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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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IS IT REALLY TRUE?

Is it really true that "the body" is "the church?" Yes, it is true because of the following Scriptures.

1. EPHESIANS 1:22-23 says: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." NOTE: God put all things under the feet of Christ and gave Him to be the head of the church.

2. COLOSSIANS 1:18 says: "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." NOTE: The antecedent of "he" is "Son" of verse 13.

3. COLOSSIANS 1:24 says: "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church."

NOTE: The above Scriptures point out very clearly that **the body is the church and the church is the body!** It follows then that **the body of Christ is the church of Christ!** QUESTION: Do you know of a denomination that is the body of Christ! If not, then you do not know of a denomination that is the church

of Christ!

Is it really true that there is but one true church? Yes, it is true because of the teaching of the following Scriptures.

1. EPHESIANS 4:4-6 says: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, . . ."

2. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 says: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

3. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 says: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, . . ."

4. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:20 says: "But now are they many members, yet but one body."

NOTE: Since **the body is the church** and there is **BUT ONE BODY**, it necessarily follows that **THERE IS BUT ONE TRUE CHURCH!**

Yes, it is really true that **the body of Christ is the church of Christ** and that **there is but one true church!**

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Editorial . . .

MASONRY

Masonry is composed of the principles, rituals, etc. of Freemasons. It is characterized by secrecy. Many do not know much about Freemasonry. Our study is needful and it should prove to be enlightening, interesting and profitable.

Here are some interesting facts about Masonry.

1. There are 33 degrees in Masonry. A person may "earn" 32 degrees but the 33rd degree is an honorary degree that is bestowed upon an individual only by the High Council that meets once a year.

2. There are "three Great Lights of Masonry." They are (1) the Holy Bible, (2) the Square, and (3) the Compasses. They are also called the "Furniture of the Lodge."

3. There are "Three Lesser Lights of Masonry. They are (1) the Sun, (2) the Moon, and (3) the Master of the Lodge.

4. There are six "Jewels of the Lodge." Three are **moveable** and three are **unmoveable**.

5. The pass-word of an **Entered Apprentice (First degree)** is **BOAZ**. Of a **FELLOW Craft (Second degree)** the pass-word is **SHIBBOLETH**. The pass-word of a **Master Mason (Third degree)** is **TUBAL-CAIN**.

There are a number of reasons **WHY A CHRISTIAN CANNOT (SCRIP-TURALLY) BE A MASON**. Here are

some of them.

I. MASONRY IS A FALSE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION! On page 196 of **Morals and Dogma** by Albert Pike we read: "**The religious faith taught by Masonry is indispensable to the attainment of the great ends of life . . .**" On page 213 we read: "**Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of religion, and its teachings are instruction in religion.**" Page 219 says: "**That Rite raises a corner of the veil, even in the Degree of Apprentice; for it there declares that Masonry is a WORSHIP.**" Then on page 718 Pike declares that "**Masonry propagates no creed except its own most simple and Sublime One; that universal religion, taught by Nature and Reason. Its Lodges are neither Jewish, Moslem, nor Christian Temples. It reiterates the precepts of morality of all religions.**"

The **Encyclopedia of Freemasonry** by A. G. Mackey 33° and Charles T. McClenachan 33° says on page 618-619 that "**Masonry may rightfully claim to be called a religious institution. . . is not Christianity, nor a substitute for it . . . and who can deny that it is eminently a religious institution? . . . Masonry, then, is, indeed, a religious institution, and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Mason defend it.**" Then on page 577 it plainly says: "**Freemasonry is a religious institution. . .**"

Henry Pirtle on page 28 of the **Kentucky Monitor** says: "**This is because Masonry is a religious institution. . .**" On page xiii we read: "**What, in fact, are the true wages of a Master Mason? They are the rewards of a well-spent life, a glorious immortality, having nothing to do with wages either in material, corn, wine, and oil, or in coin of the realm. . .**"

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A careful consideration of Matthew 15:13; Psa. 127:1; Col. 2:10 and Col. 3:17 should convince every honest heart that **Masonry is a false religion!**

II. MASONRY TEACHES THAT THE BIBLE IS ONLY A SYMBOL OF GOD'S WORD!

The **Encyclopedia of Freemasonry** on page 104 says: "The Bible is used among Masons a symbol of the will of God, however it may be expressed. And, therefore, whatever to any people expresses that will may be used as a substitute for the Bible in a Masonic Lodge. Thus in a lodge consisting entirely of Jews, the Old Testament alone may be placed upon the altar, and Turkish Masons make use of the Koran. Whether it be the Gospels to the Christian, the Pentateuch to the Israelite, the Koran to the Musselman, or the Vedas to the Brahman, it everywhere Masonically conveys the same idea — that of the symbolism of the Divine Will revealed to man."

NOTE: Additional quotations to prove the above point can be found on page 57 and 15-16 of **Jurisprudence of Freemasonry** by A. G. Mackey.

A careful study of 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3; James 1:25; 2:12; John 12:48; 14:26 and John 16:13 should convince every honest heart that the Scriptures reveal to mankind God's Will. They are **not** a mere symbol of His Will!

III. MASONRY TEACHES A "NEW BIRTH!" On pages 26-27 of the **Kentucky Monitor** we read: "This opening unto you and your reception within the lodge is a symbol of the disruption from the ties of the world and your introduction into the life of Masonry. It is a symbol of the agonies of the first death and of the throes of a new birth. There you stood without our portals, on

the threshold of this new Masonic life, in darkness, helplessness, and ignorance. Having been wandering amid the errors and covered over with the pollutions of the outer and profane world, you came inquiringly to our doors, seeking the new birth, and asking a withdrawal of the veil which concealed the divine truth from your intellectual sight. . . . and Masonry stands before you in all the glory of its form and beauty, to be fully revealed, however, only when the new birth has been completely accomplished."

A candid study of John 3:1-8; 1 Peter 1:22; James 1:18; 1 Cor. 4:15 and Romans 6:1-5 will show that one must believe and obey the gospel in order to be born again.

IV. MASONRY TEACHES HIRAM WAS A "MEDIATOR OR REDEEMER." The **Kentucky Monitor** on page xv says: "All (ancient religions - CRS) believed in a future life, to be attained by purification and trials; in a state of successive states of reward and punishment; and in a Mediator or Redeemer, by whom the Evil Principle was to be overcome and the Supreme Deity reconciled to His creatures. The belief was general that he was to be born of a virgin and suffer a painful death. The Hindus called him Krishna; the Chinese, Kioun-tse; the Persians, Sosiosch; the Chaldeans, Dhovanai; the Egyptians, Horus; Plato, Love; the Scandinavians, Balder; the Christians, Jesus; Masons, Hiram." Page 152 says: "Then let us imitate our G.M.H.A. in all his varied perfection."

The word of God clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is the Mediator and Redeemer! See John 14:6; 1 Tim. 1:15; John 6:44-45; Heb. 2:17; 6:20 and 1 Tim. 2:5).

V. MASONRY TEACHES "BAPTISM", ETC. In **Morals and Dogma**, page 538-539, we have the
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following question and answer in the instructions given to Masons of the 26th Degree — Prince of Mercy, or Scottish Trinitarian: “**Qu . . . What are the symbols of the purification necessary to make us perfect Masons? Ans. . . Lavation with pure water, or baptism; because to cleanse the body is emblematical of purifying the soul; and because it conduces to bodily health, and virtue is the health of the soul, as sin and vice are its malady and sickness; — unction, or anointing with oil; because thereby we are set apart and dedicated to the service and priesthood of the Beautiful, the True, and the Good; — robes of white, emblems of candor, purity, and truth.**”

An honest person can easily learn the truth about baptism by carefully

considering Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:26-38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27 and 1 Peter 3:31.

VI. MASONRY TEACHES A “FRATERNAL SUPPER.”

On page 539-540 of **Morals and Dogma** we read; “**Qu. . What is to us the chief symbol of man’s ultimate redemption and regeneration? Ans. . The fraternal supper, of bread which nourishes, and of wine which refreshes and exhilarates, symbolical of the time which is to come, when all mankind shall be one great harmonious brotherhood; . . . To our Jewish Brethren, this supper is symbolical of the Passover: to the Christian Mason, of that eaten by Christ and His Diciples, . . .**”

To learn the truth about the Lord’s Supper please read and study Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 11:23-34; Acts 20:7; 2:42 and 1 Cor. 10:16.

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— SENTENCE SERMONS —

We should be more concerned about our duty in difficulty than our difficulty in duty

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To truly be a powerful preacher, one must preach the gospel — God’s power to save!

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Christians should pray frequently, fervently and faithfully.

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Criticizing the faults of others does **not** remove our own.

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An idle rumour never remains idle.

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