

FREE AGENT.

THE doctrine of the free agency of man is a denial of the supremacy of God, and therefore anti-scriptural. How could man in any state be free from the obligation to obey God? It could not be for it would be morally wrong. The sin of disobedience has not released him from the authority of his Creator, but made him the servant of sin unto death (Rom. v. 12. : vi, 16). Had Adam obeyed God in the garden, clearly he would not have become subject to death; but having thus become the sport of Satan, how can he claim to be free? Nay, through sin man has passed under the sentence of death and judgment. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Death and judgment hanging over the sinner by Divine appointment, and yet man a free agent! How absurd. Are not sinners dying all around us daily? and is not the judgment of God thus certified? The free-agency of the sinner is therefore Satan's mockery.

But if there is no free-agency of man, there is forgiveness of sins freely offered. All men are commanded to repent because God has appointed the day of judgment for sinners, and judgment is assured through the resurrection of Christ, who died for all. See Acts xvii. 30-31 : 2 Cor. v. 15. Upon the ground that Christ died for all, God having raised Him from the dead, scripture declares "that through His name *whosoever* believeth in Him, shall receive

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