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The True Nature Of Catholicism

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Here we are given an insight into the REAL nature of the Catholic Church!

"THE GLORIES OF MARY" is a book published by the Roman Catholic Church, under the imprimatur of Cardinal Patrick Hayes, Archbishop of New York. Perhaps nowhere else in Catholic literature can one find such replete evidence of the fact that the Catholic Church has rejected the commandments of God (cf. Mark 7:9) that they keep their own traditions, "making the Word of none effect through their traditions" (Mark 7:13).

No honest person who knows the Word of God can read this book and not see how fully the Catholic church is built on the traditions of its teacher, instead of on the Scriptures, and how far they have been corrupted from the "simplicity which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Cor. 11:3). Adding to the Word of God, they encounter the threat in Revelation 22:18: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

"MARIOLATRY," the worship of Mary, is painfully evident from a casual survey of the Table of Contents. We select a few statements from the Contents: "Mary is our life, because

she obtains for us the pardon of our sins." (Chapter 2); "Mary is our hope of all; Mary is the hope of sinners" (Chapter 3); "Mary our Mediatrix: The necessity of the intercession of Mary for our salvation" (Chapter 5); "Mary is the peace-maker between sinners and God" (Chapter 6); "Mary delivers her clients from hell," "Mary succors her clients in purgatory," "Mary leads her servants to heaven" (Chapter 8). The worship of Mary is directly taught in Part the Fifth, entitled: "Practices of Devotion in Honor of the Divine Mother." The instructions in this part of the book give "The Hail Mary," "Novenas," "Visiting of the

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Is Tithing Taught In The New Testament?

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(Now With His Lord)

It is sadly surprising that some of the Lord's people have the idea that the New Testament does not teach tithing. This failure to see and understand God's Word concerning this important truth has seriously hindered many in their growth in the grace of liberality and has grievously handicapped the Lord's churches in their work of carrying out His commission to preach the gospel to all the world.

A common argument against the Scriptural plan of "tithes and offerings" is that it is "of the law". But, we see Abraham (Gen. 14:17-20) paying a tithe more than 400 years before the law was given, and Jacob (Gen. 28:20-22) vowed to pay the tithe more than 200 years before Moses received the law on Sinai. Thus we see that such an argument is without foundation of fact.

This principle of tithing was incorporated into the Mosaic law (Lev. 27:30-33), as was also the "good news" of the coming Messiah (Duet. 18:15-19, John 1:45), and was given to the tribe of Levi as their inheritance

(Numbers 18:21-32). There was a "storehouse" in the tabernacle (and later in the temple) into which the tithes of the other eleven tribes were brought, and out of which the Levites lived. In addition to the tithes they were also given certain portions of the offerings. (Duet. 18:1-5).

No where does the New Testament condemn this principle and in no place is anything offered as a substitute for it. Jesus (Matt. 5:17-44, etc.) taught His disciples that there were certain things in the law which were to be supplanted by higher teachings, but He did not mention "tithes and offerings". He condemned the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 23:23, Luke 12:42) for some of their practices, but he commended them for tithing. This would have been a fine place for the Lord to have taught His disciples another plan if He had not willed the continuation of "tithes and offerings". In the teachings concerning the "better" things of the new covenant nothing is mentioned as being better than "tithes and offerings" for the support of the Lord's New Testament. (Continued on page four)

"Who Maketh Thee To Differ?"

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(Romans 6:17-18)

A wonderful part of the salvation we have from the Lord is that He enables us to live blameless lives. "For the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Those who have not been 'Born again,' are entirely unable to live above the power of sin. This does not mean that we are sinless, for, 'If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.'

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (I John 1:8-10). But Christians can read the Bible and meditate. They can pray and also hear the exposition of the Word of God, have fellowship with other be-

lievers and while none are sinless, we can be blameless.

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world:

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." (Phil. 2:14-16).

CHRISTIANS ARE MADE TO DIFFER IN THAT THEY HAVE "FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS."

"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." (Romans 6:21-22).

The Lord's people are commanded and enabled to live holy lives.

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy." (I Pt. 1:15-16).

To His disciples Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:16).

"And herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:8).

The fruit that only Christians can bear, is the fruit of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23).

If we bear much fruit, it is God "Who maketh thee to differ from another." We do not ascribe honor to self but unto Him be all the glory.

CHRISTIANS DIFFER IN THAT THEY ARE MADE "FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH."

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin (Continued on page three)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Plain Prophecies For Plain People"

"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and MAKE IT PLAIN upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it." — Habakkuk 2:1-2.

I am beginning tonight a series of four sermons on the general theme, "Plain Prophecies for Plain People," and each of these messages will be centered around and built about the text

which I have just read.

One thing that has always thrilled my soul when I have studied the Bible is the fact of its fulfilled prophecies. Not just a few, but multitudes and myriads of prophetic statements that are given in the Old Testament, find their completion and their fulfillment in the New Testament. As I have studied God's Word through the years, I have always been impressed particularly with the fulfilled prophecies of the Bible. That is the one thing which makes me know above everything else that

the Bible is God's Word. The fact of fulfilled prophecies proves to me that man didn't have anything to do with the writing of the Word of God.

Beloved, man can't even prophesy with exactness and certitude twenty-four hours in advance. For example, I will ask you what the weather is going to be tomorrow. Though you might give a shrewd guess, there isn't a person within this house tonight who could tell me what the weather will be twenty-four hours hence. Man (Continued on page two)

AN INVITATION: STUDY AT HOME

"And these things write we that the joy of us may be (having been fulfilled) full." I Jn. 1:4. You get many meanings from Greek that are hidden by translation from Greek into English. There is a plan for learning this and other subjects by studying at home. Write C. O. Baker, 2810 Denver Blvd., Pueblo, Colorado.

VENGEANCE BELONGS TO GOD

PROVERBS 24, verse 29: "Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work."

A blessed verse to remember, "Vengeance is mine, I will render, saith the Lord." So many times we long to take the affairs of life in our own hands, but be (Continued on page four)

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just doesn't have prophetic insight and foresight to foretell and to describe with accuracy the events that shall come to pass in the future.

When I turn through this Word of God, I see that over and over and over again God has given to us these prophetic statements, and thereby as I read them, I am persuaded to believe that this Bible was not written by man, but was written by God, in view of the fulfilled prophecies that we find therein.

Tonight, the prophecies that I want you to notice are all prophecies that relate themselves to the Jews.

I

THE FIRST PROPHECY IS THAT GOD CHOSE THE JEWS TO BE HIS OWN PEOPLE.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." — Gen. 12:1-3.

Here is God's prophetic statement concerning Israel. He called the Jews to be His own particular people, and he promises a blessing upon that individual or nation that blesses the Jew, and a curse upon that individual or nation that curses the Jew.

I'll read you another Scripture that you might see that the Jews are definitely God Almighty's chosen people.

"For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." — Deut. 7:6.

Every once in a while I meet up with some individual who is either a Jew-baiter or a Jew-hater. Let me remind you, beloved, that God Almighty has something to say to that individual who in any wise at all mistreats God's chosen people. God has already said that there is a blessing or a curse resting upon you, depending upon your attitude toward those whom He says are His own chosen people. I will give you a few examples of how this has taken place and been fulfilled in the past.

Go back to the days of Pharaoh in the land of Egypt when Pharaoh killed the boy babies that were born of the Israelites. You will remember how that every boy baby that came into

Don't place upon the stranger the responsibility of getting acquainted with you at your church.

a Israelitish home was killed. Pharaoh was making an attempt to destroy the nation, but, beloved, in spite of the fact that Pharaoh had all those Jewish boy babies drowned — in spite of that fact, God blessed the Jewish nation and Pharaoh himself was ultimately drowned in the Red Sea. God saw to it that the man who did lift his hand against His own chosen people, perished in the exact manner that he had tried to cause them to perish.

Come a little further in history until you come to the days of Haman. You will read in the book of Esther, the book which does not bear the name of God in any wise but in which the hand of God is seen on every page, — you will read how that Haman desired and plotted and even paid for the privilege of the destruction of the Jews. You remember how that he went so far as to build a gallows 90 feet in the air, upon which he might hang one obstinate Jew who refused to bow his head in worship unto him. Though he went so far as to pay a tremendous sum for the privilege of killing the Jews, and though he had gone so far as to build these gallows upon which he expected to hang this man Mordecai — though he had done this, he failed in his plans and he himself was hanged upon the gallows that he had built upon which to hang Mordecai.

Beloved, God had said that the man who blesses the Jew He will bless, and the man who curses the Jew He will curse. Haman had to learn the meaning of this prophecy the hard way — with his neck in a noose, dangling from the gallows which he had built 90 feet in the air.

Notice how it was in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, for in the year of 558 B. C., Nebuchadnezzar came against the city of Jerusalem. He burned the temple of the Jews to the ground, he stole the treasures out of the temple, and he carried the Jews into captivity into the country of Babylon, and there for 70 years he kept them as his prisoners and his slaves.

Now, beloved, where is Babylon and what became of Nebuchadnezzar? What became of his throne? What became of his country? Beloved, Babylon is no more than a name — a name with a past, but without a present, and without any prospect of a future. Why? Because Nebuchadnezzar learned by experience that God would keep His word, and God did keep His word when He said that He would bless the man who blesses the Jew, and would curse the man who curses the Jew.

II

WE HAVE A SECOND PROPHECY IN THAT GOD DECLARES THAT THE JEWS ARE TO BECOME A BYWORD.

"And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee." — Deut. 28:37.

God is speaking to the Jews, telling them about their dispersion, and telling how they

are to be scattered among the nations.

That word "byword" in the Hebrew is the word "Shenea." God said, "You are going to be a byword among the nations," and the exact identical Hebrew word when it is Anglicized gives us the common nickname of a Jew. When you refer to a Jew as a Shenea, you have nothing else but the exact word that God used in the Hebrew for the word "byword."

Oh, what an exact occurrence and what an exact incident of the fulfillment of the Word of God! He said, "I will make you a byword," and the very word from which we get the word "byword" when it is Anglicized, becomes the Hebrew nickname of Shenea.

III

A THIRD PROPHECY CONCERNING THE JEWS IS WHEN GOD DECLARED THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A CESSATION OF JEWISH WORSHIP.

"And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors." — Lev. 26:31.

God spoke these words 1500 years before Jesus Christ came to this earth. At that time Jewish worship was flourishing, but God said, "I am going to make it come to an end," and God did that very thing.

If you will come down to the days of Jesus, though 1500 years had passed, God hadn't fulfilled that prophecy yet. In Jesus' own day they were still worshipping in the temple. We read of it in the Word of God on numerous instances.

You remember that one day Simon Peter went down to the waters and caught a fish and took out of the mouth of that fish a coin which he paid the temple tax for himself and the Lord Jesus Christ. Jewish worship hadn't yet come to an end, but, beloved, God doesn't get in a hurry like you and I do. We plan something, and if we don't bring it to a completion within a very short time, we forget about it, but God's plans are on a long range basis. God had said 1500 years before that He was going to bring Jewish worship to an end. On the day when the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, in the temple where the veil separated the Holy of Holies from the outer holy place — on that day when Jesus died, an unseen hand reached down and tore in shreds that veil separating the Holy of Holies from the outer holy place, signifying the end of Jewish worship. No longer did they need a high priest to come between the soul of man and God, but now the great eternal High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, had worked out our salvation and henceforward we as believer priests through Jesus Christ, our High Priest, approach unto God.

You know, beloved, though that was actually the end of Jewish worship in the eyes of God and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, the Jews were not content with that. Some of those Jews sewed up

THERE'S NO POCKET IN A SHROUD

Use your money while you're living,

Do not hoard it to be proud: You can never take it with you—

There's no pocket in a shroud.

Gold can help you on no further Than the graveyard where you lie,

And though you are rich while living,

You're a pauper when you die.

Use it then some lives to brighten,

As through life they weary plod.

Place your bank account in Heaven

And grow rich toward your God.

Use it wisely, use it freely,

Do not hoard it to be proud: You can never take in with you—

There's no pocket in a shroud.

—The Prophetic News and Israel's Watchman.

that rent veil. If you will study carefully the book of Galatians, you will see that this book of Galatians is based on the idea of the veil of the temple having been patched up, even after having been rent in twain. The book of Galatians is an attempt to put men back under the law and make them worship under the law as they did before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I can see some of those Jewish high priests patching up that veil in the temple, trying to restore the worship which God said He was going to make come to an end. Beloved, God let that go along for thirty or forty years until a Roman general by the name of Titus, in the year 70 A. D., demolished the temple and destroyed the city of Jerusalem; and for the last 1800 years of earth's history, Jewish worship has ceased just like God said it would.

IV

GOD SAID THAT THE JEWS WERE GOING TO BE SOLD AS SLAVES.

"And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you." — Deut. 28:68.

God spoke these words through Moses when the Jews were camped on the east side of the Jordan River, in the land of Moab, before their entrance into the land of Canaan. They had left Egypt forty years before. They had wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Now, just as they got into the promised land, God said, "I am going to bring you back to Egypt again in ships. You have been forty years in the wilderness. You have walked from Egypt this time. I am going to bring you back to Egypt in ships, and when I do, you will be sold to your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man will buy you."

Did this come to pass? In the year 70 A. D. when Titus destroyed the city of Jerusalem he carried over a hundred thousand Jews by ship to Egypt — Jewish men and Jewish women. He carried them by ship to Egypt, put them on the slave market and sold them as slaves. Finally, the number that he took was so great that the slave market became glutted, and no one would bid on them. God said, "No man shall buy you," and

exactly as God prophesied it came to pass 1500 years

V

WE HAVE A PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS.

"And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shalt the sole of thy foot rest: but the Lord shall smite thee a trembling heart, and a day of eyes, and sorrow of mind. And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt know none assurance of thy life." — Deut. 28:65.

God is telling them what was going to come to pass, and speaking of their future, he declares that theirs is to be a life of rigor and servitude and ship and persecution, with failing of eyes, a sorrow of mind and with a fear resting upon them, and with no assurance of their lives.

Oh, how history amply surely shows the fulfillment of this prophecy! Believe me, I tell you that the Jews have been driven out of England, and three different times. They have been driven out of France, and different times. Believe when I tell you that there is not a civilized nation in the world today, with the exception of the United States, what has stained its statutes with laws against the Jews. I would repeat, beloved, the only nation in the world that has not passed laws contrary to the Jews is the United States.

Just think of the persecutions through which they have passed. Remember how they were persecuted back in the Old Testament. Remember how they were persecuted in the days of the Roman emperors. Remember how they have been persecuted all down through the ages, and peradventure your mind may have slipped a few years back a few years within the past decade and call the tortures that were heaped upon them in Germany, Hitler, all because of, and no other reason, than that they were Jews.

Ah, my brother, God said that would come to pass. God declared that there would be no rest for them where they would find security, but rather a fear of their lives would rest upon them through the ages to come. God said has come to pass, just like God declared that it would.

VI

GOD GAVE US A PROPHECY CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH CITIES.

We read concerning the city of Bethel, which was definitely Jewish city, these words:

"That, in the day that I shall visit the transgression of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the house of the altar shall be cut off, and I will fall to the ground. And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the tower of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord." — Amos 3:14-16.

"But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought." — Amos 5:5.

Those of you who know anything about the Bible will recall that Bethel was one of the great cities of Palestine. It was spoken of on numerous occasions in the Word of God. God said, "It shall come to nought." A man is a fool who butt his head against a rock, saith the Lord." Whatever God says is sure to be fulfilled. God said that the city of Bethel

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My Prayer

That in all things He might have the preeminence. — Col. 1:18

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PROPHESIED 20 years before the city of Bethsaida would come to nought. What He said came to pass. Would you believe that from 600 A. D. down to 1900, for 1300 years, there wasn't a man on the top-side of God Almighty's earth who could have even told you where the city of Bethel had been located. So complete was the destruction of it and so entire was the destruction of this city of Bethel, that nobody ever knew where it was, and only when archaeologists dug it up with a spade in the year 1900 did they find the exact location of this city. God said that it would come to nought, and it did.

We have a prophecy concerning the city of Samaria. Listen: "For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap of the field, and as planting of a vineyard; and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof." — Micah 1:5-6.

The city of Samaria was built by an Israelite king, Omri. Ahab was his son. Ahab is the synonym for "idolatry." The city of Samaria was located upon a high hill and was the capitol of the northern kingdom of the Jews after the division of the two tribes in the north and the two tribes in the south. It became the capitol city, but God said, "I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof." Beloved, it came to pass just like God said that it would.

A few years ago a preacher friend of mine visited in the land of Palestine, and when he came back to this country, after having toured there extensively for probably six months with an archaeological expedition, I was talking to him and asked him about the city of Samaria. He told me how that the site of Samaria is today covered. The summer that he was there it was covered with cornfields and grape vines. God said this would happen, and it came to pass.

Let's look at three other Jewish cities — Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida.

"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which are exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee." — Mt. 11:21-24.

These were the three cities where Jesus had done His mightiest works. He said, "Woe upon thee, Chorazin, and woe upon thee, Bethsaida," and it came to pass just like He prophesied. Capernaum and Chorazin are today in ruins — no city there at all. Stones everywhere and there mark the place where each of these cities stood. As for Bethsaida, there isn't a person in all of this world who knows the exact location of this city. So complete has been the destruction and so entire has its demolition that not even the archaeologists have been able to decide the exact

place where the city of Bethsaida was located.

These three cities were the three favored cities of Jesus' day. They were the outstanding cities. They were the cities of architecture. They were the cities of wealth. They were the cities of age. They were the cities that had renown behind them. They were the cities that stood out in the days of Jesus. Nothing could have seemed further from the truth than the words of Jesus when He spoke about the destruction of Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida, but it came to pass because Jesus said that it would.

Just a little distance from Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida was a city which in Jesus' day was an infant — a young city. It was the city of Tiberias, named for Tiberias Caesar. This city wasn't fifty years old when Jesus spoke the words of the prophecy in Matthew 11. It didn't have any age behind it. It had nothing behind it to make it a great city. Jesus didn't curse Tiberias, but He did curse Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida. Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida have passed out of existence, but the city of Tiberias is a flourishing city to this day.

Listen, beloved, God's word is final. Whatever God says is sure to come to pass.

CONCLUSION

Here are a number of prophecies which I have given you concerning the Jews. If God has kept His word concerning these prophetic utterances of the past, God will keep His word concerning every statement in this Bible. If God has kept His word in the past, He will keep His word in the present and in the future. If God has kept His word as to what He said back there, He will keep His word as to what He says down here.

Listen, sinner friend, He says: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." — Luke 13:3.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." — Mark 1:15.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." — Acts 16:31.

"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.

Listen, sinner friend, as He has spoken in the past and has kept His word, you can be certain that He will keep His word concerning these statements.

Oh, may it please God tonight to help you to see this blessed truth, that God is a promise-keeping, prophecy-fulfilling God. That being so, sinner friend, may you heed the words of God, and receive Jesus as your Saviour.

May God bless you!

"Who Maketh Thee To Differ?"

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and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled, in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Romans 8:2).

The law of sin and death has great power in every unsaved life, and they are helpless under its control. We wonder some times why there is so much sin, delinquency, crime. It seems

people would not do the foolish and sinful things which work injury to themselves and others. But there is a law in our members, that is in the flesh, that impels to evil. The Apostle Paul wrote:

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." Rom. 7:18).

However, when we become saved, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus," sets us free so we can become overcomers. But Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." So it is the Lord who "Maketh thee to differ, from another." "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith." (Romans 3:27)

CHRISTIANS DIFFER IN THAT CHRIST DWELLS IN THEM.

"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." (Romans 8:8-10)

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20).

It is only as Christ liveth in us that we are enabled to live Christian lives. So it is He,

"That maketh thee to differ from another." We fear that often our Savior does not receive honor and glory as He ought.

CHRISTIANS DIFFER IN THAT THEY HAVE BECOME "THE CHILDREN OF GOD."

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Romans 8:14-17)

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." (Galatians 4:6-7).

People are not the children of God through the natural birth. In order to become the children of God we have to be, "Born again," as Jesus taught Nicodemus. If any doctrine needs to be emphasized, it is the necessity of "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (I Pt. 1:23). It is this, to begin with, "That maketh thee to differ from another." Before this occurs "There is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:22-23), and also (Romans 5:12), "Wherefore as by one man sin entered

into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

In most Church effort of the present, religion is forced upon children who do not know or understand, through infant sprinkling and confirmation, or through urging merely mental assent and confession. But that which really "Maketh thee to differ from another," as our Saviour taught is a genuine change of relationship with God.

CHRISTIANS ARE MADE TO DIFFER IN THAT EACH BECOMES AND IS "A NEW CREATURE."

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new." (2nd Cor. 5:17).

We fear there are many who profess Christianity who have not become "new creatures."

To be a "New Creature," does not mean merely reformation or the turning over a new leaf, but to have "Passed from death unto life," spiritually (John 5:24).

To those who are "New Creatures," Peter wrote, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Pt. 2:9). No greater change could be thought of, "From death unto life," "Out of darkness into His marvelous light."

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THE BUILDERS



"EVERY KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF IS BROUGHT TO DESOLATION; AND EVERY CITY OR HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF SHALL NOT STAND." — MATTHEW 12:25

Tithing

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ment program of gospel preaching.

This principle of "tithes and offerings" is given to the church at Corinth as the Lord's ordained plan for His people in this age. Although no believer in Jesus Christ is "under the law" the Holy Spirit uses the law to teach these Corinthian saints a needed lesson in the support of the Lord's servants (I Cor. 9: 7-12). Then, we read:

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things (the common priests) live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar (the high priests) are partakers with the altar? **Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**" Nothing could be plainer than that it is the "ordained" plan of God that the preachers of the gospel are to be supported exactly as the priests were supported "out of the temple," by "tithes and offerings."

The vast majority of liberal Christian stewards began as tithers, and as they have received the accompanying spiritual and material blessings they have delighted to invest more and more of their substance in the Lord's work. Noticeable among the results of following God's plan of "tithes and offerings" are joyful giving, liberal giving, and unpretentious giving.

The Lord openly invites any doubter to "prove me now herewith" (Mal. 3:10). Of the millions who have thus proved Him not one has found the Lord breaking His promise. Happy is the child of God who adopts God's plan of "tithes and offerings", and follows it faithfully out of love and gratitude to Jesus Christ for His wonderful salvation.



Catholicism

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Images of Mary," "The Rosary and the Office of Our Blessed Lady," and "Several other Practices in Honor of Mary."

The first commandment is: "I am the Lord thy God . . . thou shalt have no other Gods before me" (Exod. 20:2, 3). Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:10). Many times in Scripture we are warned to "keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:20).

The Introduction starts with these words: "My beloved reader and brother in Mary." Our Bible teaches us that we who are saved are "brethren in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:2).

The Catholic Church teaches that "Mary is our Life . . . she obtains for us the Pardon of our Sins."

Literally hundreds of citations from this book can be given, showing that the Roman Catholic church teaches that sinners may obtain forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Mary. "The holy Church makes us call Mary our life . . . 'Listen,' exclaims St. Bonaventure, 'all you who desire the kingdom of God: honor the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and you will find life and eternal salvation.'" (Chapter 2, pp. 80, 81).

"St. Bernard encourages sinners, saying, 'Go to this Mother of Mercy, and show her the wounds which thy sins have left

on thy soul; then will she certainly entreat her Son . . . to pardon thee all. And this divine Son, who loves her, so tenderly, will most certainly grant her petition." (P. 82). "With reason does St. Bernard call her 'the sinners' ladder' . . . With reason does an ancient writer call her 'the only hope of sinners,' for by her help alone can we hope for the remission of our sins." (P. 83). "It is impossible for a client of Mary who is faithful in honoring and recommending himself to her to be lost." (P. 220).

The Word of God clearly teaches that "there is salvation ONLY in Christ, by faith in HIM. 'Neither is there salvation in any other (than the Lord Jesus): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved' (Acts 4:12). 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ' (not Mary), and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Can anything be more deceptive, more blasphemously wicked, than this teaching? "For this cause all men shall call thee (Mary) blessed, for all thy servants obtain through thee the life of grace and eternal glory. 'In thee do sinners find pardon, and the just perseverance and eternal life.'" (P. 84). So Christ is robbed of His glory as the only and all-sufficient Saviour, and the honor is shared, if not almost entirely given over, to Mary! The Bible tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten SON"—not Mary—"that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

A fundamental heresy of the Catholic church is clearly revealed in these words: "All the graces that God dispenses to men pass through the hands of Mary" (P. 88). "No one is saved but through thee, Mary." (P. 169). And therefore its corollary also is given: "St. Anselm says, 'if any one is disregarded and condemned by Mary, he is necessarily lost,' and therefore we may with reason exclaim, 'Woe to those . . . who despise devotion to Mary.'" (P. 91). "St. Anselm says, 'It is impossible for one who is not devout to Mary . . . to be saved'" (P. 221). On page 125 Mary is called "the only hope of sinners." "He who does not invoke thee, O Lady, will never get to heaven." (P. 222). This teaching is given many times.

Blessed Albert says, "All who are not thy servants, O Mary, will perish." (P. 221).

How far different is the clear teaching of the Word of God: "He that believeth on the SON hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). Moreover faith in Christ in Scripture means faith in Christ alone: "Look unto ME, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22). God's Word clearly tells us that it is those who do not believe on Christ who are condemned. See John 3:18.

Never once did the Lord Jesus indicate that men should seek Mary's intercession, or in any wise worship her. On one occasion it was told Him, "Thy mother and thy brethren without (the house) seek for thee." He answered, "Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother." (Mark 3:31-35). So the Lord taught that there were no special position and

privileges given to Mary because she gave Him birth; in the "new creation" all who do the will of God are His "brethren" and His "mother." One reads the New Testament in vain for any indication whatsoever that divine honors are to be given to Mary, or that she has anything whatever to do with saving sinners.

Mary is even placed above the Lord Jesus and above God, in some ways. "St. Anselm, to increase our confidence, adds, that 'when we have recourse to this divine Mother . . . often we shall be heard more quickly, and be thus preserved, if we have recourse to Mary and call on her holy name, than we should be if we called on the name of Jesus our Saviour.'" (P. 137). The spiritual sensibilities of the righteous are shocked by this outrageous statement: "Of other saints we say that they are with God; but of Mary alone can it be said that she was so far favored as to be not only herself submissive to the will of God, but even that God was subject to her will." (P. 179).

Certainly no one seeking to know and do the will of God—no sincere searcher after truth—can be deluded into believing that Mary is and has all of the powers and the position ascribed to her in this book simply because some ancient, weak, sinful, fallen man, a teacher in the Roman church, says so. Catholics really have two Bibles: the Word of God, and the Traditions of the Church, a mass of teachings given by popes, and teachers, in the church. These "traditions" are an accumulation of imagination and nonsense so foreign to the Bible, so contrary to the clear teachings of the Bible, as to mark them immediately and completely as Satan's counterfeit, Satan's deceptions, to delude and deceive the unwary.

The Bible is our alone and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

He who accepts this fact, and earnestly, prayerfully, studies the Bible, will see how far-fetched, how absurd, are the dogmas, the vain additions to the Bible, that the Catholic church is built on.

The Lord Jesus Christ alone is our all-sufficient Saviour.

He went alone to the cross, and died for our sins; He alone is the unique, sinless One; He alone was raised from the dead; He alone is able to save and keep. Remember, "There is one God, and one Mediator between



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God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5). It is He, the Lord Jesus, "who is the image of the invisible God . . . for by HIM were all things created . . . and HE is before all things, and by Him all things consist"; it is by and through HIM ALONE that "we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14, 15-17). Mary has nothing whatever to do with our salvation. All who think so are deceived.



"Who Maketh Thee To Differ?"

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The Apostle Paul experienced an entire change in his attitude toward Christians. One way we may know that we are saved is that we love other saved people. Before we experience regeneration we have very little interest in saved people. We may even hate them and their association is not pleasant to us. But when we have become "New Creatures", "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (I John 3:14).

This difference which is wrought by the Lord in the heart and life of the believer is easily noticed by neighbors and friends.

Jesus said to His disciples, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one toward another." (John 13:35).

But this change does not come without a mighty work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God.

"So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." (Romans 9:16).

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?"



Vengeance

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still in that moment and know that God is God. Take not the charge of your life in your hands — if you do, it shall truly be an utter failure. Say not, I will do so, but always be willing to say to God, thy will be done.

What we have here is a picture of things we face day in and day out, mistreated and upbraided and terribly talked about day in and day out. Many a time we feel in our hearts that we want to repay even as we have been paid, that we want to do to others even as they have done unto us, but God says not so. Judgment is mine; leave the case in My hands; I can well handle it for you. Maybe I speak to someone this day who has a burden in his heart now; you are trying to settle an old score. You are trying to bring to pass peace in the wrong way, you are trying to get even with some one who has crossed your path. Listen as God speaks, "I will render to the man according to his works." May not be quite as quick as you would like to have it done, but just as soon as it needs be done, God shall truly do it. So wait upon the Lord, be still right now and know that He is God. Don't try to even the score, but let others know that Christ dwells within you. If there is a score to be settled, let them know that you are going to let God do the settling, that you are Christian enough to bear your cross in this evil hour.

FOUR REASONS FOR OUR SECURITY

Here are some reasons a believer is secure in the Lord Jesus. Study these and you will see that when one is once sealed, he can never be lost thereafter.

1. 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. Luke 21:28; Rom. 8:23. We are therefore, eternally secure in Christ, for no one can reveal the sealing sealed by the King. "And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the door, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the seal of his lords; that the people might not be changed concerning Daniel." (Daniel 6:17). "Write ye also for the Jew as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name, sealed with the king's ring, no man reverse." (Esther 8:8).

2. THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND CHRIST SECURES THE RIGHTEOUS.

"Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. Also will make him my first born, higher than the kings of earth. My mercy will I keep for him forevermore and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make, and endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments, they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness, will I not utterly take from him, nor shall my faithfulness fail. My covenant will I not break, nor will I alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." (Ps. 89:19, 34). This covenant was made with Christ before the foundation of the world. When children go astray, He promises chastisement and yet declares He will not withdraw His loving kindness nor suffer His faithfulness to fail.

3. THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND THE RIGHTEOUS SECURES THE RIGHTEOUS.

"And I will make an everlasting covenant with thee, that I will not turn away from thee, to do them good; but thou shalt 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.

4. IF THE DEATH WE INHERIT FROM ADAM IS ETERNAL, THEN 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). Surely no one will deny that we are eternally dead in Adam, Eph. 2:1. "Even so" we are eternally alive and secure in Christ.