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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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## Catholicism And Protestantism

"None of the churches called Protestant can qualify for nomination as Christ's church, for not one of them possesses those distinguishing earmarks we noted in the last step. In the first place not a single one of them is all over the world today. None of them ever has been all over the world teaching all the people all the things Christ said. As a matter of fact, not one of them has a life-span of even four hundred twenty-five years" (From "Faith of Our Fathers," Step Nine, in Our Sunday Visitor - Catholic).

The foregoing is true. And it is true, not only of Protestants, but of Roman Catholics as well (except the last sentence). The Catholic Church has never been all over the world and has never taught all the people. There are many communities, villages, and even towns of considerable size where there are no Catholic services held. There are millions of people on earth that have never heard of the Roman Catholic Church. There are great sections where no Catholic missionary has ever gone. And there is much that Christ has never taught. It does not even teach the gospel of Christ.

It opens to men a broad road to hell. It is the mother of harlots. Its infamous hands are red with blood of Baptist martyrs. It is the agent of ignorance, superstition, and idolatry. In Brazil, where Catholicism is unadulterated, its dupes are kissing the toes of the statue of "St. Peter" and bowing in other forms of idolatry in ignorance as abject as that which prevails among Buddhists and Brahmins.

It is only the imagination of Catholics that makes them think that the true church of Christ must be all over the world teaching all the people. New Testament churches were not.

But their test of antiquity, demanding that the church of Christ go back to Christ, is just. And by this test the Catholic church is disqualified, despite its lying claims. Any candid student of religious history knows that nothing like the Roman Catholic Church existed until centuries after the apostolic era. The seeds that produced it were sown in the second and third centuries, in departures from apostolic faith and practice.

They sprouted when Constantine made the Christian religion

the official religion of the Roman Empire, constituting himself temporal head and Sylvester (Roman bishop) spiritual head. The sprouts grew larger as the bishops of Rome gradually increased their power. The sprouts budded when Siricius (384-398) formally adopted the title "pope." This title was first applied to Marcellinus, Bishop of Rome, 296-304, but was not formally adopted until the time of Siricius. Then the title was officially adopted by Leo I (440-461). It remained for the papacy to bloom under Gregory the Great (590-604), who, according to Ridpath (Vol. 4, p. 41), "elevated the Episcopacy of Rome into a genuine papacy of the church"; and with whom, according to Schaff (History of the Christian Church, Vol. 1, p. 15), began "the development of the absolute papacy." But it yet remained for the papacy to come to full maturity through gradual accessions of power and prerogatives. This maturity was finally reached only when the Vatican Council (1869-1870) officially pronounced and defined the infallibility of the pope.

But what about Baptists? Can they stand the test of antiquity? They can!—T. P. Simmons

## A New God

Twelve weeks after the death of Gandhi, his image was placed among the other Hindu gods and goddesses in an Indian Temple, reports Time.

It is easy to see that the poor Indians are still searching for something that will satisfy the longing of their souls. It is the duty of every Baptist church to take the Gospel to these hungry souls.

## The Soul's Anchor

Eighty-three German neurologists and insanity experts have put a remarkable protest on record in Psychiatrich - Neurologische Wochenschrift, No. 49: "In the present lamentable struggle of political parties over the schools, attempts are being made, in a folly truly irresponsible, to shake the foundations of Christianity. We, the undersigned insanity and nerve specialists, who have daily opportunities to look into the deep abysses of psychic need and suffering, earnestly warn against allowing the belief in Christ to lapse in the least degree to lapse from the hearts of our youth, since this is the real anchor in the storm of our time. The Christian religion is now and will remain the philosophy, the psychology, the ethics, the socialists. Therein are we psychiatrists and neurologists at one with the greatest and noblest German people are proud to name as her sons, and who have taught us to recognize the nature and ends of Christianity in its infinite wisdom, truth, freedom, and strength." —Dawn

## WHY A TRUE MISSIONARY GOES TO THE HEATHEN THOUGH HE IS NOT INVITED

"Why did you go to those strange people," asked a friend of a returned missionary. "Did they ask you to come?" "No, they did not ask me." "Then why did you go?" The missionary said: "When I was a young man in college, in going to my room one night, I saw a bright light in a house as I passed. The wind had blown the curtain too close to the gas jet and it was in flames. But because this family had not invited me to warn them, and not wishing to disturb their peace, I passed on to my room." "You did no such thing," said the other. "You wasted no time in

crying to them that their house was on fire." "Certainly," said the missionary; "and the people of the strange land did not invite me, but I knew their danger without Christ, and I knew the great peace and joy that comes with knowing Him. I was bound, knowing these things, to tell them."—Moody Monthly

## Mused Uncle Mose

Abe Simon's boy jes' got back from college, and he tellin' ev'ybody he done gradgiated. Hit ain' goin' take him long to find out dat he jes' think he gradgiated.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE SECURITY OF THE SAVED"

This is a sermon preached sixteen years ago. It is reprinted here in view of many requests. It is also available in tract form. Secure a supply today for your community. However, REMEMBER it costs money both to print and mail these tracts. Your support will thus be deeply appreciated.

When I was seventeen years old, I was called into the ministry. For the past ten years, I have been trying to preach the Gospel. All of these 27 years have been spent in school: grammar, high, college, seminary, and the school of practical experience. During these years of schooling, I have learned only three lessons that are really

worth-while.

I was born a totally depraved, vicious sinner; but I did not know it. My parents say that evidences of that sinful disposition began to manifest themselves before I was three days old. The first day I went to school I rebelled at the authority of the school. I had numerous disputes with other students. Some of these disputes ended in blows. I did not know why it was that I preferred to lie rather than to tell the truth; nor why it was that I rebelled at all authority, and defied anyone that opposed me. I went to church, but I was not interested. I was never able to understand myself until I read: "The wicked are estranged from the

womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies" (Psa. 58:3). Then I read Psalm 51:5, which says: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Later, as a beloved brother of the cross read: "For we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), I saw myself as I was—depraved from birth, with vicious desires and unholy passions; condemned before God. Thus I learned my first lesson.

Just how to rid myself of the sin I possessed, I did not know. I had attended a church of another denomination and had heard men speculate about the

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## THE TONGUE

"The boneless tongue, so small, so weak, Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde," The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

The Persian proverb wisely saith: "A lengthy tongue, an early death."

Or sometimes takes this form instead "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed," Say the Chinese, "but outrips the steed."

While Arab sages this impart, "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew writ this saying sprung, "Tho' feet shall slip ne'er the tongue."

The Sacred Writer crowns the whole: "Who keeps his tongue, doth keep his soul." --Selected

## Methodist Apostasy Seen In That Young People Are Taught To Pray To Venus

According to a photographic reproduction in the Christian Beacon, the Classmate for June 20, 1948, official Sunday School paper of the Methodist Church, published a prayer to Venus, by Sarah Owen. This is the prayer: "Make me young, and make me fair. Noble Venus, hear my prayer. Lend me loveliness and grace; let me wear your perfect face. Others sigh for wealth and ease, but I covet none of these. Make me young and make me fair, August Beauty, hear my prayer."

We didn't know that any religious paper could be quite so pagan or heathenish as to present a prayer to Venus. This sounds like the same thing that almost happened at Lystra when Paul and Barnabas were trying to preach the gospel to the natives. Because of the miracles of healing that were performed, the people said that their gods, Jupiter and Mercury, had come down in the persons of these two men. The people even started, under the leadership of their priests of Jupiter, to offer oxen as a sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas. These two men of God would have none of this

human worship nor would they ever think of encouraging anybody else to worship or pray to any person except God Almighty. We wonder if the editors who permitted a thing like this to be published are even converted — if they could be called children of God. Truly we are in the last few days of this dispensation and are being plagued with apostate teachers. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (II Peter 2:1).—Broadcaster

Flattery is ninety per cent soft soap and soap is ninety per cent lye.

It is better to say "no" before than Reno afterwards.

## Who Can Stand Alone?

A minister traveling on a continental train was the sole occupant of a compartment save for a young man reading a newspaper.

The youth was also a Christian, but so weak was his faith and so many were his temptations, that he told the minister he did not think he would be able to stand life a week longer.

The minister took from his pocket a Bible and a penknife and said, "See, I will make this penknife stand up on the cover of this Bible, in spite of the rocking of the train."

The young man, thinking this was some conjuring trick, watched the proceeding with interest and said, "I am afraid that it will not be very easy to do that, sir."

"But," said the minister, "I am doing it."

"Oh, but you are holding it," retorted his fellow passenger.

"Why, of course. Did you ever hear of a penknife standing up on its end without being held up?"

"I see," said the young man. "I see. You mean to teach me that I cannot stand unless Christ holds me."



About the leanest Christian you can find is an able-bodied preacher who has "located" to improve his worldly prospects.

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### "THE SECURITY OF THE SAVED"

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plan of salvation. I had heard them say with emphasis: "No man can know that he is saved until he gets to heaven." I had heard them read:

"Tis a point I long to know  
Oft it causes anxious thought:  
Do I love the Lord, or no?  
Am I His, or am I not?"

That type of religion made no appeal to me. If I had possessed that kind of religion, I would have been no better off than I was; I was already in a state of indecision. Then, one night I sat in a Baptist church and heard the scripture: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7). Like a drowning man grasping at a straw, I laid hold of this; and sang that night with others that trusted in the same Savior:

Happy night, happy night, when  
Jesus washed my black heart  
white;  
He taught me how to sing and  
shout, and be a Christian out  
and out,  
"Happy night, happy night, when  
Jesus washed my black heart  
white."

Then I could say with Paul: "I know whom I have believed." (II Tim. 1:12). There was no guess-work about this. I could say with Naaman: "Now, I know there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." (II Kings 5:15). As my second great lesson, I had learned that I was a sinner saved by grace.

I was so happy in the Lord that I felt this experience just could not last. I concluded that it must end some time. But, lo, it has not ended; but has grown sweeter with each passing day. Thus I learned my third great lesson,—that I was saved eternally, and could never be lost. This was the greatest lesson of all. Now with Paul, I say: "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" (Phil. 1:6); or with Peter: "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:5); or still again with my blessed Lord: "No man is able to pluck thee out of my Father's hand." (John 10:29).

It is this third lesson I set myself to the task of proving.

The problem of the oldest book in the Bible—the book of Job—is the eternal security of the believer. The devil was the first preacher of apostasy when he lied to God, saying that Job would apostatize under his difficulties. God gave the devil more advantage with Job than the devil ever had with a believer since. Job had no one to intercede on his behalf—no Christ to pray for him that his

## ONLY BEGINNING TO LIVE



Gone, they tell me, is youth,  
Gone is the strength of my life,  
Nothing remains but decline,  
Nothing but age and decay.  
Not so, I'm God's little child,  
Only beginning to live;  
Coming the days of my prime,  
Coming the strength of my life,  
Coming the vision of God,  
Coming my bloom and my power.

—Amy Carmichael

faith fail not, yet we hear him declare:

"Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job :21).

If the devil couldn't cause Job to "fall from grace" under adverse circumstances, without a high priest to intercede on his behalf, how can the devil cause a believer to "fall from grace" today, when each child of God has an intercessor pleading for him in glory?

God proved through Job that the devil lied when he preached apostasy. Some day God will prove through each saved believer that every preacher of apostasy is a liar.

In a sermon a short time before his death, W. H. Griffith-Thomas said:

"(1) Physical life is the union of body with spirit.

"(2) Spiritual life is the union of spirit with God.

"(3) Eternal life is the union of the spirit with God forever."

It is the last of these that I am interested in just now. And at the outset, let me say that I do not mean to say that a Christian will never fall into sin. To say that one never sins is to brand one's self as a liar:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

A child of God may, through Satan's subtlety, fall often into sin, but a fall does not always

kill. Many have fallen from great heights and lived to tell the story. Many also have fallen into sin and lived to tell of their redemption through grace alone.

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness." (Micah 7:8, 9).

David committed adultery and then murdered a man to cover it. Surely no one puts a premium on these two black sins. Yet by and by we hear him say: "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." (Ps. 37:23, 24).

Peter likewise fell when he denied the Lord and punctuated his denial with profanity. Still the fall didn't kill him, and presently we hear him speak: "You who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:5).

I grew up on a farm where we used to raise cattle, sheep and hogs. In preparing the hogs for the show ring at the fairs, I used to wash them weekly, trim their nails and polish their bristles. When I had finished, I used to say, "Now, Mr. Hog, stay clean." Did he mind? Immedi-

ately he would make his way to the first convenient mudhole and lay down on one side. Then, as if not content with the damage done, he would roll over to completely ruin my hour's work. Why was the hog content in the mud? It was his nature and he was only acting accordingly.

I saw a pet lamb fall into the same mud-slough one day. Strangely, the sheep did not wallow therein, but got out at once, acting very much ashamed of himself. Why didn't the sheep wallow there as the hogs did daily? He was a sheep and it was contrary to his nature.

Whenever one falls in sin and wallows there, it proves he has never been saved—the old hog nature is just manifesting itself, in spite of church membership, baptism, and reformation. God's dear sheep may fall in sin, but he won't remain there long; but ashamed of himself, will seek out the Lord, confess his wrongs, and repent of his sins. Accordingly I say that a saved sinner can never lose his salvation, since:

1. HE IS KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD. Jude 24—"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present your faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." 1 Peter 1:5—"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Heb. 7:25—"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." II Tim. 1:12—"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." These texts teach us that the power to keep lies outside the sphere of personal ability, and that God keeps us from the power of external, internal, and infernal agencies. When the jewel of my soul is surrendered to God's keeping, He is responsible for my eternal security.

"Firm as His throne the promise stands,  
And He can well secure,  
What I've committed to His hands,  
Till the decisive hour."

I would be unsafe to attempt to walk the streets of any town with \$1,000 in my pocket. I hand it through the bank window to the cashier and he keeps it since he has the ability to do so. I haven't the power to keep my salvation, since the Devil is stronger than I, but I can commit myself unto God, who is "able to keep." Then do I realize: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1).

2. THE DEVIL CANNOT TAKE ONE OUT OF GOD'S HAND.

The Devil exerts a powerful influence. He has had 6000 years experience. Yet he can go no farther than God permits him. God permitted Satan to touch Job's property but he could not harm a single hair of Job's head. Cf. Job 1:12. Later God permitted him to touch Job's body, but he could not take his life. Cf. Job 2:6. Since Satan can go no farther than he is permitted of God, a believer can never be lost, for God will not permit the Devil to pass the sacred precincts of God's saving grace. "But he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (1 John 5:18).

If Satan can overcome one of God's children, he can overcome all. If he has the power to get all and yet allows one to go to Heaven, would not that one be

saved by the grace of Satan? Yet the Bible plan of salvation is by the Grace of God through faith. Eph. 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

3. EACH OF THE REDEEMED IS A NEW CREATION.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation)." (II Cor. 5:17). This world and all that is here is God's creation. Can man create that which God has created? Perish the thought! Each of the redeemed is created by God. Since that which has been created can not be uncreated, then each believer is eternally secure.

4. EACH BELIEVER IS BORN AGAIN.

"Whosoever believeth in Jesus is the Christ is born of God." (1 John 5:1). When a child is born into this world, he can never be unborn. Since that which is born cannot be unborn, then everyone who has been "born again" is forever saved.

The Bible speaks of the natural birth as the first birth; the second birth; there is no other birth spoken of. If one might be lost, after being saved, he would be lost eternally as the Bible does not mention the third or fourth, or any birth after one is once born of God.

John R. Gilpin, Jr., is my son, since he was born such. Regardless of what he does he will always be my son. I am a child of God, by the new birth (John 3:7). I shall always be a son of God (1 John 3:2), irrespective of what the Devil may do in my life.

5. THE SAVED ARE BORN OF AN INCORRUPTIBLE SEED.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Pet. 1:23). The first chapter of Genesis ten times declares that everything produces "after his kind." According to this law, if Genesis, the new nature which is born of God is incorruptible, since one is born of incorruptible seed, either the theory of evolution that like begets like is true (God forbid), else our salvation is eternal.

6. BY THE NEW BIRTH THE CHILD OF GOD PARTAKES OF DIVINE NATURE.

"Whereby are given unto exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." (II Pet. 1:4). When one is saved the nature of God is placed within. Would it be possible for God to die and for a man to have an end? Would God shrink at the thought? God might die, the believer might die, as each believer has nature like the nature of God. If the child of God has something of the nature of God, would not something of the nature of God be lost if the child of God is lost?

7. IF THE DEATH WE INHERIT FROM ADAM IS ETERNAL, THE LIFE WE INHERIT FROM CHRIST IS ETERNAL.

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 5:21). Since no one will deny that we are eternally dead in Adam, Eph. 2:1. "Even so" we are eternally alive and secure in Christ.

8. EACH OF THE SAVED IS SAVED BY CHRIST IN GOD.

"For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Col. 3:3). We shall let a (Continued on page three)



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paper one inch square represent my soul. The backs of my Bible represent God and the pages thereof represent Christ. I put the paper inside of my Bible and close it. I open it and turn the pages of the Book. The piece of paper is so small in comparison with the backs and pages that I can not find it. I am thus hid "with Christ in God." How, then, can Satan rob me of my salvation?

### 9. BELIEVERS ARE SEALED UNTIL THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

"Who hath also sealed us, and given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." (II Cor. 1:22). "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph. 4:30). The Holy Spirit Himself is the seal. We are securely kept by Him until the day of redemption." The day of redemption is the time of Christ's second coming. Cf. Luke 21:28; Rom. 8:23. We are therefore eternally secure in Christ for no one can reverse the sealing sealed by the King. And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his signet and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel." (Dan. 6:17). "Write ye also for the Jews, The, and seal it with the king's writing: for the writing which is written in the King's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse." (Esther 8:8).

### 10. THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND CHRIST SECURES THE BELIEVER.

"Then thou spakest in vision thy Holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is chosen out of the people. Also I will make him my first born, My mercy will I keep for him forevermore and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne of the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; then I will visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor

alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." (Ps. 89:19, 27-34). This covenant was made with Christ before the foundation of the world. When His children go astray, He promises chastisement and yet declares He will not withdraw His loving kindness nor suffer His faithfulness to fail.

### 11. THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND THE RIGHTEOUS SECURES THEM.

"And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." (Jer. 32:40). In this covenant two ideas are noteworthy: God will not turn away from the righteous. The righteous shall not depart from God. Certainly this can mean nothing but the eternal and final security of the believer.

### 12. CHRIST'S STATEMENT AT THE JUDGEMENT. Mt. 7:21-23.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'" (Matt. 7:21-23). Christ will say to the lost, "I never knew you." Yet the Scriptures emphatically declare that He intimately knows each believer: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27). "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." (II Tim. 2:19). Since the believer is known of Christ, if one should be lost, Christ would be proven a liar (I speak reverently) at the judgment, as there He will say to the damned, "I never knew you." Either we have eternal life when saved, or else Christ will tell a falsehood at the judgment!

### 13. THE PROMISES OF CHRIST SECURE EACH BELIEVER.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24). "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast

out." (John 6:37). "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). "Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 1:8). "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." (Phil. 1:6). All these are promises concerning the believer's security. If a believer, through sinning, could perish, then God's promises would be valueless. If the promises are valueless, then the whole Bible is valueless and Christ, God, the Holy Spirit, and Christianity are valueless. If one fails, all must fail. However, we prefer to "let God be true, but every man a liar," (Rom. 3:4) for—

"He has never broken any promise spoken, And will keep His promise to me."

### 14. HE PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE TO HIS SHEEP.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 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 10:27-29). Every saved believer is one of God's sheep. Christ Himself is the Shepherd. No sheep can ever stray so far, but that the Good Shepherd will bring him home again. Luke 15:5, 6: "And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors saying unto them, Rejoice with me: for I have found my sheep which was lost." God's dear sheep may fall into the mouth of the roaring lion, even Satan (I Pet. 5:3), but the Shepherd will deliver therefrom. I Sam. 17:34, 35.

### 15. WHEN A BELIEVER IS SAVED, HE POSSESSES ETERNAL LIFE.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47). "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24). "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." (John 11:26). "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (I John 5:11, 13). The life Christ gives us is eternal—never ending. Forty-three times in the New Testament "everlasting" qualifies the life we receive when we receive Christ. Then it is a 43-0 hope that the believer is eternally secure. In Mt. 25:46, "everlasting" describes the punishment of the wicked. In Rom. 16:26 "everlasting" describes the character of God's existence. In II Tim. 2:10, "everlasting" describes the duration of Christ in glory. In II Pet. 1:11, "everlasting" describes the duration of Christ's kingdom. Then as long as the wicked are punished, as long

as God exists, and as long as Christ's glory exists, and as long as Christ's kingdom continues, just that long the believer has eternal life. If the punishment of the wicked can have an end, if God can have an end, and if Christ's glory and Kingdom have an end, then the believer can perish. In view of this shall we not write in letters of gold across the Heavens, that all may read: ETERNAL SALVATION!

### 16. ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE BELIEVER.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). The truth of this comforting statement demands that our salvation be eternal, for this could never be true if a believer could lose his salvation.

### 17. CHRIST BECOMES THE BELIEVER'S SURETY.

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:22, 25). "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (I John 2:1, 2). Christ's work in Heaven today is that of intercession. He is the lawyer who represents each believer at the bar of God's supreme court. I have a dear friend, who is a lawyer. Suppose I violate some traffic ordinance. I ask him to appear in my behalf in the court. He does not plead the mercy of the court, nor does he ask leniency that I am a preacher. He simply pleads "guilty" to the charge and pays the fine that I may go free. In the court of Heaven, I am charged with innumerable offenses by Satan. (Rev. 12:10). The Son of God is my lawyer. (Heb. 9:24). He does not ask the Father to be merciful, nor does He plead the weakness of my flesh. He is there to plead "guilty" on my behalf, and to pay for my sin with His blood: "He is the propitiation (sacrifice) for our sins." (I John 2:2). Hallelujah! for such a Saviour!

### 18. GOD PROMISES NEVER TO FORSAKE HIS SAINTS.

"Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever." (Psa. 12:7). "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. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil and do good; and dwell forever more. For the Lord loveth judgment and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." (Psa. 47:23, 28). "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked." (Psa. 97:10). "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." (I Thess. 5:23-24). "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom." (II Tim. 4:18).

The saints are God's believing children. These He promises

never to forsake. Since God is continually present with the believer, the believer is eternally secure with God.

### 19. CHRIST'S BLOOD CLEANSSES FROM ALL SIN.

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:14). "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7). "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14). Christ died as a substitute for every believer. His death paid for all sin. His blood cleanses from ALL sin (past, present, and future).

By his death Christ suffered for every sin of each believer. If a believer through sinning, could perish, then the believer would suffer for the same sins, which Christ has already suffered for. Both the believer and Christ would be paying for the same sins, and God, to punish two persons for the sins of one, would be the most unjust tyrant of the universe. Perish the thought! Our God is just; yea, above all, He is merciful!

### 20. THE RIGHTEOUS ARE SECURE, BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S PRAYER.

"I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:9, 11, 12, 15, 20, 24). This prayer, breathed by Christ, 2,000 years before all present believers were born, secures us eternally with God.

### 21. THE MEANING OF REDEMPTION.

"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." The Greek word for redeem used in Gal. 4:4, 5, "ex-agerazo," means to "buy out of the market," so that the redeemed are never again to be exposed to sale. Thank Heaven, when Jesus has bought a slave of Satan, the Devil will never again be permitted to even bid for that one, for the redeemed of God is never again to be put up for sale. Hallelujah!

### 22. CHRIST PROMISES THAT THE BELIEVER SHALL NEVER THIRST.

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." (John 4:14). Yet in Hell, one of the pangs of the damned is thirst. "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and

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## "SHEW PIETY AT HOME"

I Timothy 5:4

Be kind to thy father, for when thou wert young,  
Who loved thee as fondly as he?  
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,  
And joined in thy innocent glee.  
Be kind to thy father, for now he is old,  
His locks intermingled with gray;  
His footsteps are feeble, once fearless, and bold--  
Thy father is passing away!  
Be kind to thy mother, for lo! on her brow  
May traces of sorrow be seen;  
Oh, well may'st thou cherish and comfort her now,  
For loving and kind hath she been.  
Remember thy mother, for thee shall she pray,  
As long as God giveth her breath;  
With accents of kindness then, cheer her lone way,  
Even to the dark valley of death.

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## "THE SECURITY OF THE SAVED"

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send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." (Luke 16:24). If a believer is lost and goes to Hell, Christ is proven a liar, since He promises the believer shall never thirst. Again we say, either eternal life, or Christ is a falsifier.

### 23. THE LORD WILL NOT CHARGE THE BELIEVER WITH SIN.

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin (charge sin)." (Rom. 4:5-8). When Christ died on the cross, God treated Christ just like the sinner ought to have been treated. When a believer

is saved, God treats him like Christ ought to have been treated. Thus, our sins are imputed to Christ and Christ's righteousness is imputed to us. Because of this, no sin will be charged against the believer.

### 24. LINKS OF THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF GOD'S PURPOSE GUARANTEES THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER.

"Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified, them he also glorified." (Rom. 8:30). These are four indestructible links in this golden chain. Both ends of the chain are eternally fastened to the throne of God. As certainly as the believer is chosen in Christ before the world began, step by step the believer will advance to the stage of final perfection. Since it is true that whom He predestinates, He will eventually glorify, how could one of His elect ever be lost?

### 25. REWARDS MAY BE LOST, BUT THE SOUL REMAINS SECURE.

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon,

he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (1 Cor. 3:14, 15). The objector asks, "If one did sin and die in impenitence, would he be saved?" It is impossible to suppose any condition that will permit a child of God to be lost in Hell. The passage read tells us what will become of the erring child. His rewards will be lost, yet he will not be lost! His rewards will perish, but he shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

### 26. THE SURE FOUNDATION INSURES SAFETY.

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." (Isa. 28:16). "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11). A substantial foundation insures the safety of all concerned. No man can afford to build for eternity upon a defective foundation.

The Lord Jesus is the only foundation one can build upon with assurance.

"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."

In His Sermon on the Mount, Christ refers to this foundation. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

"And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell and great was the fall of it." (Mt. 7:24-27).

When God reaches down and lifts a poor sinner from the pit, He places him upon a sure foundation, so that in the time of testing, he who is anchored to the Rock of Ages can say, "In Jesus I'm safe evermore." Yea, all the combined forces of Hell and earth can not remove him. With sweet assurance, we triumphantly sing:

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word;  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"In every condition, in sickness, in health,  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,  
At home or abroad, on the land, on the sea;  
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The river of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age, all My people shall prove,  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho' all Hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

### 27. IF A BELIEVER COULD PERISH, THEN THE JOY OF HEAVEN IS IN VAIN.

Likewise, I say unto you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:10).

Here on this earth a poor sinner turns from his sins to

Christ as a Saviour. Heaven above sees this transaction and is set rejoicing. Emotion seizes all the heavenly spectators. This believer later sins enough (who could ever tell when he has crossed that line) to lose salvation. Then Heaven has been mistaken, their joy has been premature. Can the omniscient God rejoice, if He knew that the repentant sinner could eventually perish in sin? How utterly inconceivable!

### 28. NOTHING CAN SEPARATE THE BELIEVER FROM CHRIST.

Twenty centuries ago Jesus asked, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom. 8:35). Shall Satan? "But that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (1 John 2:18). Shall temptation? "Thou hath no temptation taken us but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13). Shall sin? "For sin shall not have dominion over you." (Rom. 6:14). Shall the law? "For ye are under the law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14). Shall the world? "For whatsoever is born of God, he overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (John 5:4). Shall the believer? "THEY SHALL NOT DEPART FROM ME." (Jer. 32:40). It was impossible for Noah to leave the ark after God had shut the door in, so it is impossible for a believer to leave Christ. Some one asks, "Cannot a believer crawl off the Rock of Ages?" Beloved, where is the child of God who wants to crawl off? More Rock of Ages? But listen, the scriptures mention ten agencies or agents, including the powers of Heaven, earth and Hell, who declare he is unable to separate the believer from Christ. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loveth us. For I am persuaded, neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord." (Rom. 8:35-39).

Years ago, at Leicester, England, there was a strike. Property was demolished and homes were ruined in the riot. In one home a lad was playing on the first floor, while his big brother was mending shoes upstairs. Fearing the rioters would break the door down, he stepped on the ladder and called: "Tom, they are going to smash the door open; make haste to come down." The big brother, a strong, well-built man, put his burly back to the door, and the younger boy went on with his play. Sometimes the boy comes to this house of prayer and when I fear, lest he will come by force, I rush to the door of the ascension ladder and say, "Christ, Christ, make haste to come down: the Devil is trying to get me." Like lightning, He places Himself at the door of my heart, and there are enough Devils in all Hell to break the door open, when the "elder brother" has His back to the door.

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