

## Patrick of Ireland

- A. Patrick was Irish.
- B. Patrick was sent to Ireland under the directive of the bishop of Rome to convert the pagan.
- C. Patrick used the Shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity.
- D. Patrick displayed miraculous powers.
- E. Patrick claimed to have dreams in which God was speaking to Him
- F. Patrick became a missionary to the Irish people when he was about 40 years old.
- G. Patrick died March 17th, 490AD.
- H. Patrick wrote a book called "Confessions."

1. His C\_\_\_\_\_

"I AM PATRICK, A SINNER, most unlearned, the least of all the faithful, and utterly despised by many. My father was Calpornius, a deacon, son of Potitus, a priest, of the village of Bannavem Taburniae; he had a country seat nearby, and there I was taken captive. I was then about sixteen years of age. I did not know the true God. I was taken into captivity to Ireland with many thousand of people

- 390-420?AD-His birth and place of birth-Bannavem Taburniae
- Economic Background
- Upbringing--My f\_\_\_\_\_ was Calpornius, a deacon, s\_\_\_\_\_ of Potitus, a presbyter (elder),
- His education--

"As a youth, nay, almost as a boy not able to speak, I was taken captive, before I knew what to pursue and what to avoid. Hence today I blush and fear exceedingly to reveal my lack of education; for I am unable to tell my story to those versed in the art of concise writing -in such a way, I mean, as my spirit and mind long to do, and so that the sense of my words expresses what I feel."

- 407AD-\_\_\_\_\_
- 410-AD-\_\_\_\_\_
- From age 16-23 he was in captivity.

2. His C\_\_\_\_\_

"And there the Lord opened the sense of my unbelief that I might at last remember my sins and be converted with all my heart to the Lord my God, who had regard for my abjection, and mercy on my youth and ignorance, and watched over me before I knew Him, and before I was able to distinguish between good and evil, and guarded me, and comforted me as would a father his son.

3. His C\_\_\_\_\_

a. A V\_\_\_\_\_

"And there I saw in the night the vision of a man, whose name was Victoricus, coming as it were from Ireland, with countless letters. And he gave me one of them, and I read the opening words of the letter, which were: "The voice of the Irish"; and as I read the beginning of the letter I thought that at the same moment I heard their voice -they were those beside the Wood of Voclut, which is near the Western Sea -and thus did they cry out as with one mouth: "We ask thee, boy, come and walk among us once more."

b. The W\_\_\_\_\_

"And there I wish to wait for His promise who surely never deceives, as He promises in the Gospel: They shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob -as we believe the

faithful will come from all the world. For that reason, therefore we ought to fish well and diligently, as the Lord exhorts in advance and teaches, saying: Come ye after me, and I will make you to be fishers of men.

"Going therefore now, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world. And again he says: Go ye therefore into the whole world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be condemned. And again: This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all nations, and then shall come to the end.

Listen to him, "I am greatly in debt to God Who has bestowed His grace on me so largely, that many people were born again to God through me. The Irish, who never had the knowledge of. God and worshipped only idols and unclean things, have now become the Lord's people, and are called sons of God..."

4. His C\_\_\_\_\_

A. A Man of the W\_\_\_\_\_

B. A Man of P\_\_\_\_\_

"...the captain said to me: "Tell me, Christian: you say that your God is great and all-powerful; why, then, do you not pray for us? As you can see, we are suffering from hunger; it is unlikely indeed that we shall ever see human being again." I said to them in full confidence: "Be truly converted with all your heart to the Lord my God, because nothing is impossible for Him, that this day He may send you food on your way until you be satisfied; for He has abundance everywhere." And, with the help of God, so it came to pass: suddenly a herd of pigs appeared on the road before our eyes, and they killed many of them; and there they stopped for two nights and fully recovered their strength, and their hounds received their fill, for many of them had grown weak and were half-dead along the way. And from that day they had plenty of food. They also found wild honey, and offered some of it to me, and one of them said: "This we offer in sacrifice." Thanks be to God, I tasted none of it.

While in captivity he said, "I fed cattle every day, and often during the day I prayed; the love and fear of God burned more and more within me, and my faith as a hundred times,, and my faith and spirit grew strong. In a single day I would pray as often as a hundred times, and almost as often during the night."

C. A T\_\_\_\_\_ Driven Man

Hence I cannot be silent -nor, indeed, is it expedient -about the great benefits and the great grace which the Lord has deigned to bestow upon me in the land of my captivity;

"There is no other God, nor ever was in times past, nor will be hereafter, than God the Father unbegotten, without beginning, from whom is all beginning, who holds sway over all things (omnia tenentem), as we declare; and his Son Jesus Christ, whom we affirm most assuredly to have always been with the Father before the origin of the world, spiritually and ineffably begotten by the Father before all beginning, and by him all things visible and invisible were made; he was made man, and when death had been overcome, he was received into heaven beside the Father; 'and he has given him all power over every name in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess to him that Jesus Christ is Lord and God', in whom we believe and to whose imminent coming we look forward, 'the judge of the living and of the dead', 'who will render to every man according to his deeds'; and 'he has poured forth upon us abundantly the Holy Spirit', 'the gift' and 'pledge' of immortality, who makes those who believe and obey 'sons of God and co-heirs with Christ': it is him that we confess (confitemur) and adore, one God in the Trinity of the holy name.."

D. A Man With an E\_\_\_\_\_ Perspective

' . . . We who believe in and adore the true sun Christ who will never die. . . . I believe confidently that if this were to happen to me I have gained my soul along with my body because without a shadow of doubt on that day we shall rise in the radiance of the sun . . . in the glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer as children of the living God and co-heirs with Christ . . .'