

"The Big Question"

Dear Baptist Friends:

I have spiritually and intellectually benefited through the years in reading the **ASHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST**. It is truly one of the few voices still raised in condemning the spineless diversion from "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" by the pseudo-leaders and would-be theologians of our generation.

The **Ashland Avenue Baptist Church and publications** have for several years inspired me to not sever relations with our Convention, but to try to influence, in my feeble way—but pray God's power to infuse the feeble efforts—the mammoth machine our people called Baptists have built up in these days, and to save the efforts of that gigantic organization for soul-winning and Bible believing and teaching.

I don't know how much longer I can continue to ride the snow-balling avalanche to spiritual apostasy and ruin—without sacrificing principle and conscience in so doing. The day may come that I shall have to "get off" the Southern Baptist train, since it will have already departed from the faith of my fathers, and my Christian conviction in the validity of God's word.

The sermon by **Brother Rosco Brong** (praise God for keeping him in Lexington Baptist College) in the March 31, 1967, issue of the **ASHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST** is a masterpiece of scholarship ("One Baptism—In Water"). I believe it will be at the point of the Bible doctrine of the local church, and the ordinances (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) that our Southern Baptist Convention will become apostate.

Please send me a bundle of fifty of these papers to distribute to leaders in my church and community. I enclose one dollar to pay for mailing.

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The day may come when I will be persuaded to do so, or get out—rather than sacrificing Bible principle. **THE BIG QUESTION** just now is just where is the dividing line—between sacrificing principle and still trying to hang on to preserve a former good vessel in His service. I covet your prayers in these days of indecision.—A Southern Baptist Pastor.

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(Exodus 35:21)

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ROSS L. RANGE, Pastor

May 23 (Night)

Graduation Program
Lexington Baptist College
Lexington, Kentucky

May 26

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Flat Rock, Michigan
LEONARD VARNOR, Pastor

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HOMER CRAIN, Pastor

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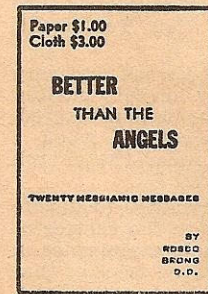
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