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An Appreciated Letter . . .

Franklin, Kentucky
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Dear Brother Gilpin,

I am enclosing another offering (\$25.00) to the Lord to further His work, through you.

I am convinced your preaching and teaching through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is turning on the light in some dark places (and on some anti-scriptural practices) as no other paper or minister is doing.

May the strength, power, and wisdom of God be yours in these trying times.

And may the love of God, so in your soul and radiate

from your heart that men can not question your words or motives.

When secret orders are setting themselves up as rivals of the churches of Jesus Christ (and being accepted as superior to them by many), and our prominent pastors and denominational officials are all most unanimously backing up our efforts to imitate the insurance companies, and our women are encouraged to violate the plain teachings of the Word of God, — then indeed your words from God are wholesome and helpful to hungry hearts.

God's blessings on you,

Ever your brother in Christ,

Cary E. Witt

God's Love

Praise God for matchless love so free,
Who gave his Son for you and me,
That we through Him might know the
Way, to be a child of God today.

He suffered death upon the cross,
He shed His blood and paid the cost,
For sinner's sin throughout the land,
And lifted us from sinking sand.

Let's shout the news both far and wide
To sinners, how that Jesus died,
To take away their sin and shame
When they believe in His dear Name.

Violet Culpepper
Detroit, Michigan

AN ENEMY HATH DONE THIS!

He was an American boy, a youngster about twenty-two years of age. No insignia of rank decorated his plain uniform; he was a private in the ranks.

Something terrible had happened to him! There he lay, slumped down in the Pullman seat, breathing heavily, unconscious, drooling at the mouth, his face almost blood-red, his swollen tongue protruding slightly from between hot, parched lips. It was very evident he was poisoned!

It was not long ago that he had stood, along with several hundred other young men, taking the oath of loyalty and swearing undying devotion to the flag of his country and his nation's cause. He had pledged himself to give his life, if need be, in defense of his country.

But as we looked down on him there in that Pullman seat, he was a

tragic figure, indefinitely pathetic. Had an enemy struck at his flag or his home in that hour he would have been absolutely helpless to raise a finger.

On the window ledge, beside him, stood a bottle about half empty. Very evidently it was from that bottle that he had drunk the poison which had rendered him helpless.

On that bottle was a United States Government Internal Revenue stamp!

His own government, in the face of spending a very considerable sum on his military education, had sold someone the right to sell the poison, and they had sold it to the boy in uniform!

Had an Italian, German, or Japanese administered some potent drug to that boy, leaving him in that condition, it would probably have started (Continued on page four)

Early Rising So As To Worship God

Abraham rose early to stand before the Lord (Gen. 19:27).
Jacob rose early to worship the Lord (Gen. 28:18).
Moses rose early to give God's message to Pharaoh (Ex. 3:20).
Moses rose early to build an altar to God (Ex. 24:4).
Moses rose early to meet God at Sinai (Ex. 34:4).
Joshua rose early to lead Israel for Jordan (Josh. 3:1).
Joshua rose early to capture Jericho (Josh. 6:12).
Joshua rose early to take Ai (Josh. 8:10).
Gideon rose early to examine the fleece (Judg. 6:38).
Hannah and Elkanah rose early to worship God (I Sam. 1:9).
Samuel rose early to meet Saul (I Sam. 15:12).
David rose early to do as his father bade him (I Sam. 17:20).
Israel rose early and found their enemies dead (2 Kings 19:35).
Job rose early to offer sacrifices for his children (Job. 1:5).
The Son of God rose early to go to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35).
Jesus rose early to go to the temple to teach (John 8:2).

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50 Facts About Masonry

The following Facts we present about Masonry for the benefit of Bro. Bogard and others as ignorant as he, are largely quoted from Masonic books and authors. Masons are an ignorant, superstitious bunch. They do not know that they have no secrets. Like an ostrich that sticks his head in the sand and thinks he is hid, so Masons think their oaths and ritual are secret. They have no secrets. All their secrets are not only known, but published. They are not only known and published but are actually sworn to in open court by affiliated Masons in good standing.

142 Degrees

Masonry has 142 degrees. The American rite has 13 degrees. The Scotch rite has 33 degrees. The Egyptian rite has 96 degrees. The Mystic Shrine one degree. The Eastern Star 5 degrees for Master Masons and their wives. These last are side degrees and not genuine Masonry. Mackey's Masonic Encyclopedia is authority for these facts.

Masonic Murders

Wm. L. Stone, member of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of New York said: "The garments of Masonry are stained with blood." Masons killed Samuel Pritchard in London in 1730 for exposing Masonry. Noah Smith in Manchester, Vermont,

in 1798; Ariel Murdock in Rensselaer, N. Y., in 1803; Wm. Michner of Jenkinstown, Pa., in 1809; Wm. Miller of Belfast, Ireland, in 1813; Loring Simmons of Albany, N. Y., in 1809; Oliver Gavitt of Ohio in 1824; Alexander, the Czar of Russia, Dec. 1, 1825; Wm. Morgan, Fort Niagara, N. Y., in 1826; Job Hunt, Boston, Nov. 15, 1827; Artemus Kennedy, a seceded Knight Templar, Feb. 27, 1830; Grand Duke of Tuscany in 1837; David Brownlee, Little York, Ill., in 1840 and others. According to the Son of God's words in Matt. 23:35, the blood of all these murdered Masons rests on the head of Bro. Bogard and all other Baptist Masons.

No Private Judgment

"If we would be Masons we must yield private judgment." A. T. C. Pierson (33rd degree) Traditions of Freemasonry, p. 30.

Masonic Despotism

"The power of a Master is absolute." — "He is to be treated with the utmost reverence while in the chair and his commands must be implicitly obeyed." — Mackey's Masonic Lexicon, pp. 296-297.

The Grand Lodge A Despotism

In Chase's (33rd degree) Digest of Masonry he says the Grand Lodge

has the power to "erase, extinguish" or destroy any local lodge at its pleasure, to tax lodges and individual Masons at its sole discretion, to withdraw the charter of any local lodge, confiscate and seize all its money, property, papers and effects, to expel individual Masons from the craft. — Pages, 22, 24, 28, 36, 121, 122, 448. "The government of Grand Lodges is therefore completely despotic." — Mackey's Lexicon, p. 183.

How can any Baptist without acting the hypocrite, belong to a despotism like that?

Masonry Is Sun Worship

A Masonic writer in the New York Herald some years ago said that Masonry is "an effort to bring all mankind to a common religion; to harmonize the mysteries of Christianity, Judaism and paganism; for the most scholarly Masons hold that there is only one religion and that religion is the worship of the deity under the image of the sun." Many Baptist preachers who are Masons never heard of it before. But "scholarly" Masons admit it.

Sovereign Inspectors

Masonry, according to Frederick Dalcho in 1826, one of the three Sovereign Inspector Generals of the order, has divided the world into 16 (Continued on page two)

"Out Of Thine Own Mouth Will I Judge You

Quite often the editor has something to say about Masonry. Just after printing an article recently concerning them, I sent out a form letter to some who had contributed to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER previously. One of the brethren addressed was a Baptist preacher who was also a Mason. He wrote:

"The Masons have been the best investment I ever made financially. I had to go to the hospital and had a serious operation. I was there about three months. The Masons even paid a man to take me. It didn't cost me a cent.

A man fell out with me, and tried to indict me on a very serious charge. The Masons saw the Prosecuting Attorney and got him to ignore it.

I would be silly to send you money to help down my best friends."

I. M. Grimsely
Saxo, Kentucky

Here then is an admission of the very charges which I have brought against this corrupt, vile, monstrous organization. Why fight Gilpin when you admit the very charges which I have made?

CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER

No man has brought more disappointment to many of his admiring friends than has Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, in that he offered a case of Scotch whiskey to Major Bong, who has succeeded in shooting down a greater number of enemy planes in this war than Rickenbacker did in World War No. One.

The disappointment is made all the more acute in that last year Rickenbacker and his companions, afloat on a life raft for twenty-one days in the Pacific, won universal sympathy and admiration. Now the name of the (Continued on page four)

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"THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR SALVATION"

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;" — Hebrews 12:2.

Salvation, from beginning to end, is the work of God. From start to finish, and from incipency to completion, it is entirely God's work. Nothing is more prominently taught in all the Bible than this. Listen:

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation

unto all them that obey him;" — Hebrews 5:9.

The word "author" literally means the beginner, the leader, or the originator. Actually, it means the one who initiates and carries through to completion.

Not only is Jesus the author of our salvation, He, likewise, is the finisher.

"I have glorified thee on the

earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." — John 17:4.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." — John 19:30.

However, the Scripture which shows most completely this wonderful truth is in Paul's letter to the Hebrews:

"By the which will we are sanctified" (Continued on page three)

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Fifty Facts About Masonry

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parts. The lord of each of these divisions is called a Deputy Sovereign of Sovereigns of Sublime Princes. There are 16 such functionaries. Above them are three Sovereign Inspector Generals of Masonry. These are Sovereign Inspector Generals of the 33rd degree.

Everything Is Written

All degrees above the Royal Arch degree are written. Frederick Dalcho, one of the three Sovereign Inspector Generals of Masonry, was the custodian of all these written manuscripts of Masonry in 1826.

David Bernard

David Bernard, author of *Light on Masonry*, a Baptist preacher, received the secrets of Masonry up to the 33rd degree from Sovereign Inspector General Frederick Dalcho.

Washington Not A Mason

Much was made by Masons over George Washington being a Mason. Here are two facts they do not tell. In a letter written by Washington September 25, 1798, to Mr. Snyder, he corrects an error as to his presiding over English lodges. Here are Washington's own words: "The fact is I preside over none, nor have I been in one more than once or twice in the last 30 years." The other fact is that when Washington retired to private life Congress voted him a resolution of thanks. There were three votes against that resolution. The *Pennsylvania Intelligencer* says all three were cast by Masons. Their votes were cast through spite because he was a non-affiliated Mason.

Masons Wrong On Fatherhood of God

Masonry teaches the universal fatherhood of God. Cf. John 8:44.

Masonry Mutilates Bible

Masonry mutilates the Bible. In *Sickles Monitor* 1 Peter 2:17 and 2 Thess. 3:16, they deliberately cut out all references to the Lord Jesus. In 1 Pet. 2 they quote down to "acceptable to God" and then leave out "by Jesus Christ." In 2 Thess. 3 they quote: "Now we command you brethren" and then put stars showing some words are left out. The words left out are: "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This omission is wicked and deliberate. Jews, Buddhists, Deists, Mohammedans and many other disbelievers deny the deity of the Lord Jesus. In order to please them they have to cut out all references to Him. Again in verse 12 they leave out "by our Lord Jesus Christ." They deliberately take from the Word

of God and do it on purpose to dishonor the Lord Jesus. Cf. Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19.

Contempt For Jesus

In this mutilating the Bible and cutting out all references to the Lord Jesus, they are guilty of treating with contumely and contempt both the person and the name of the Lord Jesus. That is why Masons are forbidden to pray in the name of Jesus by their grand lodges in many states.

No Room For Conscience

Webb's Monitor, p. 96: "The first duty of the reader of this synopsis is to obey the edicts of his Grand Lodge. Right or wrong, his very existence as a Mason hangs upon obedience to the powers immediately set above him. The one unpardonable crime in a Mason is contumacy or disobedience."

The Bible says: "We ought to obey God rather than men." The Bible says God first. Masonry says lodge first, and Masons are traitors to Christ and the Bible and obey their lodge first. Whenever Masons put the Lord Jesus first, they always quit the lodge. They cannot serve two masters.

Masonry, A Religion

Webb's Monitor says (p. 284): "The meeting of a Masonic Lodge is strictly a religious ceremony. So broad is the religion of Masonry and so carefully are all sectarian tenets excluded from the system, that the Christian, the Jew and the Mohammedan, in all numberless sections and divisions, may and do harmoniously combine in its moral and intellectual work with the Buddhist, the Parsee, the Confucian and the worshipper of Deity in any form." Masonry is a religion of the broad way and ends in hell. Matt. 7:13. Masonry denies the inspiration of the Bible and puts it down on a common level with all these heathen religions.

Masonry Rejects The Bible

Masonry rejects the Bible as the inerrant and supernatural Word of God. In 1855 Grand Master Sayre of Alabama said: "Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible. It is not founded on the Bible. If it were it would not be Masonry. It would be something else." Chase's Digest or Masonic Law p. 207. How can any Baptist be a Mason then without being the basest hypocrite?

Masonic Preachers

"I used to be a Mason. I have been an evangelist for years. I do not get one Mason in a thousand converts, and I never knew a Knight Templar to be converted" — D. W. Potter.

"Your hands are defiled with blood" — your brother Mason's blood — is true of every Masonic preacher.

Masonic Prayers Empty

"Three things are not found in Masonic prayers: No confession of sin, no mention of Jesus Christ, no allusion to the Holy Spirit." — Chas. A. Blanchard, Methodist Fundamentalist.

Demon Worship

"Masonic worship is demon worship." So says Chas. A. Blanchard and he proves it by 1 Cor. 10:19-20. All Christless worship is demon worship and Masonry is a Christless, Spiritless religion.

Jesus' Name Forbidden

For Bro. Bogard's benefit we quote C. C. Hunt, Deputy Grand Secretary Iowa, in official Document, Dec. 18, 1920: "The use of the name of Christ Jesus in Masonry is not good taste." have heard Eld. H. Boyce Taylor say that the Master of Murray Lodge years ago rebuked Bro. W. J. Beale for praying in the name of Jesus. Bro. Beale never went again.

Masonic Lodge Is Anti-Christian

"Hundreds of churches over the land today are anti-Christ, not only Jews but hundreds of others; yet they believe that God rules, and reigns over the universe, and by such belief they are eligible to become members of our order." — Dave Jackson, secretary Grand Lodge, Ky., official Document, Feb. 2, 1921. Mighty hard on Kentucky Baptist Masons to be told that they are in collusion with the anti-Christ in their Masonic lodges. "What concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" 2 Cor. 6:15.

12 Million Oath-bound

There are 12 million oath-bound members of secret orders in this country, not including Ku Klux and Knights of Columbus. They affect politics, business, schools, and in a degree dictate the decisions of the courts and the utterances of the pulpit.

Masonic Preachers on Broad Road

Mr. Jacoby, while assistant pastor of the Moody Church, Chicago, in their own church paper, said: "I suppose I ought to know something about Masonry, as I have taken some 12 or 15 degrees in it and have been an officer of my lodge in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Until I was converted to Christ I was a notoriously wicked man, a gambler, a drinker and dissipated in other ways known to evil men. I spent a small fortune in years of dissipation while a member of my lodge . . . of course the lodge is invested with enough formal religiousness to make an ordinary preacher feel at ease . . . So long as a man is in the broad road that leads to death, it may be the lodge is just as good a place as any, but I pity the poor starved child of God who seeks comfort and strength from a society so largely of the godless."

57 Lies

"On close investigation I found 57 lies in the third degree alone . . . in the lecture on the fourth degree we are told that that degree was founded by Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyree and Hiram Abiff. In this degree quotations are made from the New Testament which clearly show the falsehood of the pretended antiquity of the degree. The Jews are certainly wicked enough without saddling them with the invention of the infernal system of speculative Freemasonry. It was invented by Gentiles in a grogshop in London, June 24, 1717." — *Spectator*.

Call No Man Master

The Bible says "Call no man master." In direct violation of this command, Freemasons call their superior officers "Grand Master," "Most Excellent Master," "Worshipful Master," "Perfect Master," Royal Master, "Prince of Mercy," "Chief Prince," "High Priest," "Grand Pontiff," "King," "Captain of the Host," "Most Puissant," "Sovereign of Sovereigns," etc.

Masonic Bigotry

"A lodge in general signifies heaven or the dwelling place of the Lord and includes all on earth who are being truly prepared for heaven." — Masonic Trowel, by L. E. Reynolds, p. 131.

According to the Masonic Trowel, nobody but Masons are going to heaven.

Masonry Is New Birth

"Each man who is about to be regenerated is led by his guardian angel to the door of the Lodge, of which it is said, 'Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened.'"

"Regeneration or Masonry proceeds in progressive order, states or degrees."

"Man cannot work or correct the irregularities of life until he is clothed with innocence or the badge of a Mason." — Masonic Trowel by L. E. Reynolds, P. M. and P. H. P., 1870, pages 188, 214, 219, 237.

Masonry is the new birth and no man can be saved unless he is a Mason according to this Masonic author. Since women cannot be Masons, women can not be saved, according to Masonry.

Masonic Idolatry

"A lodge is said to be opened in the name of God and the Holy Saint John, as a declaration of the sacred and religious purposes of our meeting." — *Manual of the Lodge*, by Albert G. Mackey, p. 13, very high Masonic authority. What is the difference in Masons meeting in the name of Holy Saint John and Catholics meeting in the name of the holy Virgin? Both of them are idolaters. Note also Masonry is a religion.

Masonic Blasphemy

"He comes inquiringly to our doors seeking the new birth . . . Some great change is about to take place in his moral and intellectual condition . . . For initiation is, as it were a death to the world and a resurrection to a new life." — Mackey's *Manual*, pages 20 and 21. That is the teaching of Blue Lodge Masons by many of their best authors. The new birth is by initiation into the 3rd degree of Masonry without Christ or the Holy Spirit or the Word of God.

Again the same book, pp. 38-39: "Of his evil nature which Masonry is to purify." Again on page 96: "The Master Mason represents a man saved from the grave of iniquity and raised to the faith of salvation."

Masonic Salvation

Mackey's *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, p. 16: "A Mason, who living in strict obedience to the obligations and precepts of the fraternity, is free from sin." Again pages 295-6: "The Master Mason represents a man under the doctrine of love, saved from the grave of iniquity and raised to faith of salvation." Some of the sots, libertines, and poker players of Eastern Kentucky are magnificent specimens of Masonic salvation.

Masons Are Christians - Bah

"Above all, it is not, neither can it be, secret, that a good Mason is of necessity, truly and emphatically a Christian." — *General History, Cyclopedic and Dictionary of Freemasonry*, by Robert Macoy, p. 26.

"Every Master Mason is, if he is in reality a Mason, a true Christian."

Same book, page 462.

Masonry Debases Bible and Christ

"Hail! Masonry divine!
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign;
Where'er thy lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land;
Thou art divine."

— Masonic Melodies, Luke Eastman.

Masonry divine, but the Bible put down on a level with the Koran, and Christ put down on a level with Mohammed. That's Masonry.

Masonic Usurpation

"Candidates receiving this Order (Royal Arch Mason) are said to be 'anointed into the Holy Order of the High Priesthood.'" — *Freemason's Monitor*, Sickles, p. 94. Usurping the office and functions of the Lord Jesus, for He is the only High Priest according to Hebrews.

Masons Reject The Bible

"The Jews, the Chinese, the Turks

each reject either the New Testament or the Old, or both, and yet we see no good reason why they should not be 'made Masons.' In fact Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible." — Sayre, C. F. C., Ala., 1855.

Masonry Denies Jesus' Authority

"The precepts of Jesus could not have been made obligatory on a Jew; a Christian would have denied the sanctions of Koran; a Mohammedan would have rejected the law of Moses; and a disciple of Zoroaster would have turned from all to the teachings of Zend Avesta. The universal law of nature . . . is therefore the only law suited in every respect to be adopted as a Masonic code." — *Masonic Jurisprudence*, Mackey, pp. 502-503.

A denial of the revelation and of the authority of the Lord Jesus. Cf. Matt. 28:18.

Masonry Rejects Jesus Both As God and Saviour

"The religion of Masonry is pure theism." — *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, p. 402.

That knocks Jesus out both as God and Saviour.

No Prayers in Christ's Name

"Is it Masonic to have a strictly Christian prayer at opening and closing a lodge, such a prayer as all Masons can not conscientiously join? All invocations in a Masonic Lodge must be addressed to God and to God only." — *Masonic Mirror* and *Keystone*, pp. 9-11.

Masonry, Not Ancient

Dr. Dalcho, the compiler of *Masonic book of constitutions for S. C.*, says: "Neither Adam nor Noah nor Nimrod nor Moses nor Joshua nor David nor Solomon nor Hiram nor St. John the Baptist nor St. John the Evangelist, were Freemasons. Hypothesis in history is absurd. There is no record, sacred or profane, to induce us to believe that holy men were Freemasons; and our traditions do not go back to those days. To assert that they were Freemasons may make the vulgar stare, but will not excite the contempt than the admiration of the wise."

Impiety of Masonry

Masonry is blasphemous and impious and demonical in its handling of the Word of God.

Andrew Rubens in his address at Philadelphia to the High Priest of the Chapter, said: "Let the High Priest of every chapter upon whom the Holy Order has been conferred, remember that he has been made such, not after the law of a carnal commandment but after the power of an endless life, for He testifieth, 'Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'" That applies only to Jesus Christ and Masonry was never guilty of a more blasphemous utterance. In the Royal Arch degree the candidate represents Moses at the burning bush and hears a voice telling him to take off his shoes for he is on holy ground. He then takes off his shoes and hears a voice saying: "I am the God of Abraham, etc." — *Light on Masonry*, p. 155. What daring, impish impiety! A wicked impostor claiming to be God!

Blasphemous Sacrilege

In the Knight Templar degree the candidate is made to drink wine from a human skull and say: "This pure wine I now take in testimony of my belief in the immortality of the soul and the mortality of the body . . . and as the sins of the world were laid upon the head of the Saviour, so may all the sins of the per-

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THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR SALVATION

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fied through the offering of the body
of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest standeth daily
ministering and offering oftentimes
the same sacrifices, which can never
take away sins:

But this man, after he had offered
one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat
down on the right hand of God:

From henceforth expecting till his
enemies be made his footstool.

For by one offering he hath per-
fected forever them that are sanc-
tified." — Hebrews 10:10-14.

A CONTRAST

There is a very decided contrast
between the work of the Old Testa-
ment priest and the work of Christ.
In the tabernacle of Jewish worship
there was a table for shewbread, a
golden candlestick, an altar of in-
cense, and the ark of the covenant.
There was no stool, chair, bench, nor
seat. Daily the priest stood to do his
work. His work was never finished;
therefore, he never sat down. Over
and over again, he offered the same
sacrifices, because his work was never
completed. In contrast, when Christ
came, He offered one sacrifice and
then sat down forever, signifying that
His work was completed. Thus Christ
is the author and the finisher of our
salvation. He both began and finished
the plan of salvation. In view of this
fact, then, in every detail, salvation
is the work of God.

I
GOD PLANNED OUR SALVA-
TION. Nothing stands out more
clearly than this truth. Salvation was
not an hurried-up first aid nor pan-
acea devised after man sinned. In-
stead, it was planned by God. Nei-
ther man nor angels assisted God in
the planning of it. Before the unnavi-
gated ether was ever fanned by the
wing of a seraph, and before this
world began, God had already plan-
ned for redemption. Listen:

"All that dwell upon the earth
shall worship him, whose names are
not written in the book of life of the
Lamb slain from the foundation of
the world." — Revelation 13:8

"And to make all men see what is
the fellowship of the mystery, which
from the beginning of the world hath
been hid in God, who created all
things by Jesus Christ." — Ephesians
3:9.

"Elect according to the foreknow-
ledge of God the Father, through
sanctification of the Spirit, unto ob-
edience and sprinkling of the blood
of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and
peace, be multiplied." — I Peter 1:
2.

Thus in the planning of our salva-
tion, man had no part. It was all
the work of God.

II

GOD CHOSE THE SUBJECTS
OF SALVATION. Since He is the
author and finisher of our salvation,
then He not only planned it but also
chose those who were to be the re-
cipients thereof. I realize that all
Armenians make much of the fact of
their choice of God. Yet, from the
beginning to end, the Scriptures state
that before man ever made any choice
he had already been chosen of God.
Someone may object and state that
that he made his choice as to salva-
tion; yet, beloved, long before we
ever made our puny choice whereby
salvation became a reality to us, God
had already made an eternal choice
in our behalf; so that actually we

merely ratified the choice which God
had already made. Did not Jesus Him-
self say:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I
have chosen you." — John 15:16.

One would have an exceedingly
hard time interpreting the Scriptures,
were he to reject the doctrine of elec-
tion. Listen:

"I am sought of them that asked not
for me; I am found of them that
sought me not: I said, Behold me, be-
hold me, unto a nation that was not
called by my name." — Isaiah 65:1.

Notice these words, "I am found of
them that sought me not." Even those
who had not sought for God found
themselves saved by Him. No Scrip-
ture could be plainer than this in de-
claring that God chooses us, rather
than that we choose Him.

"... and as many as were ordained
to eternal life believed." — Acts
13:48.

In my first pastorate, an old gen-
tleman who argued against the doc-
trine of election said to his Sunday
School class, "And who are the elect?"
Answering his own question, he said,
"The elect are those who believe." To
the average Christian, this sounds
plausible, but to that individual who
makes God's word a matter of study,
it easily is seen to be false. The elect
are not those who believe, but rather
the believers are those who were the
elect of God.

When Paul wrote to the church at
Ephesus, he likewise told the saints
there of this doctrine of election.

OLDER THAN CREATION

"According as he hath chosen us in
him before the foundation of the
world." — Ephesians 1:4.

What marvelous truth is this —
namely, that God has chosen us, even
before the foundation of the world.
Why beloved before there was a sprig
of grass, before there was a man
to till the soil, before the soil itself
was created, yea, before the founda-
tion of the world was laid down,
God had already chosen us. There-
fore, each believer can say today that,
spiritually speaking, he is older than
creation. Each believer is older than
the rocks, the hills, and the soil.

One other Scripture will suffice to
show that it is God who chooses the
subjects of salvation.

"We are bound to give thanks to
God for you, brethren beloved of the
Lord, because God hath from the be-
ginning chosen you to salvation thru
sanctification of the Spirit and be-
lief of the truth." — II Thessalonians
2:13.

Even from the beginning, we were
chosen of God.

All of these Scriptures, then, would
indicate that no one was ever saved,
except on the basis of election. Each
one who is saved, was thus chosen
and elected of God.

III

It is most interesting to notice, in
studying how that Jesus is the au-
thor and finisher of our salvation,
that He only planned it and chose
those whom He would save, but,
likewise, GOD BEGAT THE SUB-
JECTS OF SALVATION.

Everyone who is born in this world
is spiritually dead. When Paul wrote
to the church at Ephesus, he made
mention of their spiritual condition
before they were saved. He said:

"And you hath he quickened, who
were dead in trespasses and sins." —
Ephesians 2:1.

Thus, you notice that before sal-
vation came to these Ephesian saints
they were spiritually dead. That is
true of each of us today. Every un-
saved person is just as dead spirit-
ually as a corpse is physically.

In order for us to repent, believe,

Trust



"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall
never suffer the righteous to be moved." — Psalm 55:22.

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." — Psalm 56: 3.

and be saved, we have to be begot-
ten through the power of God.

"Of his own will begat he us with
the word of truth, that we should be
a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." —
James 1:18.

Thus it is that God takes us in
our spiritual impotency, when we are
entirely dead to Him and to all things
spiritual, and begets us unto salva-
tion.

NO MISCARRIAGE WITH GOD

This is a precious truth to me, since
to be begotten guarantees the fact of
our salvation. Sometimes a child may
be begotten in the womb and yet be
miscarried. That child will never be
born. While this is true that a mis-
carriage may take place in the na-
tural world, it is not possible in the
spiritual world. That which is con-
ceived of God will eventually be born.
There can be no spiritual miscarriage.
God's word emphatically assures us
of this truth.

"Being confident of this very thing
that he which hath begun a good
work in you will finish it until the
day of Jesus Christ." — Philippians
1:6.

Thus, we see that in the planning
of our salvation, the choosing of the
subjects of salvation, and the beget-
ting of these subjects unto salvation,
each of these is the work of God.

IV

In addition to these blessed truths
concerning Him as the author and
finisher of our salvation, we notice
that it is God who also calls the
subjects of salvation.

"For whom he did foreknow, he
also did predestinate to be conformed
to the image of his Son, that he might
be the firstborn among many bre-
thren.

Moreover whom he did predestin-
ate, them he also called, and whom
he called, them he also justified: and
whom he justified, them he also glor-
ified." — Romans 8:29, 30.

GOD DOES THE CALLING

From this text it is apparent that
it is God who does the calling. It is
not necessary for the preacher or for
some individual doing that which he
falsely calls "personal work" to deal
with the sinner during some church
service in order that the individual
be called. It is the preacher's busi-
ness to preach the word, and it is the
business of true personal workers to
explain the word. It is not the busi-
ness of any earthly being to exhort
or to call the sinner to repentance.
It is God who does the calling. In
fact, no one can repent and come to
Christ, except he be called of God.
Listen:

"No man can come to me except the
Father which hath sent me draw him
and I will raise him up at the last." —
John 6:44.

Furthermore, we can be sure that
every one of God's elect shall be call-
ed and shall be saved.

"All that the Father giveth me
shall come to me; and him that come-
th to me I will in no wise cast out." —
John 6:37.

When Lazarus was in the grave,
bound hand and foot with grave
clothes, Jesus stood before the tomb
and said, "Lazarus, come forth." (John
11:43). When He spoke, power, di-
vine power — accompanied the Lord's
words. Lazarus was thus called to
life by the Lord, and the same God
still calls the subjects of salvation.

When the Apostle Paul was on the
roadway to Damascus to persecute
the Christians, there God spoke to

him.

"And as he journeyed, he came
near Damascus; and suddenly there
shined round about him a light from
heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard
a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul,
why persecutest thou me?" — Acts
9:3, 4.

Paul knew immediately that it was
God who was speaking. He knew that
it was God who was calling him to
salvation. Never after that did he
ever doubt it. Twenty-five years lat-
ter, when he wrote to the church of
Galatia, he told them of his experien-
ce and reminded them that it was
God who called him.

"But when it pleased God, who
separated me from my mother's
womb, and called me by his grace,

To reveal his Son in me, that I
might preach him among the heathen;
immediately I conferred not with
flesh and blood." — Galatians 1:15, 16.

SOME WANT TO BE PREACHERS AND HOLY SPIRIT

Some preachers are not content to
be merely the preachers. They desire
to play preacher and Holy Spirit
both. This is noticeable in that after
they have finished their message,
they will go to some individual in the
audience whom they suspect of being
under conviction and urge that one
to make an immediate acceptance of
Jesus. Such a preacher is not willing
to do alone the work which God has
called him to do. He is not willing to
wait on the Holy Spirit to do His
work. May God help each of you to
realize that it is our business to wit-
ness to the world, but that it is God's
business to call the subjects to salva-
tion.

V

FURTHERMORE, IT IS GOD
WHO GIVES REPENTANCE. Re-
pentance is not an act of man apart
from God. In fact, no one would
ever repent, unless he were divinely
aided. Repentance must come entirely
as a gift from God. Listen:

"When they heard these things,
they held their peace, and glorified
God, saying, Then hath God also to
the Gentiles granted repentance unto
life." — Acts 11:18.

When the Apostle Peter had gone
to the home of Cornelius and had
preached to him the word of God,
he was later called upon by the church
at Jerusalem to give an account of
his having had fellowship with the
uncircumcised Gentiles. He did so in
such a convincing manner that his
audience realized that God was in
this experience that Peter had had,
so that they thus said "Then hath
God also to the Gentiles granted re-
pentance."

Prior to this event, Peter had
preached to a Jerusalem audience
wherein he declared that repentance
was a gift from God. Listen:

"Him hath God exalted with his
right hand to be a Prince and a Sav-
iour, for to give repentance to Israel,
and forgiveness of sins." — Acts 5:
31.

Thus, we see that each of these
steps in our salvation depends en-
tirely upon God. He planned our sal-
vation, He chose the subjects of sal-
vation, He begets us, He calls us, and
He gives us repentance.

VI

Yet this is not all. God likewise
gives us faith. There is a world of
difference between the faith we ex-
ercise each day and the faith which

TWO KINDS OF FAITH

saves. Our faith is just a sense-
knowledge faith. The faith that saves
is a gift from God.

"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.

When Paul wrote to the church of Galatia, he insisted upon this great truth — namely, that faith is a gift of God.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." — Galatians 2:16.

Notice the expression "that we might be justified by the faith of Christ." It is not our faith — it is not human, sense-knowledge faith which saves, but rather it is the faith which is given us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ICICLE

Have you ever noticed an icicle hanging from a window, and then observed another icicle directly below the first, building up gradually, as a stalagmite builds toward a stalactite, until the two meet in a solid column of ice? You will notice, of course, that the lower icicle is formed entirely from the droppings of water which fall from the icicle above. Likewise, our faith which reaches up toward God, comes first as a gift from above.

VII

Furthermore, IT IS GOD WHO MAKES SINNERS WILLING TO BE SAVED. Man is so far removed from God and is so alienated from Him that it is necessary that God supernaturally work upon our will to make us willing to be saved.

A good illustration of man's unwillingness and his inability to be saved, apart from divine power, is found in the Gospel according to John:

"And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony." — John 3:32.

Though Jesus testified to them, yet they would not receive His testimony. This happens many, many times today. Yet, those who are born from above willingly and gladly receive the testimony which others spurn and reject. There must be a reason for this. That reason is found in the fact that it is God who makes us willing.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth." — Psalm 110:3.

VIII

Finally, LET IT BE REMEMBERED THAT IT IS GOD WHO, AFTER SAVING US, SECURES US ETERNALLY. No man keeps himself.

GOD HOLDS ON TO US

If it were left for us, then each of us would fail completely. It is not that we hold onto God and thereby remain secure, but rather that God holds onto us. There is not a believer who would ever go to Heaven, were it not for God's power. Everyone of us would go to Hell, if it depended upon us to hold onto God. How we rejoice that it is God who secures the subjects of salvation.

There is no truth more emphatically presented in the Bible than this — namely, that our security depends entirely upon Him. Listen:

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." — Hebrews 9:24.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not, And if any man sin, we have an ad-

vocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." — I John 2:1,2.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." — Psalm 37:23, 24.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." — John 10:28, 29.

MARY COULDN'T BE LOST

These Scriptures and this truth of security are wonderfully illustrated in the experience of Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha. When Martha insisted that Jesus have Mary assist him in serving the meal, Jesus calmly replied:

"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." — Luke 10:42.

That which Mary had was secure. Her salvation could never be taken from her. How we rejoice that that which was true of Mary is true of every believing child of God! And the most blessed part of this truth is that we are secure because of Him.

Thus, it appears, from this study of God's word, that in every particular, our salvation is dependent upon Him.

God planned our salvation.

God chose the subjects of salvation.

God begets the subjects of salvation.

God calls the subjects of salvation.

God gives repentance.

God gives faith.

God makes sinners willing.

And after God has wrought our salvation, He secures the subjects of salvation.

In view of these facts, the truth of our text is easily apparent that He is the author and finisher of our faith.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." — Hebrews 12:2.

GOD NOT CO-AUTHOR

Thus, the church has no part in one's salvation, the preacher has no part in one's salvation, and even the sinner himself has no part in his own salvation. God is not the co-author with church, preacher, nor sinner in the realm of salvation. Instead, God begins and finishes our salvation. Long years ago Jonah learned this truth:

"Salvation is of the Lord." — Jonah 2:9.

May you learn it too. May God bless you and may His power work in you unto your eternal salvation — remembering that from beginning to end, and in every particular, He is "the author and finisher of our faith."

Early Rising So As To Worship God

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The people rose early to go to hear Him (Luke 21:38).

The women rose early to go to the sepulchre (Mark 16:2).

As an old writer puts it:

The morning is the gate of the day and should be well guarded with prayer.

The morning is one of the threads

on which the day's actions are strung, and should be well knotted with devotion.

If we felt more the majesty of life, we should be more careful of its mornings.

He who rushes from his bed to his business, and waiteth not to worship in prayer, is as foolish as though he had not put on his clothes, or washed his face, and as unwise as though he dashed into battle without arms or armor.

Be it ours to bathe in the softly-flowing river of communion with God before the heat of the wilderness and the burden of the day begin to oppress.

How better can we do this than by rising early, being on time at God's house for the study of His Word and for worship? — R. G. Lee, D. D., in The Christian (London)

THE COMING OF THE KING

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struck me. That is just how the King of Kings will come — without any warning. Therefore we must see to it that we are always ready, clothed in the robe of Christ's righteousness. — The Temple Evangelist.

CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER

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great air ace of the first world war is smudged with shame and contempt.

To the credit of Major Bong, it is to be stated that he refused the gift, declaring that he preferred soft drink. Still God's woe rests upon the offerer of this Devilish gift. Listen: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him." — Hab. 2:15.

"AN ENEMY HATH DONE THIS"

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a riot on that train, and the "enemy alien" would have been fortunate to escape with his life.

Had some "fifth columnist" been responsible for his unmanaging, the police force, the F. B. I., and all the mighty power of the government would have fallen upon the offender and dealt with him summarily.

But it is probable that some civilian with a flag hanging in his window, licensed by the state and municipality in which he did business, sold the boy the stuff. That same civilian, in all probability, took a part of the profit from the sale and invested in defense bonds, and called himself a good citizen.

We found a newspaper with a flaming editorial against "enemy aliens," publishing a huge advertisement of the stuff the bottle contained — lending its good white space to the dubious business of persuading the boy to buy.

We know a churchman who voted to repeal a law which would have prohibited the sale!

We know a church woman who served the same poison, slightly diluted, upon her dinner table, and who invited a group of young people from the church to drink it and thus cultivate an appetite for it.

We know a preacher who, fully aware of the terrible devastation wrought among the youth of his community by the same stuff, never so much as raised his voice in protest.

We know an army officer, the commander of a great camp, who did everything in his power to protect his boys from the vendors of the poison, and was finally compelled to take drastic measures to guard them against the civilians they were supposed to defend.

A whole nation has sinned against that boy, administering the poison and leaving him helpless and debauched in that Pullman seat.

Surely, an enemy hath done this!

— The Christian Advocate

FIFTY FACTS ABOUT MASONRY

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son whose skull this was, be laid upon my head and in addition to my own, should I knowingly violate this my solemn obligation." — Light on Masonry, p. 182.

Is this not blasphemous sacrilege?

Masons Worse Than Catholics

"As Masons, we only pursue the universal religion or the religion of nature." — Ahiman Rezon, p. 46.

In that Masons are worse than Catholics. Masons reject the supernatural — Catholics do not.

Based On A Lie

Masonry based on a lie. Masonry teaches that Hiram, the widow's son, was murdered by three ruffians, before he finished the temple, because he would not give the Master Mason's word.

3rd degree Masonry is founded on that and that is a lie. In 1 Ki. 7:40 and 2 Chron. 4:11 the Scriptures say: "So Hiram made an end of doing ALL the work that he made King Solomon for the house of God." Masonry lies about Hiram's death and worse still it lies about Hiram having any connection with Masonry. Masonry began in 1717. See section 38 by Mr. Dalcho, writer of Masonic history.

A Blood-less Religion

In the "Thrice Illustrious Order of the Cross," one of the degrees of Masonry, the candidate swears: "I do hereby accept of and forever will consider the cross and mark of this Order as my only hope." Masonry is a Christless, bloodless, Spiritless, Gospel-less religion. Catholicism can be no worse.

John Quincy Adams

"I am prepared to complete the demonstration before God and man, that Masonic oaths, obligations and penalties, can not by any possibility be reconciled to the laws of morality of Christianity or of the land." — Pres. John Quincy Adams. He is the author of the statement that 45,000 of the 50,000 Masons in this country demitted after the Masons killed Wm. Morgan.

John Marshall

John Marshall, America's greatest jurist, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the U. S., held two cabinet positions and was offered the Attorney Generalship of the U. S. In a letter to Edward Everett Hale, July 22, 1833, Chief Justice Marshall said: "The institution of Masonry ought to be abandoned as one capable of producing much evil and incapable of producing any good, which might not be effected by safe and open means." Mr. Marshall was a Mason in early life but for 40 years never entered a lodge.

Haters Of The Lodge

Salmon P. Chase was secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln. His friend, Johnathan Blanchard, said of him and his associates: "Lincoln, Chase, Seward, Stevens, Stanton, Sumner and Adams, with a host of other shining lights in the American horizon, were all believers in the true God and haters of the demon worship of the lodge."

President Fillmore

President Fillmore said: "The Masonic fraternity tramples upon our rights, defeats the administration of justice, and bids defiance to every government, which it can not con-

trol."

Masonic Trial By Jury, A Fraud

Congressman Thaddeus Stevens said: "By Freemasonry trial by jury is transformed into an engine of de-

potism and Masonic fraud." Time would fail me to give the testimony of President John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Wm. Wirt, President Madison, President Garfield, Daniel Webster, Wendell Phillips, Chas. Sumner, Thurlow Reed, and a host of other American statesmen. The remaining two faces have to do with the Moody church in Chicago. This is the church founded by D. L. Moody. Mr. Moody did more to stem the tide of higher criticism in Chicago University than any other man in his day.

Separation

In 1910 the Moody Church, under the title "Let There Be Light," published this testimony: "Separation from secret societies is the only true position for the children of God." In that book of 60 pages the pastors of the Moody Church up to 1910 give their reasons for coming out of lodges or never being members.

A. C. Dixon

When A. C. Dixon was pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago he got his eyes open to secret societies and perils of secrecy. He announced one Sunday night that the next Sunday night he would preach on secret societies. The people were there. They were not there after that. His congregation fell off 30, perhaps 50 percent. They stayed gone for six weeks and then began to come back. The night he preached that sermon a brother who was a member of a secret order said to him: "Have you anybody to go home with you?" Dixon said "No." The man said: "Well I have a company of men here to go with you for your protection." "Protection what?" said Dixon. "Well you had better let them go with you," said the man.

Dixon didn't want that, so according to his own testimony he slipped out the back way and ran all the way home. Dixon said of his father: "My dear father is a Mason and when I was a boy, though he never asked me to join, he kept intimating that it was a very good thing to be in the Masonic lodge. I don't think he has attended a lodge for 35 or 40 years. He is one of the silent sorts who have taken a wicked oath and think now that it is better to be silent and not to break their oath. I tell you, when you take an oath on the devil's altar, you had better break it just as quick as you can and take your oath upon God's altar. An oath to do a wicked thing is in itself wicked and the sooner you break a wicked oath all to pieces, the more it pleases God. I believe Charles C. Finney did the right thing. When he got into Masonry and found it wrong he came out and exposed it, and he tested against it in the name of God. I believe it is right for a man to break a contract with hell just as soon as possible and to display it to the world." So said A. C. Dixon and he was pastor of Moody Church in Chicago and of Spurgeon's Church in London — two of the biggest churches in the world.

We have quoted 55 men and books in this article. 45 were Masons. Masonic books and speak from the inside — not from the outside. We haven't time nor space to say more now. There is a great deal more to be said.