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LET CHURCHES BEWARE OF

The Danger Of Following The Crowd

By ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

In church life, and in religious life, man-made customs creep in to take the place of what God teaches in His Word. At our church we have for years been trying to follow the New Testament, and many condemn us for it by saying, "But that is different from the way that others are doing." Here again the question is not what the Lord says, but "what is being done."

What Are Some Church Fashions That Dominate?

1. Church Architecture is one palm in which custom dominates. There is some deviation in

this time, but most people in building a church insist that it follow a certain ecclesiastical pattern. The auditorium is neither built for comfort or convenience. Acoustics are terrible. Often the church looks more like a mausoleum than anything else. Many people are kept from church because of the looks of the building. Often they are dark and forbidding. Where in the Bible are we told to build a church with towers and a certain appearance? Nowhere! Theatres are built for attractiveness, comfort, convenience. In this "The children of this world are wiser than the children of light." A church building should be built for real

practical use rather than to suit tradition.

2. The Social Fashion. The church kitchen often wags the church. Churches carry on a continual round of eating and drinking and making merry. Where in the Bible are we told that a church should feed and entertain? Nowhere! The purpose for which Jesus started His church is expressed in Matt. 28: 18-20. Thousands of people belong to a church for the sake of social life it furnishes. Often such are unsaved. It takes no Christianity to get up parties and to play games.

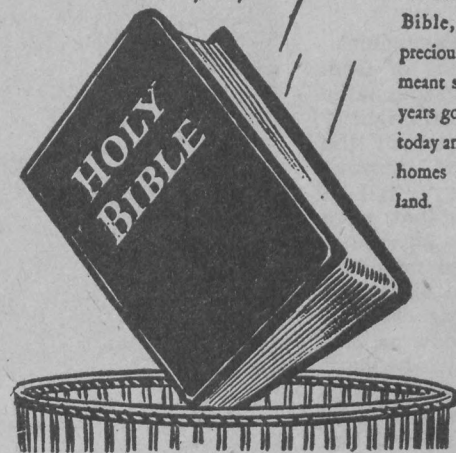
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Are you throwing
The Bible Away?

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We pride ourselves in
... the possession of the
Bible, and still that
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years gone by is neglected
today and unread in many
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"Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than
mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more under-
standing than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my medita-
tion."—Psalm 119:98,99.

WHY I LEFT FREEMASONRY

By CHARLES G. FINNEY
(From His Memoirs)

When I was converted to Christ I had belonged to the Masonic Lodge in Adams, New York, about four years. During the struggle of conviction of sin through which I passed, I do not recollect that the question of Freemasonry ever occurred to my mind.

New Views Of Lodgism

But soon after my conversion, the evening came for attendance upon the Lodge, and I went. They, of course, were aware that I had become a Christian, and the Master called upon me to

"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED"

By DAVID BURRIS
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Every error in life is attributable to an improper answer to, "What must I do?" The blundering Philippiian jailor said to Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). This expression springs from every rational human soul. The reason is evident for, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). The result is, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." (Isa. 53:6). Humiliating, it may seem, it is the truth. Let us not deny this fact and register another error to our account. The glaring question of what to do, can be answered only by the one we wish to be reconciled to. He says:

REPENT! "I tell you, Nay: except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3). Salvation without repentance is impossible — a repentance directed toward God accompanied with a faith toward Jesus Christ — "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith to-
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open the Lodge with prayer. I did so, and poured out my heart to the Lord for blessings upon the Lodge. I observed that it created considerable excitement. The evening passed away, and at the close of the Lodge I was asked to pray again. I did so, and retired much depressed in spirit. I soon found that I was completely converted from Freemasonry to Christ, and that I could have no fellowship with any of the proceedings of the Lodge. Its oaths appeared to me to be monstrously profane and barbarous.

At that time I did not know how much I had been imposed upon by many of the pretensions of Masonry. But, upon reflexion and examination, a severe struggle and earnest prayer, I found I could not consistently remain with them. My new life instinctively and irresistibly recoiled from any fellowship with what I now regarded as "the unfruitful works of darkness."

Quietly Withdrawing
Membership

Without consulting anyone, I

finally went to the Lodge and requested my discharge. My mind was made up. Withdraw from them I must—with their consent if I might; without their consent if I must. Of this I said nothing; but somehow it came to be known that I had withdrawn.

They therefore planned a Masonic festival and sent a committee to me, requesting me to deliver an oration on that occasion. I quietly declined to do so, informing the committee that I could not conscientiously, in any wise, do what would show my approval of the institution, or sympathy with it. However, for the time, and for years afterward I remained silent, and said nothing against Masonry; though I had then so well considered the matter as to regard my Masonic oaths as utterly null and void. But from that time I never allowed myself to be recognized as a Freemason anywhere.

Beginning A Public Testimony

This was a few years before the revelations of Freemasonry

by Captain William Morgan were published. When that book was published, I was asked if it was a true revelation of Freemasonry. I replied that it was so far as I knew anything about it, and that as nearly as I could recollect, it was a verbatim revelation of the first three degrees as I had myself taken them. I frankly acknowledged that that which had been published was a true account of the institution, and a true exposure of their oaths, principles, and proceedings. After I had considered it more thoroughly, I was more perfectly convinced that I had no right to adhere to the institution, or appear to do so; and that I was bound, whenever the occasion came, to speak my mind freely in regard to it, and to renounce the horrid oaths that I had taken.

Masonic Oaths Procured By
Fraud

I found that in taking these oaths I had been grossly deceived and imposed upon. I had been led to suppose that there

were some very important secrets to be communicated to me; but in this I found myself entirely disappointed. Indeed I came to the deliberate conclusion that my oaths had been procured by fraud and misrepresentations; that the institution was in no respect what I had been informed it was; and as I have had the means of examining it more thoroughly, it has become more and more irresistibly plain to me that Masonry is highly dangerous to the State, and in every way injurious to the Church of Christ.

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BAPTISTS, CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS

By A. Z. MATHEWS
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Everyone should know that there are but three systems of religion in the world today, namely: Baptists, Catholics and Protestants. Baptists are not Protestants, only in a sense do they protest against Catholicism; but they were never in the Catholic church to come out and protest their doctrine. The Catholic church did not come into being until about 500 A. D.

Baptists can trace their lineage through the centuries to Christ and the Apostles, but at times the line was almost blotted out because of persecution, mostly by Catholics.

A good illustration of what I am trying to bring out, is found in some streams that are said to exist in Florida. Down in a swampy place you will find water coming up out of the ground, a spring. Follow this little stream a mile or two, and all of a sudden it will go under ground. Follow the little valley a few miles and it will emerge. Analyze the water that thus emerges, and that of the spring, and you will find it to be the same. As said above, sometime
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"Is Thine Heart Right?"

"And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot."—II Kings 10:15.

If you will go back and read the chapters immediately preceding this text, you will find

that Ahab and Jezebel had been king and queen for quite a long period of time. No more sinful, sin-cursed pair of individuals ever lived than Ahab and Jezebel. I doubt seriously if any country was ever plagued more sorely by two sinful creatures than was Israel plagued by Ahab and Jezebel, his queen. Time would fail me to enumerate the various types of sin in which they indulged. Chiefly, they were idolaters, and religiously they led Israel far

astray.

Whenever a man gets wrong religiously, you can expect him to get wrong every other way. It doesn't make any difference as to what kind of religion a man may have, you can expect that it is going to have an influence on his life.

Ahab and Jezebel were, as I say, idolaters, and their idolatry expressed itself not only in their religion, but in their lives as well. Time passed by
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We need not only a constant going to do God's will but a constant tarrying to find out His will.

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"The Heart"

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and in the providence of God, He raised up a man by the name of Jehu, whom He used mightily in the extermination of the house of Ahab and Jezebel. Time would fail me to tell of the various reforms that were instituted by Jehu, how that he killed the various members of the household of Ahab and Jezebel, even having Jezebel thrown out of a window so that her body was crushed beneath the hooves of horses as his army passed by. Time would fail me to tell of the members of the family of Ahab that Jehu completely destroyed and exterminated in his zeal for God, by way of reformation.

In the course of his zeal for the Lord and in the course of his reformation that he wrought in behalf of Israel, the Word of God tells us that he met a man one day by the name of Jehonadab. He said to him, "Is thine heart right? If so, give me thine hand." The Word of God tells us that Jehonadab confessed that his heart was with Jehu in his reforms, and that he gave him his hand. They shook hands on the basis of a united friendship in behalf of reform for Israel.

Now, beloved, I'd like for us to take that text and use it for a close analysis and a vital scrutiny of our own religious status before God. The question is, "Is thine heart right?" I am not asking if you are a church member. I am not asking how, or whether you have been baptized. I am not asking anything about how you are living. I am asking just one simple question that covers all the balance—Is thine heart right?

I

I WANT TO GIVE YOU, FIRST OF ALL, SOME REASONS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ONE'S HEART BE RIGHT.

I don't know anything in this world that is more important than for you to have your heart right with God.

Before the services began this morning, Brother Paul Rece and I were talking about some two or three individuals, mutual acquaintances, and the question of Brother Paul's own brother came around. He made mention of his brother's physical condition as to what he needed, and then he said, "But he needs the Lord most of all."

I would remind you tonight that most of all, you need to have your heart right in the sight of God. I have five reasons why that is true.

In the first place, out of the heart are the issues of life.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."—Prov. 4:23.

HOW MUCH ARE YOU SAVING?



"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."—Mt. 6:19,20.

That word "issue" really means "the vital current." Just like we might say that the heart pumps the blood through the body to the extent that the entire physical well being is dependent upon the action of your physical heart, so, beloved friends, all the moral well being of your life depends upon your heart. As the physical well being depends upon the action of the physical heart, so the moral well being of your life depends upon your heart top. Out of the heart are the issues of life.

Then, beloved, that being so, you can see why that it is absolutely necessary that a man's heart be right with God. If all the issues or vital currents of your life come from your heart, you can see how important it is that your heart be right with God.

The second reason why it is important that a man's heart should be right with God is that a man will tend to be like his heart. In other words, whatever his heart is, your life will tend to be like your heart.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."—Prov. 23:7.

Beloved, whatever you think about in your heart, that is what you will tend to be like in life.

Would you dare tell me that it isn't important that a man's heart be right? When you consider a verse like this, when you realize that God has already declared that men tend in life to be like what is inside their heart, then, beloved, you can easily and readily see how it is and why it is that it is important that a man's heart be right in God's sight. The very things that you do are but reflections of what is in your heart. The things you say, the things you think about, the things you talk about, your actions, everything in your life, every particle of your being tends to be like your heart. So I would remind you, beloved, that it is important that your heart be right, since you tend to be like what your heart is. It is very, very evident that it is most important that your heart be right in God's sight.

Another reason why it is important is that sin first begins in the heart. Do you realize that before a man ever commits a sin outwardly, he has already committed the sin in his own heart? Do you realize that a man's sin in his life is merely a reflection of the sin that is already in his heart?

I remember when I first became pastor here, the first time that I ever went over to the Y. M. C. A. to preach (and I have preached there hundreds and hundreds of times), a man came up to me and said, "Bro. Gilpin, does a man steal because he is a thief, or is he a thief because he steals?" I said, "Bro., the answer to that question is obvious. He steals because he is a thief in his heart to start with."

That is the teaching of all the Word of God. I tell you, beloved, any sin, regardless of what the sin is, begins first in a man's heart and then takes place outwardly in his life.

Take for example the sin of adultery. Our Lord says:

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."—Mt. 5:28.

He doesn't say one word about the overt act of adultery. He says that before the overt act is committed, the sin of adultery is committed already in the individual's heart in advance; and what is true of that sin, beloved, is true of every sin and any sin. Sin begins first in the heart.

In view of that fact, I repeat that it is important that a man's heart be right in the sight of God.

The fourth reason why it is important that your heart be right with God is that your heart will color your conversation. The things you talk about will depend upon the condition of your heart. What you say to the friends and the acquaintances that you have, will depend upon the condition of your heart. Some people that you meet are always wanting to talk about the Lord Jesus Christ. They do so because Jesus Christ dwells within their heart. Some

people you meet are always wanting to talk business and finance. They do so because that is paramount within their heart. Some people you meet always want to talk about the filth of this world. They do so because that is the condition of their heart. Some people always want to talk in terms of gossip relative to their neighbors. They do so because their heart is in that condition.

I am saying to you tonight, my brother, my sister, a man's heart will color his conversation every time.

Jesus said:

"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKETH."—Mt. 12:34.

A bus driver came to me a few days ago and told me concerning an excluded member of our church. He said that from the time he got on the bus until he got off, he told one dirty, filthy, scandalous story after another. This bus driver went on to say that so far as he was concerned, that it was obnoxious to him to have to listen to that individual's conversation. Well, all I can say, beloved, is simply this, what he says and what he talks about on the outside that comes from his mouth, starts first within his heart.

It is important that a man's heart be right with God because it will color his conversation.

The fifth reason why it is important that your heart be right with God is this: unless your heart is right, your religion is all in vain. It doesn't make a bit of difference what religion you hold to; it is vain if your heart isn't right in God's sight.

Jesus said:

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in VAIN they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."—Mt. 15:8, 9.

Suppose an individual is even a preacher, or a teacher, or one who takes an active part in the fellowship and in the worship of his church. Suppose he speaks of our Lord in glowing terms with his lips while at the same time his heart is far from God. God says that that man's religion is a vain religion. I does not make any difference what his religion may be; it doesn't make any difference what he says with his lips; if his heart isn't right in the sight of God, his religion is definitely in vain.

Here then are five reasons that I have enumerated as to why it is important that a man's heart be right in God's sight.

II

THE WORD OF GOD TELLS US THE CONDITION OF EVERY UNSAVED PERSON'S HEART.

If you are unsaved, I want you to see the condition of your heart this very hour. The Word of God tells us that if you are unsaved, your heart is full of sin.

"This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all; yea, also the heart of the sons of men is FULL OF EVIL, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead."—Eccl. 9:3.

This verse tells us just how much evil and how much sin there is within your heart. You hear it said of an individual that he is a good-hearted man. Beloved, it is not so. His heart is full of evil, outside of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Listen again:

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is FULLY SET IN THEM TO DO EVIL."—Eccl. 8:11.

Brother, sister, listen, down here within your heart is locked up all kinds of evil and all kinds of sin.

The poet has expressed it like this:

"Lord, when we seek the human heart"

We find a fallen world within: There is no health in any part, Sin reigns throughout, and death by sin.

Large provinces are pagan still, Where other lords dominion share;

Idols of mind, affection, will The power of darkness triumphs there.

Here, the false prophet's wild domains

Where lust, and cruelty, and hate,

With baleful passions, fire the veins,

And seal the conscience up to fate.

I know a bosom, which within Contains the world's sad counterpart:

'Tis here—the reign of death and sin,

O God! evangelize my heart!"

Some fond mother or father some husband or wife may look upon you as a model so far as human conduct is concerned, but if you could just see what is inside your heart tonight, you would realize just how far from a model your conduct actually is. You would be ashamed to undress your heart tonight. You would be ashamed if there could be a moral X-ray made of your heart. There isn't a person here, even after you are saved, but what you would be ashamed of what is in your heart. Many times since you have been a Christian, things have passed through your mind that you knew were positively wrong, and you said, "Oh God, why should I think such sinful thoughts?" Beloved, that is just because of the condition of your heart. Your heart is full of evil.

Sometime ago I was in a home where the mother had had an enlargement made of a photograph of a dead daughter. She was quite anxious, in fact, most anxious to preserve a little picture she had of her daughter. She had had it enlarged and after the enlargement had been made and I was in her home, she was showing it to me and there were a number of ugly blotches and spots, that had come out on the face. She said that she had taken it back to the photographer and that he had told her that there was a certain chemical in that paper that had oozed out and had caused the blotch on the face, and had spoiled the photograph. I thought after I had left her home, how true of the human heart. There is sin in it; there is evil in it; it just keeps running over, and it just keeps flooding the life and spoiling all that is on the outside, because the heart itself is full of sin.

I want you to notice also that the heart is not only full of evil, but the heart is sick.

"Why should ye be stricken any more: ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint."—Isa. 1:5.

Beloved, your heart also is sick tonight if you are not saved. Let me ask you, what is the condition of your natural heart? Do you have any heart trouble? (Continued on page three)

"The Heart"

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I suppose there isn't a week goes by but what I call on somebody in the hospital or at home who is suffering from some heart condition. This past week I visited a man in the C. & O. Hospital, a friend of some who are here, who had been stricken with a heart condition. He never knew he had it until the doctor sent him to the hospital. After I walked out of his room, I remembered the words that he had said, and I thought, how like unto his spiritual life—how like unto his heart spiritually. He probably doesn't know that his spiritual heart is in a worse condition than his physical heart. He probably doesn't realize that his heart spiritually is likewise sick in the sight of God.

Listen, man, woman, outside of Jesus Christ, your heart is sick tonight. It is so sick that your whole body is faint. You know what it is for an individual to faint, or to get knocked out, or to pass out. Our Lord says that that is the condition of a man spiritually. His heart is sick.

The Word of God also tells us that the heart is deceitful. Surely, beloved, you know the meaning of this within your own experience. I oughtn't to have to read from God's Word to prove this, but I will.

"The heart is DECEITFUL above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"—Jer. 17:9.

Is your heart deceitful? Is there any deceit in your heart? Why did you spend so much time getting ready to come to the house of God? Why did you women stand before the mirror and paint your face and maybe put on some lipstick? Why did you work with your fingernails until they look like you have been canning tomatoes and you haven't had time to wash your hands before you left home? You brethren, why did you put on a necktie and why did you comb your hair? You say, "Bro. Gilpin, that just goes along with the civilities of life. That just makes us look a little more decent—a little more dignified." Beloved, the real reason why is because of the same thing that I am talking about—it is the deceit of your heart. You want to appear something that you are not.

When I was a little boy, one of the first four line poems that I ever remembered hearing in life was this:

"A little daub of powder,
And a little daub of paint;
Makes an ugly girl
Look like what she ain't."

Deceit, oh the deceit there is in your heart tonight!

As for the condition of the heart, it is not only full of evil, it is not only sick, it is not only deceitful, but the Word of God goes further and paints the heart even blacker, for it says that it is hard and getting harder every day.

"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the STONY HEART out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh."—Ezek. 11:19.

Beloved, God says that you have a heart like a rock. You have heard the expression of the individual that has a heart like a rock in the bottom of the deep, blue sea. That is exactly true. That isn't just an ordinary expression. That is taken partially from the Word of God. Every individual has a heart like a rock, and the sad thing is, it grows harder and harder

every day.

"Happy is the man that fear-eth always: but he that HARDENETH HIS HEART shall fall into mischief."—Prov. 28:14.

This tells us that a man can harden his heart, and he does it every day. Let me tell you, lost man, your heart is harder today than it was yesterday. Lost man, your heart is harder today than it was a year ago. There is only one thing that will change the hardness of your heart, and that is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I tell you, as surely as God is looking down upon this congregation, your heart is hard and it is getting harder every day, and there is nothing that can change it but the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

Notice also that your heart is blind. That is why it is that unsaved people can't understand the truth of God's Word. That is why it is that unsaved people can't see the Bible and can't understand spiritual truth. They are blind in their heart.

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."—Eph. 4:18.

Beloved, do you realize that your heart is so blind that you can't see, and won't see, and don't want to see spiritual truth? I can sit down beside some individual and tell him how he can amass a fortune. He can understand that. I can tell an individual how he can take a trip from here to some distant city, and he can understand that. I can give directions so far as any trip that you want to make, and you can understand that. I can talk to you about farming and about your job on the railroad and you can understand that, but, beloved, when it comes to spiritual truth, you simply can't understand that. Why? Because your heart is blind.

I was talking to a man a short time ago who is a rail-roader, who is well versed in his craft from the standpoint of all the rules that pertain to his organization. I am satisfied that that individual knows the majority of the rules that pertain to him, by heart. I have tried to talk to him about Jesus Christ and have tried to present the claims of the Son of God and tried to tell him that Jesus Christ died for his sins. I remember his expression as he held up his hands and said, "Brother Gilpin, I just can't see it." Why couldn't he? He was blind in his heart.

III

THE WORD OF GOD TELLS US HOW YOUR HEART CAN BE CHANGED.

Would you like to have your heart changed? Is there somebody here who will say, "Brother Gilpin, I would like to have my heart changed. I'd like to be able to shake hands with you like Jehonadab shook hands with Jehu and said, 'My heart is with you.'"

Beloved, God's Word tells us how your heart can be changed.

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: WHOSE HEART THE LORD OPENED, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul."—Acts 16:14.

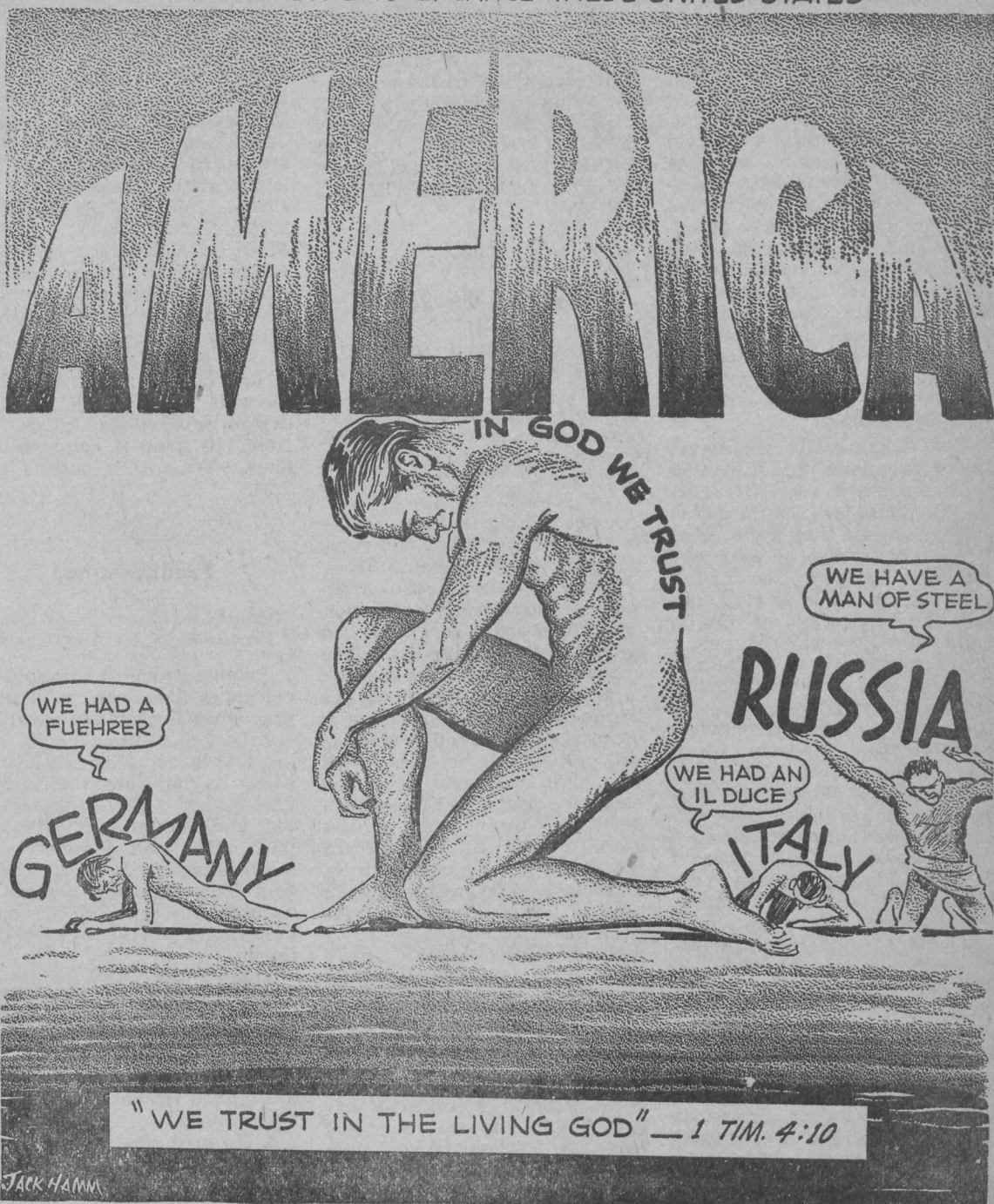
Beloved, if your heart is ever right, God has to take the initiative. God has to open your heart.

Listen again:

"And put no difference between us and them, PURIFYING THEIR HEARTS BY FAITH."—Acts 15:9.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,

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and shalt BELIEVE IN THINE HEART that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."—Rom. 10:9, 10.

I ask you again, is your heart right in God's sight? You will never see Glory if your heart isn't right in God's sight. You will never walk along those streets paved with gold if your heart isn't right. You may attend many banquets here in this world but you will never sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of God and you will never feast with the Lord if your heart isn't right with God.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."—Mt. 5:8.

Who is going to see Him? The man, the woman, the boy and the girl whose heart is right in the sight of God.

CONCLUSION

As I bring this simple message to a close, let me remind you of that great text when Solomon said:

"My son, GIVE ME THINE HEART, and let thine eyes observe my ways."—Prov. 23:26.

Oh, might it please God to take your old sinful, rebellious, full-of-evil, deceitful, blind heart and make it over, make you over, and make you a new creature in Christ Jesus. May God's blessings be upon you and may the Spirit of God take hold of you and save your soul.

In just a few moments we will go out from the house of God. Some of you have been very definitely impressed by what I have said, but you will go out and converse about your

work and the affairs of life and the Devil thereby will steal away from your heart the Word that I have sown by the Holy Spirit. Might it please God that ere the Devil snatch away from you that which is in your heart—might it please God that it may take root and grow, and that God might open your heart and save your soul this very night.

May God bless you!

Following The Crowd

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religion and amusement — especially on Sunday night. So, a movie is put on, so folks can have entertainment and also feel that they have worshipped. This turns the church house into a show house. To know the wrongness of this, we need only cite the instance where Jesus cleansed the temple of its desecrating crowd, saying, "Mine house shall be called an house of prayer." (See Mark 11:15-18). A church in reality has no amusement or entertainment function to perform whatsoever.

4. The Organization Fashion. From the simple institution of apostolic days, in which a church had pastors and deacons, and met in simplicity to pray, praise, worship God, hear His Word taught and preached, churches of today have become highly complex institutions with multitudinous organizations. When the tabernacle was built—and later the temple—Israel was told to strictly follow the pattern given of God. (See Ex. 25:9,40). Moses was not to deviate one bit from the pattern shown him. Now the tabernacle and temple were

types of the church. "Groweth together into a holy temple unto the Lord." If the type was to be built strictly according to pattern, then should not that which the type represents be also built according to pattern? No escape from this conclusion. How many churches of today even faintly resemble those of New Testament times? The whole auxiliary system is a human innovation and is as unscriptural as can be. Organizations, societies, clubs and "brotherhoods" have no rightful place in a church. It is just as right to change the doctrines of a church, as it is to change the organization of a church from the New Testament pattern.

In regard to your church, don't go on what churches in general have or do—go on what the Bible teaches.

We could mention many, many other deviations from the New Testament if space were afforded. Truly men have "by their traditions, set at naught the Law of God."

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ward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21). The Greek word (mentanoia) in this passage for repentance points directly to a change of mind. God is saying, change your mind about your sins; Change your mind toward God; Change your mind about Jesus Christ, trusting in (Continued on page four)

Baptists, Catholics And Protestants

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because of persecution, those who taught Baptist Bible doctrine, although they were called by "nick-names such as, Christians, Montanists, Donatists, Paulicians, Waldenses, Anabaptists, etc.," had to go underground. If you examine their doctrines you will find it to be the same as that taught by Christ and the Apostles. I suggest that, you, my reader, get the written articles of faith of Baptist churches and you will find them in harmony with the New Testament.

Historians have very conservatively estimated that Catholics have murdered over fifty million Baptists since the third century A. D., for their faith. That is, on an average of over two million a century. How awful!

In the sixteenth century, under the leadership of Martin Luther, a "bunch" of people "pulled" out of the Catholic Church, and protested against her doctrine. These people who thus came out, are the founders of Protestantism, from which have sprung about a thousand different sects. When these people came out of the Catholic (?) Church they brought some of their heresies out with them. I will only mention three: (1) "Baptismal salvation," that is, the doctrine that a person is lost without water baptism. (2) "Sprinkling" for the Baptism. The only mode known in the New Testament is the immersion of a believer in water. The Pope of Rome claimed to be the direct representative of Christ on earth, therefore he claims the authority to change His ordinances. There were some who were sick and could not be baptized, therefore the priest sprinkled them, and they have been practicing that mode ever since, as well as many other sects that came out in the reformation. (3) Episcopal form of church government, instead of the congregational form as taught in the New Testament. This form makes the Pope the head of the church, and bishops and other leaders in the Protestant churches, the head of the church, in the place of Christ being "Head over all things to the church."

If it were possible to secure a large canvas, and begin on the left side and write Catholics, together with their doctrine, and then write all the Protestant churches with their doctrine, and then write Baptist on the extreme right, you will have the Baptists in their rightful place, for they are just as far removed from the Catholic faith as is possible. Now begin at the right and erase the Baptists together with their doctrine, and all the rest with their doctrine, just leave the Catholics alone. In this operation you will have destroyed every principle for which Jesus died. Now write them all back like they were and begin at the other end and erase the Catholics together with their doctrine and all the rest, just leave the Baptists alone. In this operation you not have destroyed one single principle for which Jesus died.

Protestants got a part of their doctrine from the Baptists and a part from the Catholics.

Baptist will accept the truth that all the Protestants have and then some. And the "then some" is what counts. As old Bro. Gambriel used to say, "Baptists will accept the one truth, (they have

but one) that the Catholics have—the virgin birth of Christ."

Now in conclusion I wish to ask a question. If the Baptists will accept the truth wherever they find it, and they will, IN THE NAME OF COMMON SENSE, WHAT REASON IS THERE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OTHER DENOMINATION?



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Him as the one and only sacrifice acceptable to God. Sinner, the only way to receive salvation is to come empty-handed, trusting in Him who can bring it to pass. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Pet. 3:9).

The Bible tells us about a son who refused to obey his father, but afterward "Repented and went." (Matt. 21:28-29). The change on the part of the son in question accelerated a change in conduct. True repentance is inconsistent with continuance in sin. What will you do? Will you go to hell with your sins hanging on you, and have them devil you through an endless eternity, or will you discard them and place your faith in Jesus and live with Him in heaven? You, must answer for yourself. **WILL YOU BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** (Acts 16:31). The alternative is: "But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18). This text is the PRESENT PASSIVE INDICATIVE. A trust in Christ prevents condemnation, for He takes our place and pays the penalty for sin for all who put their case in his hands (Romans 8:32—). The believer in Christ does not come into condemnation at the judgment (John 5:24). Every non-believer who is accountable is now under CONDEMNATION because he will not come to Christ (John 5:40). The command of God is, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15). The reason is, "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH." (Rom. 1:16). We are told: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). The gospel is: "That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3). Then according to the sacred writings of the Bible before Christ, He was the fulfillment of the hope every prophet of God entertained from the day of Adam, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). There had been many lambs offered which pictured Him—but Jesus, and Jesus only, was the Lamb. He died according to the Scriptures. It was Jesus who was buried, and it was Jesus who rose from the grave the third day according to the Scriptures (I Cor. 15:4). It is no "hit or miss" proposition, He lives and will give life to every penitent trusting soul. To every one refusing this glorious offer there is left for that one death, eternal death. Jesus said: "For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24). The alternative is: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47). This is the result of coming believably and trusting to Christ. This is taking Christ to be for us what He offers to be. This is the way to see God in Christ. The teachings of God are absolutely nec-

essary to every man that cometh unto Christ in the way of faith. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." (Jn. 3:36). You can have this life here and now and for eternity. This eternal life is endless. Jesus said: "I give unto them eternal life." (John 10:28). This is the gift of Jesus now to His sheep. (John 6:27; 6:40; I John 2:25; I John 5:11). **THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH.** (John 10:28). The meaning is, emphatic double negative with a second aorist middle (intransitive subjunctive of *apollumi*, to destroy. The sheep may feel secure (John 3:16; 6:39; 18:9). No wolf, thief, bandit, hireling, demon or devil can pluck you from His hand if you will believe. Trust Him now! John 5:24.



Freemasonry

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Features Of An Anti-Christ

Judging from unquestionable evidences, how can we fail to pronounce Freemasonry an unchristian institution? We can see that its morality is unchristian. Its oath-bound secrecy is unchristian. The administration and taking of its oaths are unchristian, and a violation of the positive command of Christ. And Masonic oaths pledge its members to some of the most unlawful and unchristian things:

1. To conceal other's crimes.
2. To deliver each other from difficulty, whether right or wrong.
3. To unduly favor Masonry in political actions and in business matters.
4. Its members are sworn to retaliate and persecute unto death the violators of Masonic obligations.
5. Freemasonry knows no mercy, and swears its candidates to avenge violations of Masonic obligations unto death.
6. Its oaths are profane, taking the Name of God in vain.
7. The penalties of these oaths are barbarous, even savage.
8. Its teachings are false and profane.
9. Its designs are partial and selfish.
10. Its ceremonies are a mixture of puerility and profanity.
11. Its religion is false.
12. It professes to save men on other conditions than those revealed in the Gospel of Christ.
13. It is wholly an enormous falsehood.
14. It is a swindle, obtaining money from its members under false pretenses.
15. It refuses all examinations, and veils itself under a mantle of oath-bound secrecy.
16. It is a virtual conspiracy against both Church and State.

Some Fair Conclusions

No one, therefore, has ever undertaken to defend Freemasonry as judged by the above. Freemason's themselves do not pretend that their institution as revealed in reliable books, and by some of their own testimony, is compatible with Christianity. So it must follow that,

First, the Church should have no fellowship with Freemasonry; and those who adhere intelligently and determinately to such an institution have no right to be in the Church. We pronounce this judgment sorrowfully, but solemnly.

Second, should the question be asked, "What shall be done with the great number of professed Christians who are Freemasons?" I answer, let them have nothing more to do with it. Let is be distinctly pressed upon their consciences that all

Masons, above the first two Degrees, have solemnly sworn to conceal each other's crimes, murders and treason alone excepted; and that all above the sixth Degree have sworn to espouse each other's cause, and to deliver them from any difficulty, whether right or wrong.

Third, if they have taken those Degrees where they have sworn to persecute unto death those who violate their Masonic obligations, let them be asked whether they really intend to do any such thing? Let them be distinctly asked whether they intend to aid and abet the administration and taking of these oaths? Or if they still intend to countenance the false and hypocritical teachings of Masonry? Or if they mean to countenance the profanity of their ceremonies, and the partiality of their sworn practice? If so, surely they should not be allowed their places in the Christian Church.

Fourth, can a man who has taken, and still adheres to the Master's oath to conceal any secret crime of a brother of that Degree, murder and treason, excepted, be a safe man with whom to entrust any public office? Can he be trusted as a witness, as a juror, or with any office connected with the administration of justice?

Fifth, can a man who has taken, and still adheres to, the oath of the Royal Arch Mason be trusted in public office? He swears to espouse the cause of a companion of this Degree when involved in any difficulty, so far as to extricate him, whether he be right or wrong. He swears to conceal his crimes, **MURDER AND TREASON NOT EXCEPTED.** Is a man bound by such an oath to be trusted with office? Ought he to be accepted as a witness or a juror when another Freemason is a party in the case? Ought he to be trusted with the office of Judge, or Justice of the Peace, or as a Sheriff, Constable, Marshal or any other office?

What Is Your Answer?

I appeal to your conscience in the sight of God, for an honest answer to these three questions:

1. Is any man who is under a most solemn oath to kill all who violate any part of Masonic oaths, a fit person to be at large among men?
2. Ought Freemasons of this stamp to be fellowshipped in

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the Christian Church?

3. Do you believe that the sins of Masonic oaths are forgiven only to those who repent? And that we do not repent of those sins to which we still adhere? And that adherence makes us also partaker of other men's sins?

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin." "And every man who hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."—I Jn. 1:7; 3:3).



A Brief Study As To Why We Ordain

Why do we ordain?

1. Example of Jesus. (Mark 3:14). He ordained men to preach. (See John 15:16.)
2. The example of the apostles. (cf. Acts 1:21-26.)
3. Example of the missionaries. (Acts 14:23. See Scofield note on margin.)
4. Example of the God of Heaven. (I Tim. 2:7.)
5. Example of Titus at Crete, under apostolic direction. (Titus 1:5.)

The manner of ordination:

1. Not to ordain anyone hastily. (I Tim. 5:22 . . . reference is surely to ordination. See Weymouth's translation.)
2. The putting on of hands the manner of setting forth. (II Tim. 1:6 shows Paul laid hands on Timothy.)
3. The presbytery laid hands on the one being ordained. (I Tim. 4:14.)
4. Apostles laid hands on the first deacon. (Acts 6:6, and prayed).

Divine approval was on this as is shown by later verses.

5. Paul and Barnabas ordained as missionaries. (Acts 13:3.) Maybe this was the ordination in part that Paul spoke of in I Tim. 2:7.

Summary:

It is right to ordain, because God ordained the Prophets. He ordained Christ.

Jesus ordained apostles.

The apostles ordained men for deacons and ordained Matthias to take the place of Judas.

Paul was ordained to a specific ministry, and he had to do with the ordination of Timothy.

Titus was commanded to have to do with the ordination of ministers in every city in Crete.



SELASSIE AND THE BIBLE

"Today man sees all his hopes and aspirations crumbling before him," declares Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. "He is perplexed and knows not whither he is drifting. But he must realize that the Bible is his refuge, and the rallying point for all humanity. In it man will find the solution of his present difficulties and guidance for his future action, and unless he accepts with clear conscience the Bible and its great message, he cannot hope for salvation. For my part, I glory in the Bible."



When skepticism is recognized as simply the unripe fruit of knowledge, it won't stand as high in the intellectual market place.