

## Guest Articles - cont.

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sent a pestilence on the land. In order to bring an end to the pestilence, David was to build an altar and offer sacrifices to God. Araunah, willing to help, offered his threshing floor to David as a place for the altar at no cost. That is when David made the statement, "...nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." The full price had to be paid.

What about us? Are we looking for Wal-Mart specials or K-Mart blue light specials when it comes to our religion? Are we trying to get by as cheaply as we can? Or, are we determined to go the distance and realize that there is a price tag to religion. David did not want a discount when it came to worshipping and sacrificing to God. He realized that cost was involved.

What are we willing to pay? We cannot give the Lord the scraps of our time, talent, and means and expect Him to be satisfied. Our religion cost God something and cost Christ something. Jesus in the Parable of the Talents teaches us, that those who expend their energies or substance for our Lord will receive a blessing. "...Well done, good and faithful servants...enter the joy of your lord." (Matthew 25:23)

## Gospel Meeting

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Speaker: Frank Richey of Florence, AL.  
Date: September 20-23  
Theme: What Shall I Do With Jesus?  
Lessons:

Thursday through Saturday

1. What Shall I Do With Jesus? (7 pm)
2. Accept Jesus As My Shepherd (7 pm)
3. Recognize His Greatness (7 pm)

Sunday

4. Live My Life for Jesus (9:30 am)
5. His Last Sermon (10:30 am)
6. Teach the Gospel of Jesus (6:00 pm)

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Wednesday: 7 pm

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# THE WARFIELD BULLETIN

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

### Tortured For You

A few weeks ago I found the grave of a man that I read about several years ago. The man was John Wilson, who owned a plantation just behind where Martin Clothing Store is today at the corner of Cox Creek Parkway and Jackson Highway.

On April 30, 1865, just two weeks after the Civil War ended, the seventy-five year old Wilson was very sick and confined to bed. On this night, a group of outlaws broke into the Wilson home and demanded Wilson's gold. John Wilson refused to tell them where the gold was and the outlaws set about to torture him. They rolled up pieces of paper soaked in turpentine and placed them between his fingers and toes and lit them. They took a red-hot poker from the fire and started burning the word, "UNION" on his chest. John Wilson finally told them where the gold was buried but the outlaws didn't find it. They returned to Wilson, finished burning the word "UNION" on his chest, torturing him to death. Wilson's nephew, Matthew Wilson was also tortured and murdered that night. Two others, "Cooney" Foster and Christopher Brewer (the grandfather of W. C. Handy) were also shot, but survived.

The following inscription is on John Wilson's tombstone:

John W. Wilson  
Born near Fincastle, Va., 3 Dec. 1789  
Sabbath night, 30 April 1865  
While sick and nursed by his nephew  
M. H. Wilson they were cruelly tortured  
and murdered by robbers.

How horrible you might say! Yes, this was a horrible crime. But let me tell you of another torture and murder that took place because of YOU! JESUS CHRIST WAS TORTURED AND MURDERED FOR YOU! When you think of the torture of the beating that Jesus endured for you; the torture of the cross that he bore for you; the pain and agony of the suffering on the cross for you, surely you can see that He died for mankind.

Romans 5:6-9 "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

Jesus had no tombstone. He didn't need one because he arose from the dead. But if

Jesus Christ had a tombstone it could correctly be said of him "Jesus of Nazareth, He was cruelly tortured and murdered...FOR YOU!" Obviously, this example is not an exact parallel to the death of Jesus. In fact, there is one glaring difference. John Wilson died trying to keep his treasure. Jesus Christ died so you could have His treasure.

### What Does Your Religion Cost You?

"Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver." (2 Samuel 24:24)

So often we look at religion as a source of comfort and ease without thinking of the personal cost of living the Christian life. David knew that when it came to sacrificing to God and appeasing God, there would be no discount rate. David had grieved God by numbering the people of Israel, and three things were proposed as punishment upon Israel: (1) Seven years of famine; (2) three months invasion by the enemies of Israel; or (3) three days of pestilence. David resolved to not make the choice and allow God to do as He pleased. God