

The devil will promise you the whole world, but he doesn't own a grain of sand.

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

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## Why Christians Have A Struggle

Roy Mason, Tampa, Fla.

Often new Christians are discouraged, when instead of having it easy, they actually find it harder than before they were saved. What is the reason for this? The answer is, it goes back to one fact that is clearly taught in the Bible. That fact is the Christian HAS TWO NATURES. Before conversion a man has only one nature—the nature of the flesh, sometimes called "the old Adam nature." As long as there is only one nature, and that nature has its own laws, there is no conflict, no

struggle. Why should there be? But immediately the new divine nature is imparted, there comes to be a continual clash between the nature of the flesh, and the nature of the Spirit.

### A False Theory Widely Taught

It is taught by certain holiness groups that after one is saved, he can by certain altar exercises secure a "second work of grace." This work so they say eradicates the old Adam nature, such that the person is enabled to live a sinless life. Several things are wrong with this theory:

1. It has no Scripture warrant.
2. It is contrary to human ex-

perience.

3. It is contrary to human observation. There just aren't any sinless people. One may fool himself into thinking that he is sinless, but his wife knows better, his neighbors know better, and God knows better.

4. It doesn't jibe with the further theory of the holiness people who claim that one can by sinning lose his salvation. How would he sin, if the Adam were eradicated?

Paul didn't claim perfection. Phil. 3:12-14. John called the man a liar who professes sinless- (Continued on page four)

"If the son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

John-3:36

## Why The Resurrection Is Necessary For God's Own

Without doubt, the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the keystone in the arch of truth.

Consider the fact that He would rise from the dead. Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him; and on the third day He shall rise again."—Matthew 20:18-19.

And He did rise again: He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."—Matthew 28:6.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."—1 Corinthians 15:20.

The tremendous importance of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ can be seen in the following facts:

1. HIS RESURRECTION IS A VITAL FEATURE OF THE GOSPEL.

### WANTED TO HOLD REVIVAL

Wanted; not an Ex-Prizefighter, or an Ex-Convict, or a Movie Star; or an Ex-Cowboy, or a millionaire Groceryman, neither a glamour puss with a little streak of beard on upper lip; but some one who has been called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and who trusts it as it is and is willing to let it and the Holy Spirit work results, TO HOLD A REVIVAL MEETING.

The man that will qualify will not be one who is a master of telling jokes to entertain the people, neither will he have a great gift in telling stories; he will be acquainted with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit will be able to use him to the glory (Continued on page four)

## A COMMUNIST CHALLENGES CHRISTIANS

A Communist explains (when closed N. Y. Church building was sold to them): "The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of Society than is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same it is we who finally will beat you. We are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the million. But if you remember the story of Gideon and his 300 companions, you will understand why I am right. We communists do not play with words. We are realists and seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salary and wages we only keep what is necessary, and we give the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we 'consecrate' all our free time and holidays. You, however, only give a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe (Continued on page four)

## Why I Do Not Belong To Any Fraternal Order

Eld. R. F. Hallford, Pastor Brookhaven, Miss.

I am fully aware of the fact that many born-again people, including even preachers and other definite Christian leaders do belong to the various organizations known as "lodges." On numerous occasions some of these have talked to me, urging me to seek membership in such an organization, and have told me that it would be quite helpful to me. Doubtless many people have wondered why I not only decline but also refuse to join such an organization, and quite often speak out against them. Here are some of the reasons which make such a move impossible for me.

1. The lodges do not necessarily teach belief in the one true God. Their god is any supreme being, or even power. Not only are Christians, Jews and Mohammedans, but also people whom we class as pagans who claim to believe in a supreme being, welcomed as members of such organizations.

2. They deny Christ admis-

sion, even so far as the mention of His Name is concerned. Yes, in some sections, especially where most of the members of a lodge are Christians, prayers are offered in the Name of Jesus Christ, but it is a violation of lodge laws. In order not to offend the good Jewish and Mohammedan members of the lodges, the Name of Jesus Christ is not supposed to be spoken in the lodge room. If He is refused admission, I, as a Christian, am left out, too.

3. They violate the command of the Bible to refrain from swearing. Jesus said, "Swear not at all" (Matt. 5:34). Again, we are clearly commanded in James 5:12, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by earth, neither by any other oath." Anyone with any reasonable acquaintance with the procedure of the lodge room knows that the members are required to take blasphemous, bloodcurdling oaths which certainly look terrible in the light of these (Continued on page four)

## WE NEED PREACHERS SENT BY GOD

"For I have not sent them, saith the Lord, yet they prophesy a lie in My Name."—JER. 27:15.

Men sent to preach by God have a message and it is always a message of TRUTH. When lying doctrines are spread, the father of lies and liars, Satan himself, is their source. Therefore most so-called preachers of today are bearing questionable credentials.

First, they proclaim it is easy for a person to be saved. The way has been declared so easy that we have our churches loaded with easy-going, pleasure-loving, Hell-bound members. They have within absolutely no fear of God since all they have heard and want to (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "CAPITAL PUNISHMENT"

I know that you, along with all the rest of us, not only in America, but all over the world, have been made conscious of capital punishment within the last few days. I have been very much impressed by the Rosenberg trial and the various legal maneuvers and court proceedings of the last several months, and I doubt seriously if there has been anyone who has read more avidly or more completely the details relative to their conviction and their ultimate execution than I myself. However, beloved, I am not discussing whether or not

the Rosenbergs should have been electrocuted—that is not a part of my message. I just mention them by way of saying that as a result of their experience, we have been made capital punishment conscious within the last few days' time, and lots of folk who never gave it a thought before, have wondered whether or not it is right to take the life of an individual, as the lives of these two were snuffed out by way of the electric chair.

Through the years I have thought very, very seriously on the matter myself, and I think

I know every argument that is advanced against capital punishment. I don't know how many different arguments have been presented to me through the years as to why capital punishment is wrong but there have been plenty of them. Probably two or three weeks after I became pastor of this church, which would date back more than twenty-four years ago, a man who used to be a member of this church, but who is now living in West Virginia, came to me very much troubled after our (Continued on page two)



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## "Capital Punishment"

(Continued from page one)  
Sunday School lesson one morn-  
ing. He was very, very deeply  
upset after we had studied a  
portion of God's Word because  
of what I had said in the Sunday  
School lesson that morning rela-  
tive to capital punishment. As  
a result of that one experience,  
I began to study very, very  
closely to find out what God  
said within His Word relative to  
this subject.

Of course the first outstanding  
argument that is used against  
capital punishment is the argu-  
ment of sentiment. Beloved, lis-  
ten to me in this respect, it is  
man's way to be sentimental not  
only on this subject, but on all  
other subjects as well, but God  
doesn't want a sentimental peo-  
ple. God wants a Scriptural peo-  
ple. It isn't a question of what  
your sentiment might lead you  
to do or believe on any subject;  
the question is, what does the  
Word of God teach? I repeat,  
God doesn't want, in this church  
or any church, His people to be  
sentimental, but rather He wants  
them to be Scriptural and de-  
sires that they be followers of  
the teachings of His Word.

Now, in view of that fact, I  
might mention at the very out-  
set that I believe in capital pun-  
ishment. It isn't true because I  
believe in it, but I believe in it  
because it is true. I believe in  
it because it is laid down within  
the Word of God. All I have to  
fall back on today, tomorrow, or  
any day, is the Word of God; and  
all I can give to any man, at any  
time, is a "thus saith the Lord."  
So I say to you, beloved friends,  
I believe in capital punishment  
not because that I want to be-  
lieve in it, and not because it is  
in accordance with the desires  
of my own flesh, but I believe  
in it because I know that it is  
taught within the Word of God;  
and since it is taught within the  
Word of God, I certainly accept  
it just the same as I accept any  
other portion of God Almighty's  
Book.

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THERE ARE TWENTY-ONE  
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT  
OFFENSES AGAINST SOCIE-  
TY, AND AGAINST GOD,  
WHICH GOD SAYS ARE PUN-  
ISHABLE BY CAPITAL PUN-  
ISHMENT, OR BY DEATH.

I will not have time to dis-  
cuss any of these, but I am going  
to read to you from God's Word  
concerning these twenty-one of-  
fenses which God says are to be  
punished, and that by death it-  
self.

The first offense is that of  
**MURDER.**

"And surely your blood of  
your lives will I require: at the  
hand of every beast will I re-  
quire it, and at the hand of man;  
at the hand of every man's broth-

er will I require the life of man.  
Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by  
man shall his blood be shed: for  
in the image of God made he  
man."—Gen. 9:5, 6.

We have a second Scripture  
of like nature.

And if he smite him with an  
instrument of iron, so that he  
die, he is a murderer: the mur-  
derer shall surely be put to  
death. And if he smite him with  
throwing a stone, wherewith he  
may die, and he die, he is a mur-  
derer: the murderer shall surely  
be put to death. Or if he smite  
him with a hand weapon of  
wood, wherewith he may die, and  
he die, he is a murderer: the  
murderer shall surely be put to  
death. The revenger of blood  
himself shall slay the murderer:  
when he meeteth him, he shall  
slay him. But if he thrust him of  
hatred, or hurl at him by laying  
of wait; that he die; Or in en-  
mity smite him with his hand,  
that he die: he that smote him  
shall surely be put to death; for  
he is a murderer: the revenger  
of blood shall slay the murderer,  
when he meeteth him."—Num.  
35:16-21.

We also read:  
"Whoso killeth any person, the  
murderer shall be put to death  
by the mouth of witnesses: but  
one witness shall not testify  
against any person to cause him  
to die."—Num. 35:30.

Now, beloved, this is the first  
offense which God declares to  
be punishable by death, but no-  
tice that it is not to be punish-  
able on the basis of just one  
witness. It requires more than  
the witness of one tongue, for  
that person to be put to death  
for the crime of murder.

The second sin is that of  
**ADULTERY.**

"And the man that commit-  
teth adultery with another man's  
wife, even he that committeth  
adultery with his neighbor's wife,  
the adulterer and the adulteress  
shall surely be put to death."—  
Lev. 20:10.

Let me give you another Scrip-  
ture of like nature.

"Then ye shall bring them  
both out unto the gate of that  
city, and ye shall stone them  
with stones that they die; the  
damsel, because she cried not,  
being in the city, and the man,  
because he hath humbled his  
neighbor's wife: so thou shalt put  
away evil from among you."—  
Deut. 22:24.

As you may recall, in the days  
of our Lord, while He was here  
in the sojourn of His flesh, there  
was brought unto Jesus a woman  
of whom it was said that she  
was taken in the very act of  
adultery. There were those who  
were witnesses against her in an  
effort to trap Jesus by His  
words, who cited the law where-  
by they said that Moses and the  
law commandeth that she be  
stoned. The law which they  
cited was the law which I have  
just read to you from the twen-  
tieth chapter of Leviticus and the  
twenty-second chapter of Deu-  
teronomy.

Then, beloved, a third sin  
which is punishable by death is  
that of **BESTIALITY.**

"Whosoever lieth with a beast  
shall surely be put to death."—  
Ex. 22:19.

Listen again:

"And if a man lie with a beast,  
he shall surely be put to death;  
and ye shall slay the beast. And  
if a woman approach unto any  
beast, and lie down thereto, thou  
shalt kill the woman, and the  
beast: they shall surely be put  
to death; their blood shall be  
upon them."—Lev. 20:15, 16.

The fourth sin punishable by  
death is that of **INCEST.** This  
means sexual lewdness with  
those whom the law would not  
permit to marry.

"And the man that lieth with

his father's wife, hath uncovered  
his father's nakedness: both of  
them shall surely be put to  
death: their blood shall be upon  
them. And if a man lie with his  
daughter-in-law, both of them  
shall surely be put to death: they  
have wrought confusion; their  
blood shall be upon them. And  
if a man take a wife and her  
mother, it is wickedness: they  
shall be burnt with fire, both he  
and they; that there be no wick-  
edness among you."—Lev. 20:11,  
12, 14.

The fifth sin which is to be  
punishable by death is that of  
**PERJURY** — in other words,  
false swearing.

"I will bring it forth, saith  
the Lord of hosts, and it shall  
enter into the house of the thief,  
and into the house of him that  
swareth falsely by my name:  
and it shall remain in the midst  
of his house, and shall consume  
it with the timber thereof and  
the stones thereof."—Zech. 5:4.

Now, in order to understand  
this verse, beloved, you would  
have to read the verses preced-  
ing, which tell us how that God  
put a curse — the curse of death  
— upon the individual who  
swears falsely, or, in other words,  
that which is spoken of in court  
as perjury.

The next sin which is punish-  
able by death is that of **RAPE.**

"But if a man find a betrothed  
damsel in the field, and the man  
force her, and lie with her; then  
the man only that lay with her  
shall die: But unto the damsel  
thou shalt do nothing; there is  
in the damsel no sin worthy of  
death: for as when a man riseth  
against his neighbor, and slayeth  
him, even so is this matter." —  
Deut. 22:25, 26.

Then, beloved, there is the  
sin of **SODOMY.**

"Thou shalt not lie with man-  
kind, as with womankind: it is  
abomination."—Lev. 18:22.

"If a man also lie with man-  
kind, as he lieth with a woman,  
both of them have committed  
an abomination: they shall surely  
be put to death; their blood  
shall be upon them." — Lev. 20:  
13.

Another sin is that of **KID-  
NAPPING.**

"And he that stealeth a man,  
and selleth him, or if he be  
found in his hand, he shall surely  
be put to death."—Ex. 21:16.

Another Scripture which  
proves the same thing is found  
in the book of Deuteronomy. Lis-  
ten:

"If a man be found stealing  
any of his brethren of the chil-  
dren of Israel, and maketh mer-  
chandise of him, or selleth him;  
then that thief shall die; and  
thou shalt put evil away from  
among you."—Deut. 24:7.

Then, beloved, the next sin  
is that of **WITCHCRAFT.**

"Thou shalt not suffer a witch  
to live."—Ex. 22:18.

I would like to pause to offer  
just a word of explanation con-  
cerning this. It was because of  
this faulty misunderstanding of  
this passage of Scripture that  
many a person was innocently  
put to death in Salem, Massa-  
chusetts, a couple of hundred  
years ago by the founding fath-  
ers of our country. I say, be-  
loved, it was because of a mis-  
understanding of that verse of  
Scripture that such took place.

I imagine everyone of you can  
remember reading when you  
were in school of witchcraft in  
Salem, Massachusetts. Well, be-  
loved, that was merely nothing  
else but the imagination of the  
minds of those people that ran  
riot, and it has been proven  
abundantly ever since. However,  
there is such a thing as witch-  
craft, or sorcery, or astrology,  
or fortune-telling, whereby the  
individual is so given over to  
the Devil that God says such a

one shall be put to death, that  
evil be not rampant within the  
land.

In the days of King Saul, when  
he came to the place in his life,  
just before his death at the bat-  
tle of Mount Gilboa, that God  
wouldn't hear him, King Saul  
went to the witch of Endor. The  
witch of Endor called Samuel  
up from the dead that Saul might  
commune with Samuel and find  
out what was going to take place  
in the battle of the next day.

The Word of God tells us that  
she was the only one that could  
be found, because King Saul had  
killed all the witches of that  
land. Then, at the last, when he  
desired to find out what was  
going to take place in the future,  
especially on the morrow in the  
battle, he went to this witch who  
was a relative of the captain of  
his guard, which would explain,  
in all probability, why she had  
been spared when all the bal-  
ance of them had been killed.

Another sin which God says  
is punishable by death is the  
**OFFERING OF A HUMAN BE-  
ING IN SACRIFICE TO A GOD.**

"Again, thou shalt say to the  
children of Israel, Whosoever he  
be of the children of Israel, or  
of the strangers that sojourn in  
Israel, that giveth any of his  
seed unto Molech; he shall sure-  
ly be put to death: the people  
of the land shall stone him with  
stones. And I will set my face  
against that man, and will cut  
him off from among his people;  
because he hath given of his  
seed unto Molech, to defile my  
sanctuary, and to profane my  
holy name. And if the people of  
the land do any ways hide their  
eyes from the man, when he  
giveth of his seed unto Molech,  
and kill him not: Then will I set  
my face against that man, and  
against his family, and will cut  
him off, and all that go a whor-  
ing after him, to commit whore-  
dom with Molech, from among  
the people."—Lev. 20:2-5.

Now, beloved, this, to my  
mind, is one of the strongest  
verses in all the Word of God.  
God says that no one is to offer  
a human being as a sacrifice to  
the god of Molech. Molech, as  
you recall, is the god that the  
heathen worshipped, whereby  
that a human being was placed  
in the iron arms of that god,  
into which a fire was built,  
whereby that human being was  
burned as a sacrifice to the god  
of Molech. God said that if any-  
body in the land of Israel of-  
fered a human being as a sac-  
rifice to Molech that the people  
in the land were to put such an  
individual to death and stone  
him until he died.

Then God goes further and  
makes it a little stronger, when  
He declares that if the people  
knew of such an individual who  
has offered someone as a sac-  
rifice to the god of Molech and  
didn't stone him, that He was  
going to rise up against that  
man, and against his family, and  
He was going to cut him off so  
as to keep down this sin of of-  
fering a human being as a sac-  
rifice to the god of Molech.

Then, beloved, there is another  
sin which God says is punish-  
able by death, and that is **IN-  
CONTINENCE.**

"But if this thing be true, and  
the tokens of virginity be not  
found for the damsel: Then they  
shall bring out the damsel to  
the door of her father's house,  
and the men of her city shall  
stone her with stones that she  
die; because she hath wrought  
folly in Israel, to play the whore  
in her father's house: so shalt  
thou put evil away from among  
you. If a man be found lying  
with a woman married to a hus-  
band, then they shall both of  
them die, both the man that lay  
with the woman, and the woman:

so shalt thou put away evil from  
Israel. If a damsel that is a  
virgin be betrothed unto a hus-  
band, and a man find her in the  
city, and lie with her; Then ye  
shall bring them both out unto  
the gate of that city, and ye shall  
stone them with stones that they  
die; the damsel, because she  
cried not, being in the city; and  
the man, because he hath hum-  
bled his neighbor's wife: so thou  
shalt put away evil from among  
you."—Deut. 22:20-24.

Again, beloved, the sin of **IR-  
REVERENCE UNTO PARENTS**  
is spoken of as being punishable  
by death.

"For every one that curseth his  
father or his mother shall be  
surely put to death: he that  
curseth his father or his mother,  
his blood shall be upon him."—  
Lev. 20:9.

Listen again:

"And he that smiteth his father,  
or his mother, shall be surely  
put to death. And he that curseth  
his father, or his mother, shall  
surely be put to death."—Lev.  
21:15, 17.

Not only is irreverence to par-  
ents punishable by death, but  
**DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS**  
is likewise punishable by death.

"If a man have a stubborn and  
rebellious son, which will not  
obey the voice of his father, or  
the voice of his mother, and that  
when they have chastened him,  
will not hearken unto them: Then  
shall his father and his mother  
bring him out unto the elders  
of his city, and unto the gates  
of his place; And they shall say  
unto the elders of his city, This  
our son is stubborn and rebel-  
lious, he will not obey our voice:  
he is a glutton, and a drunkard.  
And all the men of his city shall  
stone him with stones, that he  
die: so shalt thou put evil away  
from among you; and all Israel  
shall hear, and fear."—Deut. 21:  
18-21.

The fourteenth of these sins is  
that of **THEFT.**

"Then said he unto me, This is  
the curse that goeth forth over  
the face of the whole earth: for  
every one that stealeth shall be  
cut off as on this side according  
to it; and every one that swea-  
th shall be cut off as on the  
side according to it. I will bring  
it forth, saith the Lord of hosts,  
and it shall enter into the house  
of the thief, and into the house  
of him that sweareth falsely by  
the midst of his house, and shall  
consume it with the timber there-  
of and the stones thereof."—  
Zech. 5:3,4.

The fifteenth sin is that of  
**BLASPHEMY**, or the taking of  
the name of God in vain.

"And the Israelitish woman  
son blasphemed the name of the  
Lord, and cursed. And they  
brought him unto Moses: (and  
his mother's name was Shelomith,  
the daughter of Dibri, of the  
tribe of Dan.) And they put him  
in ward, that the mind of the  
Lord might be showed them. And  
the Lord spake unto Moses, say-  
ing, Bring forth him that hath  
cursed without the camp; and let  
all that heard him lay their  
hands upon his head, and let all  
the congregation stone him."—  
Lev. 24:11-14.

Notice again:

"And he that blasphemeth the  
name of the Lord, he shall surely  
be put to death, and all the  
congregation shall certainly  
stone him: as well the stranger  
as he that is born in the land,  
when he blasphemeth the name  
of the Lord, shall be put to  
death."—Lev. 24:16.

"And Moses spake to the chil-  
dren of Israel, that they should  
bring forth him that had cursed  
out of the camp, and stone him  
with stones; and the children of  
(Continued on page three)



There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it.

## Capital Punishment

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Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses."—Lev. 24:23.

The sixteenth sin which is punishable by death is that of **SABBATH DESECRATION**.

"Six days shall work be done, and on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whoever doeth work therein shall be put to death."—Ex. 35:2.

"And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the Lord said unto Moses, The men shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses."—Num. 15:32-36.

Let's pause for just a moment and notice that this was a special case. God had already said that the man who worked on the sabbath day had desecrated the sabbath and was to be put to death, but this was a special case. Here is a man who goes out and gather some sticks for firewood on the Sabbath day and Moses and the people did not know just what to do. They did not know God's mind in the matter. Therefore, realizing that he had violated the Sabbath in one sense and not knowing what punishment to impose upon him, they went to the Lord after revelation. This man, God made a revelation that he was to be stoned with stones, just the same as the individual who might desecrate the Sabbath by working thereon.

The seventeenth of these sins is that of **PROPHECYING FALSELY**.

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and he shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath sought to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee. If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, nor thy fathers, namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; thou shalt not consent unto him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt

surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."—Deut. 13:1-10.

Beloved, the false prophets of today had better be glad that God's people don't carry out what was written in behalf of the Jews fifteen hundred years before the Lord Jesus Christ came to this world. If this passage of Scripture were carried out today, ninety per cent of the preachers that stand in pulpits today would be corpses tomorrow, for they preach salvation by works, or by the city's water works, and either way, beloved, they are false prophets. They are lying; they are deceiving the people; and they are leading people astray just the same as the false prophets did fifteen hundred years ago.

The eighteenth crime which is punishable by death is that of **SACRIFICING TO FALSE GODS**.

"He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed."—Ex. 22:20.

The nineteenth sin which is punishable by death is that of **REFUSING TO ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE COURT**.

"And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel."—Deut. 17:12.

The twentieth sin is that of **TREASON**.

"And King Solomon sent by the hand of Benajah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died."—I Kings 2:25.

Now, let's get the story. In David's last days on this earth, he did that which would seem to us unusually strange. The Word of God tells us that when David was old and his circulation was poor in his body, that they used a young woman in order that she might be the means of generating heat within his body. This was before the days of electric heating pads, and hot water bottles. Thus they used this young woman as a sort of "bed warmer." After David died and Solomon came on the throne, young Adonijah, who had expected to become the king instead of Solomon, went to Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, and said to her, "I wish that I might have Abishag," which was the name of the young woman which had been used as David's "bed warmer." He made a request of Bathsheba that Abishag be given to him for a wife. Bathsheba failed to get the import of all that he had asked. She thought that it was merely a simple request. She thought that it was a very, very simple thing that he had asked. She didn't see that when he asked for Abishag, who had slept with David, that by his asking for Abishag that he was actually asking for the throne at the same time. Gullible as she was, Bathsheba went to her son, Solomon, and made the request of Solomon that Abishag be given to Adonijah to become Adonijah's wife, but Solomon realized the import of the request. He realized that it was nothing more than treason against his own government. He realized that if he were to give the woman who had slept with his father as a means of provoking and producing heat in his own father's body, that he would likewise have to step aside

## HEART-FELT ALLIANCE



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and give up the throne, for the throne would go with this woman who was the last one who had slept with his father, David. Accordingly, realizing the plot and the shrewdness thereof, and the treason thereof, he sent his captain of the guard, who fell upon Adonijah and slew him.

Let me read you another Scripture to show you that treason is punishable by death.

"In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king."—Esther 2:21-23.

Now notice, beloved, this is taken from that very, very precious book—the book of Esther, which, while it does not carry the name of God the Father, God the Son, nor God the Holy Spirit in any portion of it, yet the hand of God is seen in it all. As I have often said, while the name of God doesn't occur in the book of Esther, the hand of God is seen on every page. In this passage of Scripture we read of two men by the name of Bigthan and Teresh who sought to kill King Ahasuerus. It was treason on their part. But Mordecai, the Jew, found out about it and told Esther, and she in turn told the king, whereby the king's life was saved and these two individuals were hanged on a tree for their crime.

As I said before, I doubt se-

riously if there are very many laymen, as far as court is concerned who have read any more concerning the case that ended with the execution of the Rosenbergs than I myself, and yet, beloved, though I read a great deal about it, I still say that I know very, very little about it so far as the merits and the demerits of the case themselves are concerned. I am like Will Rogers in that respect, for he said, "About all I know is what I read in the papers and that accounts for my ignorance." I know but very, very little so far as the merits and the demerits of that particular case. I am not saying whether they were spies or whether they were not spies. I am not saying that they were guilty or whether they were not guilty. Beloved, I am saying to you, if they were spies, if they were guilty, if it were treason so far as they themselves were concerned—if it were true, and I judge it was definitely proven to be true, if that be so, then, beloved, they have gotten exactly what they deserved in the light of the Word of Almighty God.

There is one other sin which is closely kin to treason and that is **SEDITION**.

"For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed."—Acts 5:36, 37.

This is a reference, as you can easily see, to sedition. It is

very closely kin to treason. It is very closely kin to espionage. In fact, beloved, it is merely a little stronger than treason. It is a little stronger than that of being a spy. It is that of rising up in revolt, or causing a revolution against the existing government, and God's Word thus classifies this as the twenty-first of these sins which He says are to be punishable by death.

## CONCLUSION

I have read to you these passages of Scripture for one purpose—that I might tell you that there is something worse than capital punishment. Capital punishment is merely punishment relative to the flesh. It is a punishment relative to this body. It is a punishment that lasts only for a little while and then comes to a very, very brief end. There is something that is ten thousand times ten thousand times worse than capital punishment, and that is eternal punishment. If a man is punished with death for his crime against his country or against the laws of society, then that man's punishment is over in just a few minutes' time, but eternal punishment is a punishment that does not end with only a little while. It doesn't end with a suffering of a few minutes, or a few days, or a few years, or a few centuries, but beloved, it is a suffering that never ends, but goes on eternally—as eternal as God Himself is eternal.

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## Christian Struggle

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ness. I John 1:10.

### The Truth About the Matter

BEFORE CONVERSION A PERSON IS SPOKEN OF AS "THE NATURAL MAN." (I Cor. 2:14) This is man in his natural, unregenerate state, possessing only the carnal nature.

WHEN ONE IS BORN AGAIN, HE IS GIVEN A NEW NATURE, and that new nature is divine. (2 Peter 1:4)

FROM THEN ON THERE IS CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO NATURES. Paul gives us a description of this struggle. (See Rom. 7:18-25)

THE CHRISTIAN WHO INDULGES IN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD, simply feeds the fleshly nature and makes it stronger. This means discontent, and unhappiness and continual internal conflict. There is no peace in that sort of thing.

THE CHRISTIAN WHO FEEDS THE SPIRITUAL NATURE, and starves the old Adam nature is the one who lives a life of victory. Paul's prescription is this: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof." (Rom. 13:14)

One of the great arguments against the living a worldly life is the fact that one simply makes stronger the nature of the flesh and heightens the conflict. Many a Christian can testify to his own unhappiness while he was off on the borderline of the world. One is under the displeasure of God and subject to his chastening so long as he lives a worldly life. As we often sing,

"Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way,  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey."



### Sent By God

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hear is something soothing for a conscience seared by sin! God is no supplier of "soothing-syrup" but one who pours out wrath upon sin and sinners. The sad fact about the condition is that they do this lying under the pretense of serving the name of Christ.

Second, they proclaim that with the coming of Christ the Law of God was forever put out of commission and that now God deals in a "love-dovey" manner with all sinners. Without the preaching of the Holy Law of God no man will ever see any need of the atonement of Christ! Sinners must be slain by God's Righteous Law before they are given life by HIS GRACE!

Third, we have come to delight in a professional ministry trained in the schools of men but men who have never felt the pains of a real call of God in their heart. You may MANUFACTURE a preacher who will please the WORLD, but GOD MUST FRACTURE THE HEART OF THE PREACHER WHO PLEASES HIM!

Fourth, our churches are called upon to bear with a man who is to be with them only until he can find a "GREENER PASTURE." The average pastor is a hireling waiting for the higher-ups to call!

Fifth, men of today, who preach very much, will find their loyalty to the program far more important than

their stand for the truth. But men sent by GOD have only one LEADER—HE IS CHRIST—they have only one message—it is the TRUTH—GOD'S BOOK—not SATAN'S BUNK!

Sixth, in line with this thought may God help our churches to consult HIM before they do "headquarters," when in need of a preacher! Only God's Pattern will fit God's work!

—T. G. New



### "Capital Punishment"

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Gilpin, will a loving God permit a man to be eternally lost, and to eternally suffer? Will a loving God treat one of his children thus?" No, beloved, God will never allow one of His children to be punished thus, but listen, beloved, not every man is God's child. You have to be born into the family of God to be God's child. You are a child of the Devil until you have been saved by the grace of God. God will never allow one of His children to go to Hell, but God will, and does, send all the Devil's children to Hell for an eternal punishment that shall never end.

But someone may say, "Isn't Hell annihilation? Isn't it true that eventually the fires of Hell will burn out? Isn't it true that ultimately a man will be able to get out—that he will suffer for a while and then get out." Beloved, it will take a man all eternity to suffer in order to satisfy God for the sins of that man's lifetime. I say to you, in the light of the Word of God, Hell is not annihilation, but men suffer eternally for their sins. Listen:

"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.

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."—Luke 16:26.

Every Russellite preacher and every Catholic priest who tells you that a man has a second chance after death is a liar in the light of this passage of Scripture. Every man who would talk about a purgatory wherein men might suffer for a while and as a result of their suffering may become purified from their sins and purged therefrom and ultimately get into Heaven—every man who would thus speak, would make purgatory a great and a successful reform school wherein the incorrigibles of this earth who would not be corrected in time, would be corrected in eternity, but the Word of God knows nothing of this. The Word of God says that when a man goes to Hell that he is there forever so that nobody can pass to him from Heaven, and neither can he pass from Hell unto Heaven.

Let me read you another Scripture that you might see something of the horror of Hell.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."—II Thess. 1:7-9.

Beloved, any man knows that capital punishment is a horrible thing, whether it be by electrocution as is true in Kentucky, or whether it be by death in the

lethal chamber as is true in the state of Colorado, or whether it be by hanging. Regardless of what form it may take, anybody knows that capital punishment is a horrible thing to think about; but, beloved, there is something that is worse, and that is eternal punishment—where a man goes to Hell and suffers not for a little season, but he suffers forever and forever in a burning Hell from whence there is no escape.

Beloved, listen to me, I trust the Rosenbergs themselves were prepared to die, though I doubt seriously if they had ever known the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. I trust, though, that they were prepared to die. If they were, they are in Heaven right now, despite the enormity of the sin that they were guilty of, concerning our country. However, if they were not prepared to die, the suffering that the Rosenbergs endured for the few minutes in the electric chair was nothing in comparison to what the Rosenbergs are suffering now, and shall suffer, not for a little season, but throughout all eternity in a Devil's Hell, in a lake of fire.

I would to God that I could make you feel that Hell is not a half block away from here. I would to God that I could make you feel how hot it is right now. I would to God that I could make you feel that before you get home tonight you are liable to fall into it, and well you might, sinner friend. Oh, may I say to you that there is a way out. There is a remedy whereby you can escape Hell, and that is by the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross. There was no way whereby the Rosenbergs could escape the death penalty; there was no way whereby they could escape capital punishment; but, beloved, there is a way whereby they might have escaped eternal punishment, and that way is the Lord Jesus. I don't know whether the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to them or not. I don't know and I am not prepared to discuss it, but I say to you, there is only one way for a man to be saved, and that is

by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As the old song says:

"What can wash away my sins?  
Nothing but the blood; nothing but the blood."

What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood; nothing but the blood."

What can pay sin's old black debt?  
Nothing but the blood; nothing but the blood."

What can make me a Christian yet?  
Nothing but the blood; nothing but the blood."

My God help you, sinner friend, to realize that it is either eternal punishment in Hell or else the blood of Jesus Christ must atone for your sins. May God help you, and may God bless you, and may God save your soul.



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of God.

Any one who is sure he can meet the qualifications can apply within the next few days.

—The Contender



### Fraternal Order

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Scriptures.

4. They falsify about their so-called "secret oaths and rites." These people appear very wise in their proud claims to hold ancient secrets about which outsiders know nothing at all. However, the truth in the case is that practically all these secrets have been published and are available to anyone who cares to order the literature from reliable Christian publishers, such as: The National Christian Association, Chicago, Ill.

5. They teach a false way of salvation. Instead of presenting the Bible way of salvation by grace through faith in God's Son, they teach salvation by character, good works and faithfulness to the principles of the lodge.

6. Lodges are the lost man's substitute for a church. I realize that there are saved people in them, but it is largely true that lost people who want to feel that they are equal to or above members of Christian churches, and yet do not have the qualifications necessary for church membership, join a lodge and try to satisfy themselves with the feeling that it is just as good as church membership.

7. I would be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, and that would violate the teachings of 2 Cor. 6:14. Oh, yes, I am sure that we must have unsaved people in the membership of our churches, but we do require that a person at least make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour in order to get into the membership of a church, and lodges do not require even this.

8. Their teachings are admittedly too weak to stand the test of light. Any system of teaching whose devotees are afraid for the public to know about it must be conscious that it will not stand the test of being brought to the light. Frankly, I would be both afraid and ashamed for the public to know that I believed the teachings, took the oaths and indulged in the practices of the lodges. Jesus said, "In secret have I said nothing" (John 18:29b). The lodges are quite different from Jesus, at least in this respect!

9. They lead their members to practice dishonesty, even to

the point of theft. In almost every place where I have offered to lend literature exposing the lodges, some of their members have threatened to or actually taken my personal property and disposed of it without offering to pay for it. They exalt the rights of their lodge above the sacred rights of the individual! There is no getting around the fact that there is something wrong with any system which leads its members to take that which belongs to another and dispose of it. Rather, God's Word commands: "Provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17b).

Other people, including even professing Christians, may be members of such organizations, but I absolutely cannot do so—and I believe that I have a perfect right to express himself about the matter!

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### A Communist

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me, it is we who will win, for we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands!!"



### Resurrection

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we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."—Romans 4:24-25.

4. HIS RESURRECTION IS NECESSARY TO OUR FRUITFULNESS.

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."—Romans 7:4.

5. HIS RESURRECTION IS NECESSARY TO OUR CONSERVATION.

"For the love of God constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again."—II Corinthians 5:14-15.

6. HIS RESURRECTION IS NECESSARY TO OUR SECURITY.

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."—Romans 8:34.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Hebrews 7:25.

7. HIS RESURRECTION IS NECESSARY TO OUR RESURRECTION.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so will God bring with Him."—I Thessalonians 4:14.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto himself."—Phil. 3:20,21.

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