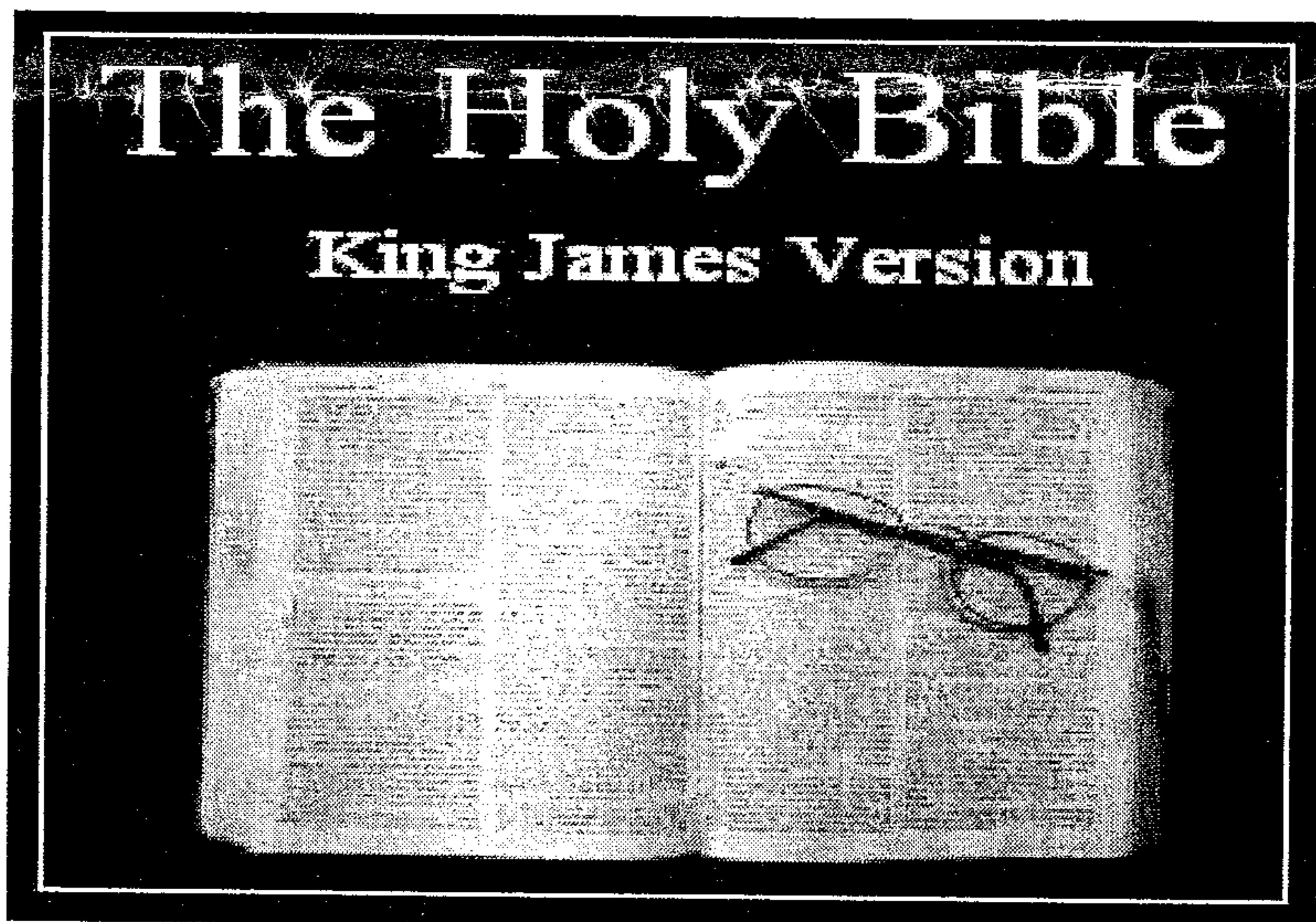


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REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER

*Rev. Alexander O. Dunlap
1914-1975*

For the benefit of our new Readers, we are reproducing in this issue of the "Gospel Catholic" some edifying articles written by our beloved founder, Rev. Alexander O. Dunlap.

Mr. Dunlap was born in 1914. He worked in the city and suburbs of Philadelphia, PA. His religious affiliation was Episcopalian. At age twelve, he was confirmed by Episcopal Bishop Hart in the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia. Some years later he completed a correspondence course with the Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus.

However, it was not until September 1939, as a young "religious" man of twenty five, he accepted an invitation to attend evangelistic meetings in **Grace Chapel, Havertown, PA**. His exposure to the faithful preaching of the Word of God wrought conviction and conversion in his heart and life, and he became a new creature in Christ. The following are his own words: *"The new life brought new desires, new associations, and a love for God's Word. I attended the Philadelphia School of the Bible (now the Philadelphia College of the Bible), was Biblically baptized, united with Grace Chapel, and have been there ever since..."*

Approximately ten years later (1950) he dedicated his life to the Lord's service, and obeyed the prompting of the Holy Spirit to start the **Conversion Center**. A large house, located on West Eagle Rd

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THEIR "ROCK" IS NOT OUR "ROCK"

The First Pope

The Roman Catholic Church teaches: *"The one (and only one) Church which Christ founded had Simon Bar-Jona or Peter for its head. (Our Lord had changed his name from Simon Bar-Jona to Peter. Matthew 16:18-19) Later our Lord made Simon Peter pastor of the lambs and the sheep, that is, His whole flock. John 21:15-17. Our Lord promised that Peter would confirm the faith of the other Apostles, Luke 22:32. Comment: Hence only the Church having Peter and his lawful successors for its head can logically claim to be the Church of Christ."*

ANSWER: FALSE.

1. The true Church of Jesus Christ has only CHRIST as its Head. Peter is not the head of Christ's Church. He is not even the head of the Roman Counterfeit. If Peter were alive, he would be the first to deny this false claim.
 2. It is not true that our Lord "made Simon Peter pastor of ...His whole flock."
 3. Any church claiming to have Peter as its head proves itself to be of Satan, and not of God. The term "lawful successors" as applied to Peter is fanciful, fictitious and fraudulent.
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1. **CHRIST IS THE ONLY HEAD OF HIS CHURCH** – read Ephesians 1:22, 4:15, 5:23; Colossians 1:18, 2:19. Romish priests will reply to this that although Christ is the *supreme Head* of His Church, there must be a visible head on earth, and Peter was that head. This is false and is an insult to Jesus Christ. He alone is our Head (Mt. 2:6); Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14); Intercessor (Jn. 17:9); Advocate (1 Jn. 2:1); Only Saviour (Acts 4:12); Rock (1 Cor. 10:4-5, Dt. 31:1-4, 32, II Sam. 22:2, 32, Ps. 18:2, Mt. 16:21-25).
 2. **CHRIST DID NOT MAKE PETER PASTOR OF HIS WHOLE FLOCK.** Peter was the only Apostle, other than Judas who betrayed Christ and blasphemously denied Him. He denied Christ three times. Thus, Christ tested him three times before restoring his Apostleship, which he had forfeited. The seven steps in Peter's fall were:
 - (1) CONCEIT, Matthew 26:33
 - (2) EASE, Matthew 26:40
 - (3) RASHNESS John 18:10-11
 - (4) FOLLOWING AFAR OFF, Matthew 26:58
 - (5) EVIL ASSOCIATIONS, John 18:18
 - (6) OPEN DENIAL, John 18:25
 - (7) BLASPHEMY, Mark 14:70-71.

All true Christian pastors are to "feed the sheep." This order was not given alone to Peter: Acts 20:28; I Peter 5:2; Jer. 3:15, 23:4; Ez. 34:23. God's people are His "sheep" – Ps. 74:1, 79:13; Mt. 10:16, 15:24, 25:33, 26:31; Jn 10:3.

There are God's true shepherds (Christian pastors) and Satan's false shepherds (Romish priests and others); Jer. 23:2; Ez. 34:12; Mt. 9:36, 26:31; Jn. 10:12, 16:32; Acts 8:1. Thus, what Jesus told Peter to do in John 21:15-17, He tells all Christian pastors to do the same. Peter's sin made Christ's emphasis to him necessary. The conversation was similar to that of a child who has grieved his parents by disobeying them, asking for forgiveness and saying, *"I love you."* The parents reply, *"Do you really love us? Then prove it by your obedience."*

3. **PETER IS NOT THE HEAD OF CHRIST'S CHURCH, OR EVEN OF THE ROMAN COUNTERFEIT.** Peter acknowledged only one Head – Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 2:1-8. He wrote only two letters in the Bible – 1 Peter and 11 Peter. At the beginning of each, he describes himself, not pope; father; head of the church; Vicar of Christ; kings of kings; prince of peace; prince of the Apostles or any other such title. NO! He just says, "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 1:1. And, "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ" II Peter 1:1. He was just "one of the boys." Peter warned of false prophets and teachers who (like popes and priests) would *"Make merchandise of you."* The Romish system, through the mass and purgatory makes merchandise of souls and has created for itself the greatest moneymaking scheme in the world.
4. **CHRIST DID NOT PROMISE THAT PETER WOULD "CONFIRM THE FAITH OF THE OTHER APOSTLES."** He *ordered* him to *"strengthen the brethren."* This was to be the evidence of Peter's repentance from his wicked backsliding. Those who have fallen into sin must be converted from it and do what they can to strengthen other believers who have stumbled (1 John 2:10; Rom. 14:13) by their bad example. (Ps. 51:1-13; 1 Tim. 1:13).

The "head" of the papal system and all false religions is none other than the Devil himself. Luke 4:6; II Cor. 4:3-4; II Thess. 2:9; Jn. 8:44; II Cor. 4:3-4; Jn. 8:44; II Cor. 11:14; II Thess. 2:1-10.

Christians should do all they can to direct souls out of Satan's systems, and encourage them to trust the Lord Jesus Christ, the ROCK of AGES, in Whom alone is safety for time and eternity. *"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."* II Corinthians 5:20.

A. O. D.

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand!

Edward Mote (1797-1874)

"THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY"

The Paulist Press publishes "A Catechism for Inquirers." We quote from page 83,

#6 "WHAT IS MEANT BY THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN? When she departed this earth, Mary was 'assumed' or taken into heaven, body and soul, and crowned as its Queen.

#7 WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN? God wished to preserve her body from the decay that follows death, because from her Jesus Christ took His human nature. It is the Christian belief that all bodies will rise from the grave at the end of the world; in the case of the Blessed Virgin, this was simply anticipated. Her body was not allowed to suffer corruption.

#8 WHEN DO WE COMMEMORATE THE ASSUMPTION? August 15. In the United States it is a Holy Day on which Catholics must attend Mass."

Roman Catholics need to hear the truth from Bible-believing Christians that this doctrine is a fraud. It is an insult to the Word of God and is part of the sin of Mary-worship.

1. The Bible tells us plainly of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. The Bible says NOTHING of the death of Mary. There is not a hint of her "assumption" or "resurrection." This is altogether a lie of Satan.
3. The Bible reveals that Jesus committed Mary to John. John took her into his home. Jesus appeared first, after His resurrection, not to Mary, but to Mary Magdalene. Mary is last mentioned in the Bible, praying with the other disciples. Not a word concerning her death, or her fictitious "assumption"
4. In every case of a special "home going", the Bible gives us a clear record - **Enoch** - Genesis 5:18-24; **Elijah** - 2 Kings 2:11; **the Lord Jesus Christ** - Acts 1:11. The Bible even tells of cases where souls were raised from the grave; **the son of the widow of Zerephath**, 1 Kings 17:22; **the son of the Shunammite**, 2 Kings 4:35; **Jairus' daughter**, Matthew 9:25; **son of the widow of Nain**, Luke 7:15; **Lazarus**, John 11:44; **saints at the time of the crucifixion**, Matthew 27:52; **Dorcas**, Acts 9:40; **BUT NOT A WORD ABOUT MARY.**

Obviously, she died and was buried like every one else.

5. The false doctrine of the "Assumption of Mary" cannot be found in Scripture. It cannot be found in the earliest writings of the Christians who lived after the death of the Apostles. Nor is it expressed in the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, or any other Christian Creed. No one heard of it or believed it for 600 YEARS after Christ. "The Question Box" published by the "Paulist Fathers," approvingly quotes Cardinal Newman as saying, "Catholics have not come to believe it because it is defined, but it was defined because they believed it." Here you have the basis for most of the RC Church's false, unscriptural doctrines!
6. Peter J. Doeswyck is a converted RC priest; studied at University of Freiburg, Switzerland; ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Omaha, Nebraska; resigned from the priesthood 1938. For 25 years he has specialized in the studies of the "Fathers," the Middle Ages and the History of the Church; has a background of 10 languages; has given hundreds of lectures on Church History. In his book, "The Ever Changing Church," pp, 123-127, he states "THE DOCTRINE OF THE ASSUMPTION IS A FRAUD, perpetrated in France at the very end of the 6th century, adopted by Rome in the 7th century, and sneaked into the Rituals of the Holy Empire in the 8th or early 9th century..." (See Catholic Encyclopedia, vol.2, p. 661).

May we show our love to Roman Catholics by turning them from Mariolatry to the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Saviour and Lord. We invite all who read this to trust CHRIST completely; leave the counterfeit Roman Catholic Church and fellowship in a Fundamental Christian Church.

A. O. D.

The Apostle Peter said,

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
Acts 4
verse 12.

Question asked to Mr. Dunlap, "Is the Roman Catholic doctrine of the
"PERPETUAL VIRGINITY OF MARY"
True and Scriptural?"

ANSWER:

No. The Roman Catholic doctrine is not true. It is anti-Scriptural. Mary, after conceiving Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit lived as a normal wife with Joseph, and gave birth to natural children, the half-brothers and half-sisters of Jesus Christ.

1. Mt. 1:24,25: "Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not TILL she had brought forth her **firstborn** son, and he called His Name Jesus."
2. Mt. 13:55,56: "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not **His mother** called Mary and **His brethren**, James and Joses, and Simon and Judas? And **His sisters**, are they not all with us? (We see here that Mary and Joseph had **four** other sons, at least, and **three** or more daughters. When there are only two, we say "both", not "all"). (Note: **mother, brethren, sisters**).
3. Mt. 12:46: "While He yet talked to the people, **His mother** and **His brethren** stood without, desiring to speak with Him." (See also Lk. 8:19,20).
4. Jn. 2:12: "After this He went to Capernaum, He and **His mother**, and **His brethren**."
5. Acts 1:14: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and **Mary the mother of Jesus**, and with **His brethren**." (The relationship is plain.)
6. Mk. 3:31: "There came then **His brethren** and **His mother**." (Identified together).
7. Gal. 1:19: "Other of the apostles saw I none, save **James the Lord's brother**." (James, one of the brothers of Jesus, became one of our Lord's apostles, although he was not one of the first twelve apostles.)
8. Jn. 7:3,5,10: "His **brethren** therefore said unto Him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that Thy **disciples** also may see the works that Thou doest ... For neither did His **brethren** believe in Him ... But when His **brethren** were gone up, then went He also up unto the feast, not openly but as it were in secret."
9. Ps. 69:8: (A Messianic Psalm, prophesying of Christ) "I am become a stranger unto **My brethren**, and an alien unto **My mother's children**." (This is proof positive.)
10. Lk. 2:7: "And she brought forth her firstborn Son." (Not **only** son ... but **firstborn** Son.) (Jesus Christ was virgin-born. He was the Son of Mary only, through the power of the Holy Spirit - Mt. 1:18. James, the half-brother of the Lord became the head of the church in Jerusalem and presided at the Jerusalem Council - Acts 15:13,19. And two of the books of the New Testament, James and Jude, were written by the sons of Joseph and Mary.

The Roman Catholic Church attempts to explain the brothers and sisters of Christ away by calling them "**cousins**" and therefore not the children of Joseph and Mary at all. But the Greek has another word that means 'cousin' ... **anepsios** ... as in Colossians 4:10, Mark the **cousin** of Barnabas.

Dr. John R. Rice says, "I have just read through in a large concordance every reference which has the term **brother** and **brethren**. You will find that in a great majority of the cases the word **brother** is used of blood brothers, actually sons of the same mother and father. I see no reason why the terms should be the exception instead of the usual meaning when referring to Jesus." (p. 64, "Dr. Rice, Here is my Question.")

Halley's Bible Pocket Handbook says (p. 369), "Does not the expression 'before they came together' Mt. 1:18, imply that they did afterward 'come together'? ... As for the 'cousin' theory, and the 'foster-brother' theory, they are mere guesses, with no linguistic or Scriptural basis for either, invented solely for the purpose of bolstering the doctrine of Mary's 'perpetual virginity' as a background for the exaltation of a professed celibate priesthood above the common people."

There are six Marys mentioned in the New Testament. After the virgin birth of Jesus, His mother was never identified as "the virgin Mary," but as "Mary, the mother of Jesus," Acts 1:14; Mt.2:11, 13:55; or just "**Mary**", Luke 2:16-19.

A.O.D.

PERPETUITY OF THE CHURCH

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES THAT: "The visible Church of Christ has had and will ever have uninterrupted existence. (Matthew 16 verse 18; and chapter 28 verses 19-20.)

ANSWER: There is no mention of the VISIBLE Church of Christ in the Scriptures referred to above. The Roman Catholic teachers frantically try to convince all who are capable of being fooled that its man-made system of pope, cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests is the True Church of Christ. On the contrary, it is a counterfeit.

Christ's words in Matthew 28:19-20, were spoken to individual believers. All born again believers are to be witnesses for Jesus Christ – Acts 1:8. It is not a man-made, bureaucratic system that "went everywhere preaching the Word." Individual believers in Christ, obedient to His command, did this – Acts 8:4. "The Church" referred to in Matthew 16:18 is the "ecclesia" – a "called-out" people, saved through faith in the perfect atonement of Jesus Christ.

Saul of Taurus, before his conversion, persecuted these people, who later became known, derisively, as "CHRISTIANS," or "Christ-ones," or "Christ-followers." Acts 11:26, 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16. These believers preached the Gospel of Christ to the Jews and to the Gentiles – Acts 11:19-20, thus fulfilling Romans 1:16. Every believer, or "born-again one," or saved person, or true Christian, or member of the Body of Christ, or member of the True Church, the "ecclesia" is called upon to do the same thing. As we do so, the Lord will be with us, and souls will be converted to Christ, even as in Acts 11:21.

It is not the Roman Catholic Church that will have "uninterrupted existence." It is not the Roman Catholic Church against which the "gates of hell" shall not prevail. It is the True Church of Jesus Christ; that is the sum total of all true

believers who have been justified by faith in Christ, and who are either on earth or in heaven. Against them, the Devil cannot prevail. He can neither withstand the preaching of the Gospel to prevent repentant sinners from being saved; nor can he prevail over them in death. Romans 6:9, 6:23, 8:38, 1 Corinthians 15:26, 54:55, Revelation 20:6, 21:4.

Christ's True Church – His "called-out ones" – has always existed since the first conversion. Those who have been saved through His Blood will indeed have "uninterrupted existence." Their earthly existence will be interrupted by death; but they will receive spiritual bodies, 1 Corinthians 15:35-37 – and live with God forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Rev. 5:9.

However, the Roman Catholic counterfeit, which began 500 years after Christ, will not only have its existence interrupted, but it will be *terminated* during the seven years TRIBULATION, FOLLOWING THE RAPTURE OF THE TRUE CHURCH – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation chapters 16, 17 & 18.

The True Church of Christ never failed nor became non-existent for 1000 or more years. However, the Roman Catholic counterfeit, through its persecutions, inquisitions, massacres, political intrigues and Bible-burnings, did every thing it could to stifle the true doctrines of Justification by Faith, and Salvation by Grace during the "Dark Ages." Luther, Calvin, Knox and others were mightily used of God in proclaiming these truths by their preaching, distribution of literature and printing Bibles in the common language; resulting in the conversions of millions to Jesus Christ as all-sufficient Saviour and Lord.

Today, Romanism (and other false cults) is being used by Satan to stifle the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of God. However, the True Church, groups of believers all over the world, goes marching on, holding forth the Word of Life – the Bible – the sole Rule of Faith.

Are you a member of the FALSE Church or the TRUE Church Whose Head is CHRIST?

A.O.D.

Mrs. Maconaghie writes...

Pray for new Director.

Dr. Moore, our International Director, has been led of the Lord to pursue other ministry interests. The Executive Board of the Conversion Center deeply appreciates his almost four years of dedication to the welfare and outreach of the Conversion Center. They especially pay tribute to his initiating the purchase and the progress of the Maconaghie Memorial Building, in Carthage, N.C.



Dr Moore will remain on the Executive Board of the Center.

Your prayers are vital that The Holy Spirit will direct our leadership to the man of God's choosing to fill the vacancy left by our dear Brother. For many years he has been associated with the Gospel Preachers Association, and under its auspices, he and Mrs. Moore will be traveling extensively at home and abroad. When in South Wales his dual purpose is to preach the Word and establish as soon as possible, a much-needed Bible College. Please pray for Mr. Moore, that his many endeavors for the Lord will be tremendously successful.

Important information from our Chairman...

For the information of our friends and supporters, we are now independent, and no longer affiliated with any fellowship or association. Therefore, we are more than ever, dependent on precious supporting souls like you.

In His precious Name,

Edwin Cameron (Executive Board Chairman)

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You may receive The Gospel Catholic but would prefer NOT to receive it. Simply let us know this and we will sadly comply with your desire.

Dear Saint of God, and a true live saint you are, if you have been "born again" into God's family, thanks ever so much for helping us spread the glorious Gospel Message. This message is not acceptable to many, because it exalts the Finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and annuls mans feeble efforts to obtain acceptance with God. The apostle Paul, under inspiration wrote, *"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."* Ephesians 2:8, 9. Are you reading this, and to this moment, you have not received God's gift? Please consider where you will spend eternity, and accept God's gift of eternal life TODAY.

Patricia A. Maconaghie

REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER Rev. Alexander O. Dunlap *Cont. from page 1*

Havertown, PA. opposite Grace Chapel, was purchased for Headquarters. The sole burden of his heart was to establish this Center as a Home and Foreign Mission to reach precious Roman Catholics and "whosoever" with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, as contrasted with the false gospel of Romanism, and many other isms.

To this end, the founder worked tirelessly in the ministry of the Conversion Center for twenty-six years. He traveled extensively in the US and many other countries. He fearlessly exposed error and without apology, extolled in his preaching, the Once-for-all, never-to-be-repeated Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. As did John the Baptist, he pointed many precious souls to "the Lamb of God."

On Wednesday, August 20, 1975, Rev. Alex Dunlap was summoned - NOT to Purgatory - but to Heaven, the Father's House. Since his departure from earth, he has been greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. However, through his writings and recordings, "he being dead yet speaketh." The articles shared with you in this issue, he wrote over forty years ago. Because of their relevancy today, they must needs be reiterated!

Mr. Dunlap had many friends, but even more enemies! Frances Ridley Havergal, when writing one of her great hymns - "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?" shared the experience of all true soldiers of the Cross in the following words: "*Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe. But the King's own army none can overthrow*"

Are you on the LORD'S SIDE, as was our beloved founder?

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"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5 verse 1