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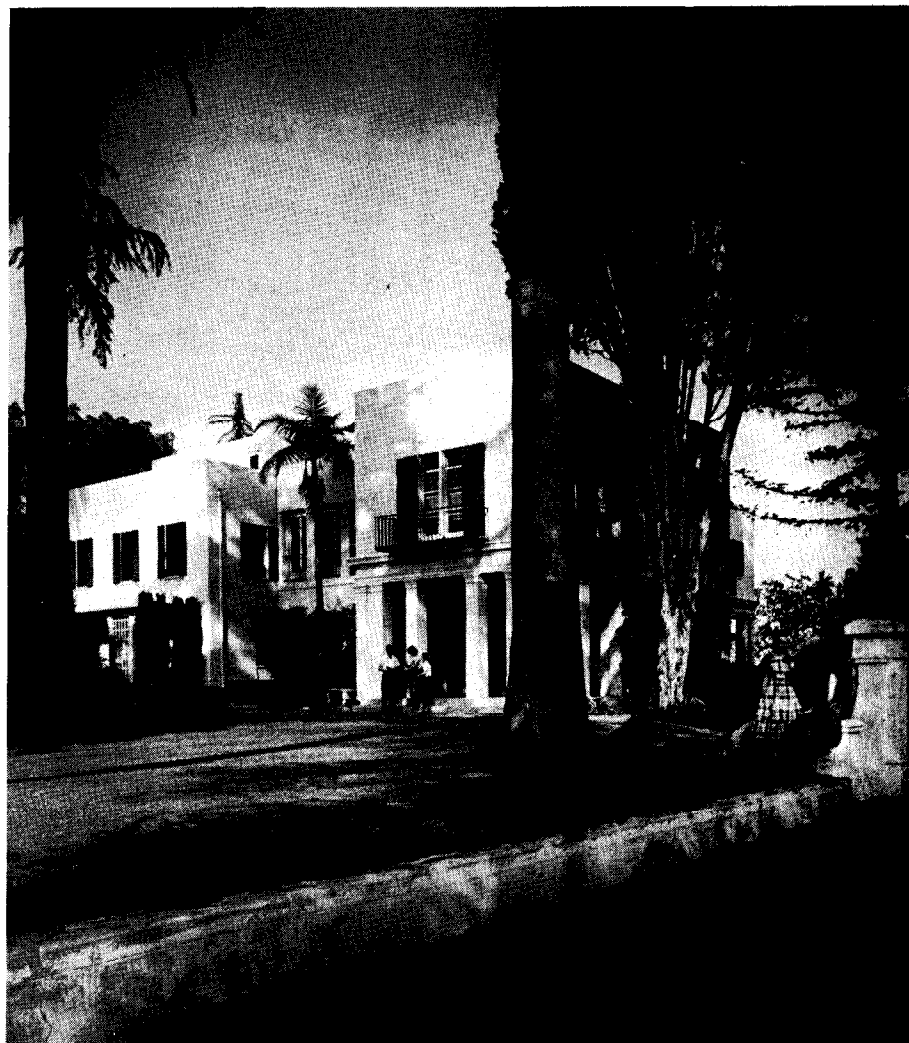
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What's WRONG with a College Education?

There is something criminally wrong with modern education. Most college graduates fail to achieve happiness and real success in life. Here's why, and how this evil is being corrected at Ambassador.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

RIGHT NOW, thousands of high school seniors over the United States are looking toward the future—deciding whether to go to college next fall, and if so, which college.

Naturally, every young man and young woman who looks toward the future desires to make that future a success.

Rules for Success

If I were to outline for you the seven fundamental principles of success in life, I would list first, having the right and definite *goal or aim* in life; and second, *education*—which is the proper preparation to attain that goal.

If I were a young man or a young woman of high school age, I certainly would, above everything else, look well and long at those first two rules for success!

Most people go **AIMLESSLY** thru life—with no definite **GOAL** or **PURPOSE** to work toward, or else they set their sights on the **WRONG** goal.

Even tho a far greater proportion of young men and women attend college today than did 30 or 40 years ago, millions do not realize that there is something criminally **WRONG** with modern education. A college education today does *not* guarantee a successful life. Hundreds of thousands of college graduates fail to achieve **REAL SUCCESS** in life! And there's a reason. You've heard the modern saying: "Get a college education so that you can get a job in a filling station." Yes, many, many thousands, hundreds of thousands have done that very thing.

Now first of all, just what do we *mean* by **SUCCESS**? Are we to define success in terms of **MONEY**? I knew a man who had accumulated many mil-

lions of dollars, a multimillionaire. He owned three large, fine mansions. He owned 68 different corporations and trusts. But this man was terribly unhappy. He said to me: "I don't understand why God Almighty should bring all these curses on me. My only children are dead. I have no one to carry on my fortune or my name. My life is dreary and unhappy."

I knew another man whom the world looked on as a big success. He was president of a great automobile manufacturing company. He was a director of banks, active in the Chamber of Commerce, a member of many clubs. But he was frustrated and unhappy, and during the flash depression of 1920 he committed suicide!

WHY Men Fail

What is the measure of real **SUCCESS**? Building a big business? Making a lot of money? Is there nothing more to life than to struggle to build a business, or a bank, or an institution only to be forgotten 30 years later? Can we measure true success in terms any less than living a *happy* life, and in learning the true purpose of life?—in learning why we were put here on this earth, why the individual, as a person, was born; in fulfilling that purpose by learning the true values of life and living a satisfying, happy, abundant life, according to those true values, and measuring up to and accomplishing that purpose?

Is there any life after death? Is this life a preparation for eternity? What are the true values? Can you set the right goal of life until you know? Can education be adequate and proper unless it teaches those true values and real purposes of life?

Is there anything wrong with mod-

ern education today? You young men and women who will enroll in colleges and universities next fall, do you find anywhere in the curriculum of that college or university anything that will teach you what you are, why you are, why you were born, the purpose being worked out here below, the reason for your very own personal life, the way to happiness, and to peace, to real satisfying, abundant life that fulfills the very purpose of your being? Why, these are the very first principles of true knowledge! These form the very foundation of any right and true education.

What True Education Is

True education, the only education that will teach you your true goal and prepare you to accomplish it, is more than mental accomplishments or achievements, the memorizing of knowledge about history, or some knowledge of mathematics or science. It's a great deal more than some of these things. True education is not merely training in a trade or a profession, not merely learning how to make a living, it is learning *how* to live and *why* you live. It is learning, then, the true values.

The wisest man who ever lived possessed knowledge. He had understanding and wisdom above all men who have ever lived. And he said: "Receive . . . knowledge rather than choice gold"—I think most people today would take the gold—"for wisdom is better than rubies" (Proverbs 8:10, 11).

Then again, he said this: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Prov. 3:13). And this, "Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not." . . . "Wisdom is the principle thing: therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get

understanding." Very little of those two ingredients exist today. "Exalt her," continued Solomon, "and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her" (Prov. 4:5, 7-8).

Now Solomon had achieved more than mere mental knowledge, and a mere life of accomplishment. He looked into the aims and results of education and accomplishment.

Never Satisfied!

This same wise man, who was a king of a nation, and the wealthiest man, probably, in his time, wrote this in Ecclesiastes: "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity." "What does man gain by all his toil?" "A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains for ever." Then he continues in chapter 2 of Ecclesiastes. "I said to myself, 'Come now, I will make a test of *pleasure*; enjoy yourself.' But behold, this also was vanity," he concluded.

Then he says, "I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees . . . I bought male and female slaves, . . . I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, man's delight. So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; . . . And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, . . . Then I considered all that my hands had done . . ." He came to the end and he looked back over it all. What had he accomplished? Had he been a success?

He said, "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil that I had spent in doing it, and behold"—here is the conclusion: "Behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind." What had he gained? No more than a handful of wind which you can reach out and take yourself.

"All was vanity and a striving after wind. There was nothing to be gained under the sun." Then, he concluded, "so I hated life, because what is done

under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a striving after wind."

Think of it! A life-time of education, struggle, hard work, ingenuity, thinking and planning, driving the self on, large-scale accomplishment—and where did it all end? Solomon looked back on his life and concluded he had been striving, ever striving—after *what*? After WIND! All was VANITY! And giving free reign to VANITY never has *satisfied*!

It was like having finally a mere handful of wind to show for all his life's effort!

What about YOU?

Where is *your* life going to end up?

I have known many men accounted highly successful in the world—famous bankers, millionaire industrialists, famous merchants, world-known statesmen. But their apparent success never satisfied them. They never found real happiness.

I have known scores and scores of farmers. They toiled from early until late. They sacrificed, they saved. But in the end all they had received out of life was food, shelter and clothing, hard work and a little passing entertainment and pleasure. In the end, they, too, had been on a tread-mill striving—striving—striving, *after wind*! They were not really going anywhere, after all.

I have known hundreds of laborers, both skilled and unskilled. They, too, toiled and toiled—*after wind*! Except for the fleeting interests of the passing moment, they had nothing to show for the life they had spent, in the end.

I have known numerous professional people—doctors, lawyers, architects, educators, teachers, actors, musicians, artists. But it was the same with them. Life gave them nothing more than passing pleasures of the moment which did not last.

Is there *nothing more* to life?

All these materialistic goals lead to NOWHERE! Yes, all is VANITY and striving after WIND!

Did the Creator have no better PURPOSE in putting mankind on this earth? If Almighty God had the supreme intelligence to design and produce the myriad complex forms of life which His Hand created, did He not also possess, *and exercise*, the intelligence to provide some *better* objective and purpose for our lives

than a mere striving after wind?

If so, WHAT IS THAT GREAT PURPOSE? Why are people not attaining it? Why are not people more HAPPY? Why do we not have world PEACE?

It would certainly seem that the very first and basic business of our educational system ought to be to teach children and college students what God's PURPOSE is—what are the TRUE VALUES—what are the rules and laws that provide the WAY to this great objective.

But modern education does not teach these truths and these values, because it does not know what they are. Education has become materialistic. Young men go to college to learn *how* to make a living, not how to *live*! Many young women go to college to learn how to make a living, so that when they tire of their husbands they may be self-supporting and "FREE."

And so what do people desire and seek in the world today?

How Vanity is Expressed

Most people have little more purpose in life than just to enjoy the passing moment. They wish to be free of physical pain or discomfort, and to enjoy the pleasing sensations of the five senses as much as possible. They are on a journey. It's a tread-mill sort of a journey. They are not going anywhere—they are just going—but they do want to get what fleeting pleasure they may, along the way.

And even tho they end up NOWHERE, they do want to be able to complete life's journey. No one wants to die. And so they do desire SECURITY. They want to be able to eat, be clothed and sheltered, and to have fun along the way. They want money for doctor bills when physical pain strikes. And so they do want, with varying degrees of ambition, to be able to earn a living—some a bare low-standard living—some, with more vanity, luxury living or wealth.

How does VANITY express itself in men and women?

Women want to look pretty, have an attractive figure, be well thought of, have pretty clothes. Many girls like to be whistled at. They like to have dates, and most of them want to have husbands, but few of them want to be wives. Of course they want security. And some of them

would like to become business women so they could manage men.

And men? Many have the kind of vanity that desires to feel important. They want to be looked up to by others. They like to believe that others think they are a *somebody*! They want to enjoy pleasing physical sensations, and pass away time in an interesting manner. Most men would like to have financial success and security.

Most people are unable to see beyond these material wants. Both men and women are filled with VANITY. Vanity is the basic essence of human nature. Vanity produces greed, selfishness. Often it expresses itself in jealousy, envy, resentment, hatred. It always "looks out for number one."

THAT is the hideous thing that grips *you* in its clutch!—unless, thru God's help and power, you have been able to tear yourself away from it!

Where are we, now?

Look at this world today. Where has all this led us?

This world today faces annihilation. The engines of destruction now exist that can lay waste an entire continent over-night. The world's most famous scientists tell us that it is becoming possible to blast all human life from off this planet!

Right now we're in the hydrogen-bomb race to see which power can produce the biggest stock-pile of nuclear explosives, and be ready first with the guided missiles for their delivery in the coming World War III!

Yes, *that's* the world you live in!

And the commencement addresses at famous universities frequently put urgent emphasis on appeals to graduates and undergraduates alike to devote themselves more zealously to applying their scientific and technological educations toward the invention, development and production of more horrifying means of mass destruction—so that we may keep ahead, in this race for survival—which is *not* a race for *survival* at all, but a race toward the suicide and extinction of the human family!

Is *that* the true objective of a technological or scientific education? In many large colleges and universities today, it is the *emphasized* objective.

Faulty Education Responsible

The root cause of this unhappy condition in the world today—not only a world of nations striving against each other in cold-war, but a world filled to overflowing with unhappiness, empty lives, sorrow, suffering, fear and worry, frustration, failure—is false education.

It is the first duty of true education to teach the real PURPOSE of life, the only right GOAL in life, the TRUE VALUES of life, and the WAY to achieve these blessed objectives.

But education has lost its way!

Instead of TRUTH, it guides young people into wrong and empty goals, implants false concepts into susceptible young minds, inculcates false values, channels youth into materialistic paths that have led to all this unhappiness that fills the world's cup to overflowing.

Life's Real PURPOSE

Every human life was put on earth for a PURPOSE—a purpose so wonderful, an objective so glorious, that it is difficult for the human mind to conceive it.

It was intended by the Creator that mankind should be supremely happy, that lives should be surcharged with beaming joy, the passing moments filled with dynamic interest, that bodies should radiate energetic health, that personalities should come alive and sparkle, that every thought and act should contribute to mental, physical and spiritual upbuilding as well as to attainment of the ultimate tremendous and glorious goal. To that end the Great God *set in motion* both physical and spiritual LAWS, the observance of which would produce that result.

But accomplishing the over-all PURPOSE for creating human life also demanded the principle of free moral agency. Man, each as a separate entity, must come to see, understand, and choose the true values from the false and of his own volition employ the self-direction and *will* to set out on that true WAY. Therefore God, Supreme RULER over His creation, decreed that BOTH the true and the false—the right and the wrong ways—should be set before each human, and He commanded: "CHOOSE!" (Deut. 30:15-20).

The first man chose the wrong goal, set his heart on the false values, embarked on the ways of evil that bring only evil results, and rejected the revealed KNOWLEDGE of the Creator GOD!

God's great Purpose is the reproduction of Himself. The only true Goal that leads to SOMEWHERE is *eternal life* as a *born* son of God—being actually BORN into the very GOD Family!

But can anybody grasp that truth today? This tremendous KNOWLEDGE was rejected by Adam, and ever since has been discarded by those responsible for the dissemination of knowledge. The world has descended into gross darkness, and this TRUTH is so brilliantly dazzling that human eyes accustomed to the darkness seem unable to adjust themselves to receive it.

Are such basic truths taught in any college or university of the world today? Are the inexorable Laws that constitute THE WAY to that glorious end taught in any of this world's institutions of higher learning?

This world's education is entirely *materialistic*! It disseminates only the knowledge of material things. The philosophic basis of modern education is that of the ancient pagan philosophers. Its basic scientific concept is that of the theory of evolution, which slams the door in the face of God and in mocking disdain, throws the Bible out the window. Evolution denies the existence of God and attempts to explain the presence of a creation without a Creator.

Pagan Philosophy the Basis of Modern Education

Do you know what the Eternal God says about these ancient pagan philosophers who are accepted, followed, and taught in modern education?

Here is God's inspired indictment against them: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not *as* God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." (None but the FOOL says there is no God!) "And even as they did not like to retain GOD in their knowledge" (they ceased to teach anything about the true GOD, or to disseminate any of His

true revealed knowledge)—“God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are improper; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity . . .” (Rom. 1:21-22, 28-29).

Read that carefully! These ancients had once known God. His TRUTH had not been hidden from them. But VANITY possessed them. They glorified *themselves* instead of God. This vanity was in their minds. They professed that they were wise—wiser than God. They discarded God from their KNOWLEDGE. They rejected the all-important basic knowledge He revealed. They established a system of false education—the dissemination of erroneous knowledge. And God had given the educational leaders of the world over to a reprobate mind—the minds that profess that they are wise, but God says they became fools!

This vital Scripture in Romans 1 summarizes the origin and history of the world's system of education!

That same false philosophy of the ancient pagans has spawned the “professional attitude” of modern education! And it is the crux of all the world's ills today!

God Almighty continues to say of this world's knowledge and educational processes: “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.”

But why should God be concerned about a mankind that has rebelled against everything *good* for him?

Yes, “What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownest him with glory and with honor, and didst set him over the works of Thy hands. Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, *He left nothing that is not put under him.* But NOW we see not YET all things put under him”—not yet, in man's present rebellious state, has God's PURPOSE been completed. Except for Christ, the forerunner, the *first-born* of many brethren, mankind has not yet been *born* into the Kingdom of God—“but we see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honor . . . for it became Him, . . . in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the cap-

tain of their salvation perfect. . .” (Heb. 2:6-10).

Man's True Destiny

We were put on earth to become the *sons of God*—to be first begotten by

God's Spirit in this life, then BORN into the very GOD KINGDOM by the resurrection, to become *born* SONS OF GOD, even as Jesus became a BORN SON OF GOD by the resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4) and therefore is now VERY GOD, and a member of the GOD FAMILY (Heb. 1:8).

We humans were put here for the purpose of ultimately *sharing* Christ's inheritance with Him. He has inherited ALL THINGS. Yes, our destiny, *if we will so choose*, is to *share* with Christ all the supreme POWER and GLORY that are now His! It is a family relationship! God Almighty is the Father. Christ is the Son. We, collectively as His Church, are to become Christ's Bride. We, individually, are to become, even as Christ has already become, SONS of God. It is the GOD FAMILY—the KINGDOM OF GOD!

But mankind, starting with Adam, has rejected this supreme calling. Man actually has lost the KNOWLEDGE of it. None of this world's religions understands this glorious mystery!—not even any of the hundreds of confused and disagreeing professing “Christian” sects. And certainly modern education knows nothing of this real PURPOSE of life, or the true WAY!

And so this world has stumbled on in gross darkness, and now staggers toward oblivion!

What it does not know is that GOD IS ABOUT TO INTERVENE!

God's great PURPOSE required a divine PLAN for working it out. It involves the creation of perfect spiritual character in mortal humans, by means of our free volition calling on God's power. That means a SPIRITUAL CREATION which is *now going on!* The material creation of Genesis 1 provided merely the raw physical material with which to *begin* the true spiritual creation which is God's PURPOSE. The creation of character requires experience, and experience requires TIME.

And so God provided the element of time. And God marked off a seven thousand-year duration of time for working out His Purpose—the first six of which He set apart for man's free choice to do as man himself may please. Man has had to write the lesson in six mil-

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Do YOU know how to live FULLY—ABUNDANTLY? In this article you will learn how you may taste the joys of real abundant living.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY DO religious people often seem to feel that their religious life must be one of giving up all the fun and the enjoyment of living?—that in order to please God, they must endure a life of morbid gloom? They talk depressingly of sin.

Sin to many of these people consists of things that many other people consider to be the most desirable things in life. To them, sin is going contrary to a number of "don't's." "Don't smoke." "Don't dance." "Don't play cards." "Don't go to the theatre." "Don't ever touch a drop of alcoholic beverage." Don't do this! Don't do that!

What WRONG With Religion?

A prominent lawyer's wife once said to me, "I couldn't ever become a Christian. Why, if I had to give up smoking, dancing, card playing, the theatre, and all the pleasures of life, *what would there be left to live for anyway?*"

A world-famous philosopher, editor, and lecturer whom I knew—and who also had no use for religion—said that he did not desire to be repressed or to live a life of painful penance. "I desire," he said, "to be radiant, cheerful, friendly, and to meet people with a smile."

Apparently *he assumed* that such a happy life could not be a religious life.

But strangely, none of these people **KNEW HOW TO LIVE.**

Very few have ever found or tasted the true abundant life.

You Were Meant to Be Happy!

Now the Creator who gives you the breath that you breathe does not desire for you to live an empty, depressed, or an unhappy life. You never please the Eternal by giving up happiness or anything that is good for you.

God Almighty has never given you a single "don't" except those things that

are going to harm you, tear you down, bring on unhappiness later. Oh, of course, some of these things give you a thrill, or a little kick out of life temporarily, but there is always a boomerang. They exact a great penalty later, and the price is too high. It isn't good business.

God forbids those things that are bad for us, the things that are going to bring on unhappiness, and bring on a life of emptiness and gloom. But never does God Almighty forbid one single thing that is for your happiness, your welfare, your real well-being.

I'm reminded of an elderly man who was of the "shouting kind" of religion. He rose up one time in a church meeting and he shouted out a question to those assembled. He said, "Brethren, are you enjoying it, or *are you only enduring it?*"

Some people endure a solemn, stiff, and a formal church service. And some, emotionally inclined, will go to the kind of church meeting where there is much shouting, and much emotional response merely to have a good time during the meeting. The rest of the week, religion doesn't seem to have a great part of their lives.

And some feel that if they become, as they call it, "saved," that they must forever after live a gloomy life of giving up everything that they formerly enjoyed, and that their solemn unhappy life will somehow please their Creator. Of course, *that kind of religion is more or less a superstition!*

Christ Brought ABUNDANT LIVING

Let's get this matter straight. The founder of the Christian religion, Jesus Christ, said that He came to this earth for a purpose. This is what He said:

"I am come," said Jesus, "that they might have LIFE, and *that they might*

have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus Christ came to bring us the "ABUNDANT LIFE." Do you know what that is?

God Almighty intended the real Christian life to be one of joy.

Do you know if you have the real Christian life, if you have the Spirit of God within you, it's going to bring about this result? It's going to, as we say, "produce fruits." Now what kind of fruits will be produced in a real Christian life?—not the morbid, unhappy life. Here is the fruit. Here is what will emanate from a real Christian life. It is found in Galatians 5, beginning with verse 22:

"The fruit of the Spirit"—this is the Spirit of God. This is the Holy Spirit that God imparts *only to those who are truly converted*. "The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE"—first of all love—and the second is "JOY." Joy is happiness, brimful and running over.

This doesn't sound like an unhappy, empty, morbid life, does it? Here's love that will just flow, spontaneously, out from you!

Life Can Be RADIANT

First comes love. Love will mean that your face is beaming. It's going to mean that you are really giving out. It's going to mean that you are radiant. It's going to mean that you're happy. The first "fruit of the Spirit of God" is LOVE. The second is JOY. And the third is "PEACE." Instead of going around quarreling, resentful, bitter, unhappy, and arguing—that's not peace, that's a kind of war—you'll be at peace in your mind and with your neighbor, and with your God!

And the next is, in the King James Authorized Version of the Bible, "long-suffering," which in more modern English is "PATIENCE." Impatience makes more people unhappy than almost any-

thing else! If you can really learn the lesson of patience, you're learning one of the things that will make you happy, and make life worth living.

The next is "gentleness," and then "goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." That is the fruit. That is what will spontaneously spring forth from you. That you will be emitting out from yourself all the time, radiating it from yourself, *if you are a real Christian.*

But Most People Are NOT Christians

You read in Romans 8:9 that unless you have received from the without the Holy Spirit of God, you are not any of Christ's! **YOU ARE NOT A CHRISTIAN.**

There are millions of people that profess Christianity that are not Christians according to God's definition. They're not Christians at all!

Of course, in a Christian life, there are troubles. There are going to be even persecutions. Jesus Christ was persecuted. He said, "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you." That comes from without. That's something that comes from other people. *That doesn't necessarily need to disturb you inwardly.* And the person who does have this inward peace, the person who has this joy and this love and this patience, and who has this tolerance for other people isn't going to be too much disturbed because other people don't agree, and perhaps persecute.

Yes, *you're* going to face problems and trials. Those things are good for us. They come upon us for a purpose—to develop character. And a real Christian understands. It doesn't make him unhappy.

Yes, we're going to have troubles and problems, and trials just like everybody else. They come to test us. They come to strengthen, to build character, and that's the very purpose of our being—to make us like God, that we, like Jesus Christ, can be born into the Kingdom of God. Notice I Peter 4:12-13:

"Beloved," this is speaking to real Christians, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you."

We All Have Trials

Some people, when some of these trials and these problems come, think nobody else has ever had anything come upon them like that. It's some strange thing that is peculiar to them. That is not true! Every other person on earth is having problems. Everyone is having troubles. They have things to meet and to overcome, solutions to work out, the same as you do. It's not strange. And so here is the teaching of God. He says:

"**BUT REJOICE,**" yes, rejoice inwardly in these things, "inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings."

Christ suffered, but Christ also said to His apostles, "My joy I leave with you." "I am come," He said, *"that you might have life, and that you may have it more abundantly."* And He came to give us THE ABUNDANT LIFE. He had that kind of life. He was happy. He was filled with joy, even though at the same time, He was a man of sorrows—and why?

Because He LOVED all human beings, and He saw the way they were going. He saw how they were destroying themselves, how they were bringing unhappiness and emptiness, fear and worry, poverty and sickness and disease and sufferings on themselves. He thereby shared their sufferings. He was a man of sorrows. He was sorrowful for them. But He was a man that was happy *inside.* He was always going about doing good. He was setting us an example, of the kind of life that we should live. So we read here:

"**Rejoice,** inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

If you turn to I Peter 1:3-9, you will see why!

Why We Can Always Be Happy INSIDE

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled."

There isn't one person in 10,000—I don't believe there is one in 10 million of professing Christians—who really

knows and understands what that incorruptible inheritance really is. It is far greater, filled with far more splendor and glory, and far more happiness, far more wonderful than you probably have ever imagined. That is what is in store for you *if you will surrender your life to God.* It's up to you!

Peter continues to say that we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready "to be revealed at the last time." That means a time yet future, ahead of us just now, only a few years future in our time, at the second coming of Christ. Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth once again!

"Wherein," continues this scripture, "ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations" or trials and troubles that come upon us: "that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth"—because this trial of our faith is developing *character that will never perish.* It's more valuable than gold.

When a trouble comes upon you, instead of griping, grumbling, moaning, and being unhappy and miserable about it, realize that something is come upon you to try you, to develop character, to develop something real and genuine in you that you will carry with you for all eternity.

But when troubles come, do you rejoice in them? Do you realize that something is come that is more valuable to you than a great sum of gold? Or do you grumble and complain and wish that such things had never come?

Jesus Christ came that our lives should be *changed* from what they are. They are to be changed from drifting, going the easy way, acting according to impulse, which builds no character, which is putting nothing into us that we can take with us, nothing that is real, that is lasting and permanent, to the life that finds the true values, to a life that does meet and overcome obstacles and temptations, to a life that is just filled with happiness, brimful and running over into joy, a life that is the real abundant life, and that realizes what is being accomplished, that realizes where you're going. You, then, have a

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How YOU Can Control Your Emotions

by Garner Ted Armstrong

ARE YOU emotionally stable? If you are able to completely *control* your emotions, you are a rare person!

In our rapid-pace modern society, the high pitch of "living on the run" has played havoc with the emotions of the entire nation! As a result of a combined number of influences and present-day world affairs, the average individual finds himself faced with seemingly insurmountable emotional problems.

Our newspapers report to us daily the gruesome, breath-catching incidents which portray a nation *out of control*—a people almost driven *mad* from devices of their own making!

World Ruled by Emotions

Actually, world leaders, politicians, advertisers and movie producers *know very well* that most people are ruled almost wholly by their emotions. They make *very good use* of that knowledge.

When the foreign policy of a nation demands war with another nation to achieve its ends, the propaganda experts immediately turn out patriotic movies, magazine stories and books—only the pictures of real expediency are shown in newsreels and magazines, and the public is told *exactly what the experts decide*. This is all a cleverly calculated plan on the part of a nation to induce its people to get wholeheartedly *behind* the aspirations of the government—to develop a "flag-waving" attitude of patriotism! World leaders know this—and make good use of it!

The advertisers are especially clever manipulators of the emotions of the unsuspecting, gullible public! Knowing that *most* people buy a product on the "spur of the moment," just on *impulse*, the advertisers' aim is to somehow *appeal* to these impulses! The typical monkey wrench advertised by a buxom, scantily-clad young woman is a good illustration. The pleasure-mad sensuality of our modern living has led the

world on a moral land-slide of degeneracy where the word "SEX" must be utilized if the eyes of John Q. Public are to be attracted to *anything*.

It is difficult to buy a magazine without a gaudily emblazoned announcement of an article dealing with some special facet of SEX within its covers. In the last few years, a veritable FLOOD of little "pocket" magazines loudly flaunting sex, and little else, has jammed the newsstands.

Emotions Swept by Movies

A cursory examination of our motion picture industry should convince even the most dubious of their wholesale effect on our emotions! The average individual viewing the unfolding of a story on the glittering screen is completely yielded to his emotions. He is seeking to *relax*, to be *entertained*, NOT to think constructively, to argue, or to investigate the reasons behind the plot of the story. Therefore, it is a simple matter for the producers of the motion picture to keep his emotions in rapt attention. From deep suspense to fright, and then a few minutes of serene pleasantness, to be suddenly dashed to the dismal depths of *despair*—swept up again to bouyant heights of joy and laughter, he anxiously identifies himself with the hero. Slugging his way through an angry mob, he feels the delicious vicarious feeling of his knuckles pounding the blubbery face of the ugly leader into unrecognition. And so—as his emotions are running riot—the only control of emotions is in the film itself, since the viewer has lost his own.

Take a look at national crime rates! Especially in the United States, crime directly attributive to unbridled emotional outbursts has risen sharply. It is a *common occurrence* to read of brutal murders as a result of arguments in a home! Our large cities especially are plagued with sudden outbursts of violence as a result of pent-up emotions ex-

ploding in uncontrollable passion!

WHY?

The answer is quite simple. Because the average individual has *never learned* to hold his impulses, his *emotions* in check! Our helter-skelter search for the physically and emotionally *satisfying* has led us up a box canyon of emotional turmoil and instability! If there could be only one major situation to serve as a graphic illustration of that fact, it is OUR NATIONAL DIVORCE RATE!

People are not *happy*! Our *homes* are not happy, and, when the *basic* institution of *any* society, the HOME, is unhappy—the entire nation is in danger!

Is Emotional Stability Inherited, or Acquired?

You were a little baby once! When you were born—you knew exactly NOTHING! Everything you have in your mind at this precise moment has come *into* your mind *since* the time of your birth.

Babies are ruled almost *entirely* by emotion. As the little child grows and learns by associating certain smells, sounds, feelings, and tastes, his mind begins to broaden through experience. However, the child is ruled by the passion of the moment! Hungry? He cries! Wet? He cries! Happy? He laughs!

And so—in the simple world of experience and emotional reaction, a little human being begins to develop. *You*, too, were a squalling little baby once—now grown into adulthood.

However — MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER COMPLETELY GROWN UP!

We mature physically first—and then, finally, most people mature mentally. But only comparatively *few* people, it seems, *ever mature emotionally or SPIRITUALLY*!

The modern child-rearing methods, and the progressive education being disseminated in our schools follow the policy of "non-restraint" where emotions are concerned. Emotions, they reason,

are much like air in a bottle! The more you compress the air in the bottle, the more liable is the bottle to *break*. Therefore, reason the learned doctors of psychology, every kicking, screaming, uncontrollable tantrum a child stages is allowing a certain intrinsic amount of that "pent up" *pressure* to escape—leaving LESS tension, and LESS emotion in the bottle! The total fallacy and empty ridiculousness of such theories should be apparent to anyone! Emotions *do not have* intrinsic value, but are mental reactions of *habit*. A rebellious, emotionally unstable child has learned the *HABIT* of rampant emotional outbursts, and, rather than *lessening* with each tantrum, the pressures of wild, uninhibited emotions are *built up* by *habit*!

Through the period of adolescence, the story is pretty much the same. The corner drug store, the friends you had, the movies you saw and the car or the bicycle you had—all were governed by *impulse*, in most cases, and without real *mind* control. Our modern teen-agers are the product of the war years when the "lid was off" nearly everything when it came to morals and social standards. The result is self-evident. Our American teen-agers present one of the gravest problems, and are one of the biggest national *scandals* that has ever confronted a nation! *Over one half of all auto thefts and other major crimes in recent years were committed by mixed-up, restless, thrill-seeking, emotionally unstable teen-agers under the age of eighteen!*

Shocking?

Yes—and more than that—an *abomination* in the sight of God, who is going to indict a *whole nation* for its crimes against its own children! Emotional stability is NOT a natural result of adulthood! The mind does *not* just "naturally" take control of the emotions of the average human being. Properly controlled emotions, and a level-headed, sound-minded approach to life must be TAUGHT, and is therefore ACQUIRED, not inherited!

False Emotion in Religion

In a recent issue of *The Plain Truth* magazine, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, in his article, "Religious Revival in This 20th Century?", showed the temporary

emotional "conversion" of thousands of people. He showed conclusively from the later FRUITS of these "conversions" that they were, in the overwhelming majority, nothing but a fleeting, passing emotional *experience*, and not the true CHANGE OF LIFE that *must* take place in a truly repentant child of God!

In his inspired sermon on the Day of Pentecost, 31 A.D., the Apostle Peter gave what might be called God's "blueprint" for salvation. "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of SINS, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). To repent means to CHANGE! Paul explained this change is *not only* a repentant *attitude* of heart and mind, but is also an entirely different nature, a different WAY OF LIFE! "That you *put off* concerning the former conversation [properly translated 'conduct'] the *old man*, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind!" (Eph. 4:22-23). Paul went on to show this "putting off" of the old man was a *change*, a total ABOUT FACE from the habits, the customs, the entire way of doing things of the former self! He called it a total change in CHARACTER, or a creating of a different *type of person*. "And that you put on THE NEW MAN, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

People today have been *misled* to believe "religion" in this "modern" age is merely of the SENTIMENT—of the *emotions*! Like the never-ending motion of a pendulum, men go from one extreme to another. Today they lose themselves in a vague, hazy, nebulous dream of some mythical God who isn't very *real* to them *at all*, and just believe repentance and "Christianity" to be some unclear feeling of sentiment. They are swept along on the crest of religious thrills to reach out for some kind of satiation for their emotional lack into a form of religion that is *completely* of the emotions, and little else!

It is not a true conversion!

Peter explained in Acts 2:38 the true *surrender* to God in complete humility and repentance must be followed up by *obedience* to God in being baptized. God then promises His Holy Spirit—but only

to those who OBEY Him! (Acts 5:32). The *true conversion* must be a *combined* experience of the emotions and also of the *mind*. First, a TRUE repentance means being deeply *sorry* for past sins, and realizing the *tremendous price* that was paid, coming to truly ABHOR the self (Job. 42:6); and second, a decision with the mind and the *will* to OBEY God. After all, Jesus Christ Himself demands that every *true* Christian LIVE by EVERY WORD OF GOD, not just go through a temporary emotional experience! (Matt. 4:4). "If you will enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!" said Christ (Matt. 19:17).

The WRONG Use of Emotions

The Creator-RULER of this Universe reveals in His inspired word that this present world is under the sway and influence of Satan the Devil (II Cor. 4:4). He is called the god of this world, this age, or society! Satan, as the deceiver and the destroyer, WANTS mankind to use emotions—but *WRONGLY*. One of Satan's greatest tools and weapons in trying to destroy humanity is EMOTIONALISM!

The greatest battle that has ever been fought was *not* a war between nations, *not* of spears and swords, not of guns and bombs, but an awe-inspiring struggle of the WILL! *Jesus Christ fought that battle*, to *qualify* to ultimately REMOVE Satan from his present position as ruler of this world! You'll find the thrilling history of that tremendous struggle in Matthew the fourth chapter. Christ had been in the wilderness area for 40 long days and nights, *fasting*! (verse 2). Just think of how *hungry* he must have been! Satan the devil came to him and craftily said, "If you be the Son of God, *command* that these stones be made bread" (verse 3).

Notice!

The Devil appealed to Christ's EMOTIONS! First, to His *office*, that of Very God in the flesh, and second, to His extreme, near-starving *hunger* that gnawed within Him! Christ COULD have acted on IMPULSE, as most human beings *would have done*. Jesus COULD have let *vanity* drive Him to do just as Satan had proposed! But did He?

Not at all!

Christ *controlled* His impulses—He

MASTERED His emotions, and with His MIND, motivated by His *will power*, He said, "It is written, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, *BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD!*" (verse 4).

Satan *continued* to play on Christ's emotions—always appealing to the *vanity* to come to the fore, to Christ's *authority* and *office*. Jesus withstood every single temptation through the power of God's Holy Spirit, and by setting His WILL to MASTER HIMSELF—to RESIST acting on impulse, upon a sudden emotional suggestion! Christ finally gave a COMMAND, "*GET THEE HENCE, SATAN!*" (ver. 10). And the Devil was DEFEATED. He was WHIPPED by the superior *mind*, the power and overwhelming AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ!

The Devil wasn't through with Christ yet, however. All during Jesus' earthly life, Satan worked on the emotions of the Jews in Palestine to kill Him! Finally, when God *allowed* it, Satan utilized his *most effective weapon* to finally bring about the horrible torture and death of Christ—RAMPANT EMOTIONS!

Notice, in the account of the crucifixion of Christ, in Matthew's Gospel, the people were gathered together in a MOB against Christ! Have you ever seen a MOB of people, angry, shouting, marching against the object of their hatred? Have you?

Do YOU believe such mobs are using their MINDS, or just raw, uncontrolled, violent emotions? Just such a crowd of unbridled hatred was unleashed against Christ. Pilate knew that "... for ENVY they had delivered Him" (Mat. 27:18). After the Governor had determined, the mob wanted Barrabas to be released, instead of Christ, Pilate asked them, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" (ver. 22). And in their surging, reckless abandon to passionate hate, they screamed out, "LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!" The governor tried to reason with them. He appealed to their *minds*, to their logic. He asked, "WHY? What *evil* has He done?" (verse 23).

But did the wildly shouting mob stop to use their minds? Did they have *control* of their EMOTIONS? NO!

"They *cried out the more*, saying, LET

HIM BE CRUCIFIED!" (ver. 23). And Satan had succeeded in his plot against the life of Christ. However, he never *could* have succeeded, had it not been God's express will that Christ die at that precise time for the sins of the world! God *permitted* Satan, however, to sway the *emotions* of the mob in order to murder God's own Son!

God Wants Us to Use Our Emotions Wisely

Untold suffering and mental anguish exists in literally hundreds of thousands of homes *right now* because of the lack of emotional stability and control! What about YOUR home? Do YOU always control yourself just the way you would like to? Are you always in complete mastery of *yourself*?

The natural emotions God has built in the human being are not wrong in themselves—but, as in all things, they can be put to a wrong *use*! Jesus Christ had emotion! He was HUMAN as YOU are human, and as such He possessed the same human nature which He had to overcome. Christ learned *obedience* by the things He suffered (Heb. 5:8). He *cried out* with TEARS to God during His earthly life in order to succeed in *mastering* Himself, and finally qualifying as our coming King and World Ruler! (Heb. 5:7).

Jesus was deeply moved at the grave of Lazarus when He saw the *total lack of faith* in His most intimate friends! (John 11:35). And Jesus wept. He displayed a great deal of emotion over the prophesied destruction of heedless Jerusalem (Mat. 23:37). And He was moved with righteous anger and indignation against the hypocritical Pharisees on many occasions! (See Matt. 23rd chapter, John 8:33-59, Mark 3:1-5).

God commands His servants to GROW in grace and knowledge (II Pet. 3:18) until they can reach *stability*, *maturity*, and use their emotions properly! "But strong meat [spiritual truth] belongeth to them that are of *full age*, even those who by *reason of use* have their senses *exercised* to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14).

Basic Human Emotions

The very basis of all human nature, and therefore human emotions, is

VANITY! "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities, *ALL is vanity*" (Eccl. 1:2). The vanity in human nature is the *source* of the greed, and of the emotions of jealousy, bitterness, and hatred. Notice how most of the "*works of the flesh*" Paul warns Christians against stem directly from uncontrolled human *emotions*! "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that *they which do such things* shall *not inherit* the Kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21).

Your natural human mind *lusts* to *envy* others (Jas. 4:5) and is *contrary* to sound-minded emotional control. "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are *contrary* the one to the other, so that you cannot do the things that you would" (Gal. 5:17).

Paul was further inspired to write to us, "... the carnal mind [the natural, fleshly mind] is *enmity* against God, for it is not subject to the *law* of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

The natural mind, then, is motivated by *vanity* and the *lusts* of the flesh, and is *contrary* to God's law, which is the channel through which God's LOVE flows. To remain carnal minded is to remain on the *outside*, looking *in*, for "except you *repent*, you shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3); and, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9). To be without the Spirit of God is to be *carnal minded*—and the carnal mind is just NATURALLY emotionally immature!

True emotional maturity, then, can come ONLY through God's Holy Spirit!

That is exactly what your Bible teaches! "For God has not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND!" (II Tim. 1:7).

Various translations of the Bible render Paul's inspired statement in II Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a SANE MIND!" The King James (Authorized) version renders it, "sound
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What's WRONG with a College Education?

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lenniums of human experience. That lesson has been written in human suffering and in blood—but it has not yet been *learned!*

But the six millcnniums are going to end *in our generation!*

We are now down at the very END of this world!

God Almighty is now about to intervene, and save this world from itself before it blasts itself out of existence. God will punish this world for its evil. He will speak to it in the only language it will heed—physical *punishment!* And then He will send Jesus Christ *again* to this earth—this time in all the supreme Power and Glory of the Almighty Creator—to **SAVE THIS WORLD AT LAST**, during the seventh millennial Sabbath of **PEACE!**

But, even in our dark world today, God has left a Light—His revealed and written Word! And He is calling some, even now, to His glorious Light and Truth in **RIGHT KNOWLEDGE AND TRUE UNDERSTANDING!**

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Today the light of true knowledge beams brightly down on the Ambassador College campus. It's a small place in a big world, but it's a place where happiness radiates from busy, interested, jam-packed lives working joyfully for something that is real and lasting. Here are people who *are going somewhere*, and they **KNOW** where they are going, and they have **FOUND THE WAY!**

Ten years ago the Eternal God placed before me the opportunity and the mandate to found and to build here in cultural Pasadena, California, a college whose basic goal is to **RECAPTURE TRUE VALUES.**

Ambassador College opened its doors in the fall of 1947—to only four students who came that first year. The things of God, thru human servants, must start the smallest, and like the grain of mustard seed, grow great. Very

possibly this was the smallest liberal arts college ever to start in America—with two instructors for every student!

Unexpected obstacles and set-backs were encountered—financial and otherwise—the kind that try men's souls to the breaking point. But, by unwavering faith, perseverance, and refusal to give up, these were hurdled. The college lived. And it grew, and it prospered.

Today, after ten years, Ambassador is still small in student enrollment compared to most private liberal arts institutions, but we are more concerned about quality and high standards than quantity; and mediocrity has no place here. And Ambassador has been blessed with the choicest blessings of God who rewards and prospers those who seek His true values.

One choice blessing is one of the most beautiful campuses of any college in the world—spacious, green-carpeted, beautifully contoured grounds; stately trees in great variety. Our 15 acres are magnificently landscaped with our Garden Theatre, Tempietto, pergolas, fountains, pools, artistic retaining walls and ballustrades.

This past year the college acquired two magnificent adjoining estates. One is the fabulous estate of the late multimillionaire and steel magnate, Hulett C. Merritt, with the reputed finest building in Pasadena. It is being converted into our main class-room building and is called "Ambassador Hall." The estate borders on three streets, with its broad terraced gardens on the Terrace Drive side, and the formal Italian sunken garden—which rivals anything at world-famous Versailles—on the Orange Grove side. The other is the spacious estate that had been the home of Hulett C. Merritt's millionaire father. This has been converted into a student residence for men that is equalled by few fraternity houses anywhere, and has been named "Manor del Mar." These properties have come to us almost as gifts.

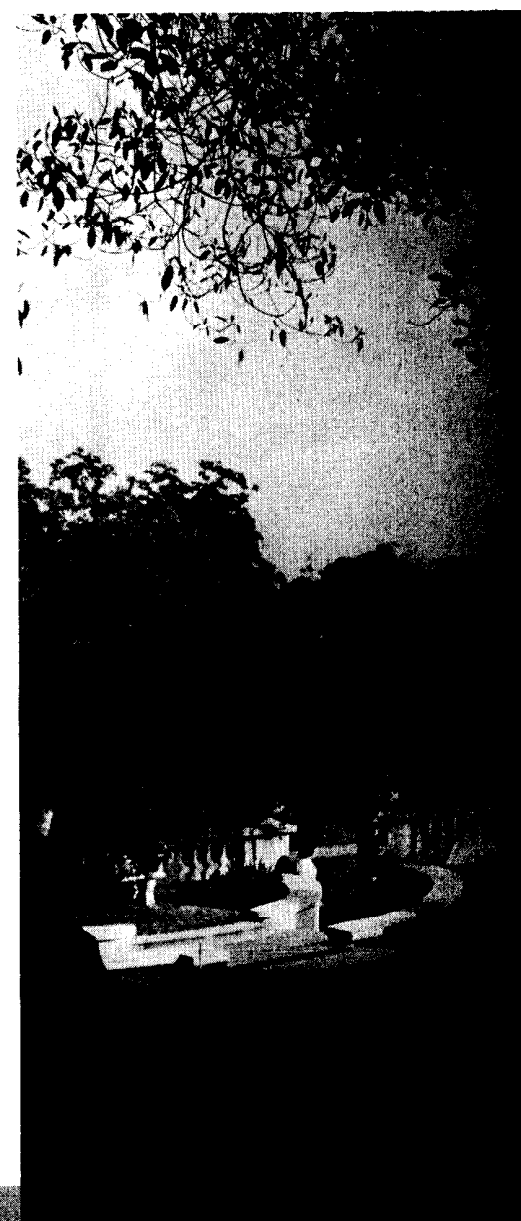
Both Men and Girls

Ambassador College is a *co-educational* liberal arts and theological institution. We usually prefer to maintain a balance close to 50-50 between men and girl students. This current year we have been running around a 60-men-to-40-girl balance, and therefore we plan to admit a larger number of girl students this coming fall.

Most girl students are housed in our large 28-room girls' student residence, named "Mayfair." Mayfair was originally the estate of a retired Chicago millionaire lumberman.

Ambassador students are privileged to live and to work and play in a superb atmosphere of tone and character, and

Hundreds of visits



in one of the most desirable climates on earth.

Academic standards at Ambassador are held at highest levels. A spiritual atmosphere that is unique pervades the campus. It is an atmosphere of plain, simple, earnest sincerity. There is no put-on pseudo-spirituality—no sanctimoniousness or "spiritual" veneer—no hypocrisy.

There is not, on the other hand, any narrow-minded prudery. There is a right balance of fun, laughter, stimulating recreation, study, prayer and work—and with a sober realization of life's PURPOSE. The college is guided by a sound educational philosophy, retaining all that is proved good and true in traditional American educational procedures, but

unfettered by the errors and evils of tradition. The college offers superior facilities within its field.

At Ambassador the emphasis is on character-building. To that end, the small student body of less than 200, and the current ratio of one full time professor to each ten students provides a distinct advantage.

Here young men and women from all over the United States, and now even from foreign nations, are coming to know why they were born, and their real PURPOSE in life! They learn the real *success secrets* of life—the principles for achieving REAL SUCCESS. And they learn to really UNDERSTAND the BIBLE!

Students here lead busy, jam-packed

lives. They have to learn to budget their time in order to get in the necessary hours of study while working their way thru, and also to have time to enjoy needed recreation. Social life here sparkles—it is an important part of character-development and is far from neglected. Also there are tennis, table-tennis, basket-ball, volley-ball, track and field—with adequate facilities.

There is an outstanding *Home Economics Department*. The extra-curricular activities form a very important part of the college program. There are the AMBASSADOR CLUBS, which are men's dinner speech clubs patterned, to a great extent, after the well-known Toastmasters' Clubs. Most men belong to one of
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visitors have seen these magnificently landscaped grounds which surround the Library of Ambassador College.





The Ambassador Chorale, musical organization of Ambassador College, under the direction of Leon Ettinger, center. The background is provided by richly finished rare woods in Ambassador Hall.

these, each club meeting once a week. There is the AMBASSADOR WOMEN'S CLUB, the counterpart of the men's clubs, tho adapted to the interests and needs of women, with less emphasis on the speech-making and more on dissemination of knowledge pertinent to feminine interests, and discussion. Then there are the FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS. These, too, are dinner clubs at which *only* the particular language being studied is spoken. These, too, meet once a week.

There is the Drama Club, and, of great interest, the AMBASSADOR CHORALE, under direction of Leon Ettinger. The current Chorale is composed of 40 voices. The Ambassador ORCHESTRA,

completing its second year, recently gave its second annual concert, and we hope to see it enlarged next fall.

As to admissions, high school graduation in the upper half of the class is required; with the alternative of successfully passing our entrance and aptitude examinations, administered to all new students on the opening registration week each fall.

Most of our students are working their way thru. The college has so far been able to provide unusual opportunities for ambitious students in the way of employment on the campus, although as the student body grows there will of necessity have to be some limiting of the number of jobs available.

The college catalog contains all necessary information, a copy of which will be mailed upon request.

Foreign Students

Amabassador College is approved by United States Immigration Service for admission of foreign students. The College is prepared to offer two scholarships for British or European students who can qualify. Such students would be expected to apply, after arrival, to the Immigration Service for permission to accept part-time employment which the college would provide. The balance of the expenses would be paid through the scholarship.

To be accepted for admission, we

would require foreign students to have the equivalent of American High School graduation. Interested prospective students should write to our London office for a catalog, and then if it is desired to apply for the scholarship, a personal interview should be arranged with the manager of our London office. Inquiries should be addressed to our London Office. The address is B.C.M. AMBASADOR, LONDON, W.C.1.

All prospective students in the United States and Canada should address inquiries to me, Post Office Box 111, Pasadena, California.

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mind." Any mind that does not have God's Spirit is an UNSOUND mind—a mind that is NOT spiritually SANE!

True *sound mindedness* can come only through OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S PERFECT LAWS! (Acts 5:32).

Is Love Emotion?

Blinded mankind, racing toward his own destruction in this present chaotic world, has snatched *love* from its lofty pinnacle of perfection and thrown it down into a fetid mire of sensuality, physical attraction and LUST! LOVE, as it is poked at people today through the movies, TV and advertising, is nothing more than the animal-like passion that God condemns and labels LUST, which breaks His law! The very fact that countless marriages have been predicated upon LUST instead of love is a fundamental *source* of our troubles!

People just don't seem to know what LOVE *really is* today. I realize people *think* they know—but do they *really*? Books have been written on the subject—countless definitions and poems have been published, trying to express to human minds the true meaning of love.

"Love," according to the first definition in Webster's Dictionary, is "a strong or passionate affection for a person of the opposite sex." And so men believe love to be only of the EMOTIONS—a *passion*, a *feeling*, a *sentiment*!

But is it? Do you know what the Bi-

ble definition of *love* is? God tells you what it is in Romans 13:10, where He says:

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW!"

LOVE is the keeping of God's ten commandments!

But the *kind* of love that enables you to keep His perfect law, which tells you *how* to show love toward your neighbor, and toward your Creator, is the *love of God*, not a sensual, fleshly, passionate HUMAN love! For the "LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). And what is the *Bible* definition of the love of God?

"This *is* the love of God, that we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and His commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3). Love, then, is NOT just a physical *emotion*, but is an all-inclusive attitude of total *servitude* and OBEDIENCE toward God first, and love toward your neighbor second!

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Abundant Living

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goal. You have an objective. You know where you're going; you see the progress you're making. I want to tell you it gives you a thrill of happiness.

MATERIAL Blessings, Too

And, incidentally, if your life is the right kind that God desires, which is for your good, if you seek first the Kingdom of God, which is your objective in life—or should be—and His righteousness, the right ways of life, *He says that all these material things shall be added.*

God, perhaps, may not add material things early in life. He may not add them right away. It may be some little time, but He will give you all the material goods and necessities that you really need, and even a great many of the luxuries, if your life pleases Him. Yes, you can have those things when you know how to possess them and how to use them.

What is an abundant life? What is abundance? What does this word "abun-

dant" mean? Here is the definition: "possessing an overflowing fullness." It means great plenty—great plenty of life and real living. It means exuberance. It means abounding. That's the kind of life that Jesus Christ came to reveal that we could have.

Not very many people understand it. Not very many people understand what real Christianity is. Not very many professing Christians know what a real Christian life is. They're making themselves so unnecessarily unhappy.

The true Christian life, then, possesses an overflowing fullness of the things that are the fruits of the Spirit of God—an overflowing fullness of LOVE (it's *God's* love, it's a genuine, spiritual love), a fullness of JOY, and of PEACE, and of *patience*, of *gentleness*, of *goodness*, and of *faith*, of *meekness*, of *temperance*. Does YOUR life possess those things? Have those things come into your life to fill you?

I know that you fall a great deal short of all of that. Everybody does. *We* all still fall short. But that's our goal! That is the life that we shall live in the Kingdom of God. That is the life that we should strive for, and with God's help, we can gradually grow more and more into it, *That's* the life we grow into, the life of God's spirit within us—that is the HAPPY life, *that* is the JOYOUS life, and the ABUNDANT life.

Where Do Our Resources Come From?

The abundant life must be a life that has abundant RESOURCES. If you have these resources, they have to come from somewhere, because *if you look within, you will find that THEY ARE NOT THERE!* We have some resources within, but they fall far, far short from the kind of abundant living that Christ reveals and I'm telling you about. You don't have this kind of resources within and you can't obtain them from the "around."

Look around you. You can't obtain them from other people because they don't possess these things either.

GOD Above Is the Source

We can have abundant resources if we know where to go to obtain those resources. But *material wealth* does not

give anyone those resources. It can only add to them.

You don't have them *within*. You can't get them from the *around*. But you *can* receive them—*only from the above*, from God Almighty. God Almighty is the great Giver, not only of life, but of life more abundantly. God is the Giver of the great resources. He is the Almighty.

God Almighty has a great deal of power to give you, to impart into you. You can receive from Him abundant FAITH, the resource of POWER, faith to drive out fear, and worry, faith to drive out discouragement before obstacles, to know that it's going to work out right, and that you're going to be given everything you need to work out every problem; *power* where you are now weak, to give you love to cover up and to drive out the bitterness and the resentment when other people do you wrong.

The LOVE of God will cover all of that and drive it out. God will give the resource of WISDOM that you now lack. God has all knowledge and all wisdom. God says if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally. And if you really believe, it *shall be given*, and *understanding* too; and then *zeal*, and *energy*, real living, driving energy that is needed to do the work that you must accomplish.

It Can Happen to You, Too

I am going to mention something personal. I have to lead personally a very busy, driving life. I have to expend a great deal of energy, and a physician who is a friend of mine has said to me many times: "Mr. Armstrong, I don't see how you do it. Where do you get this energy? How do you keep going so long and under so many hours of strain and stress, and still have that driving energy?"

I tell him, "It's one of the resources that I get from above." Yes, energy, and health—good health.

Do you know that I have not had to see a doctor or a physician because of ill health in 30 years. Of course, I find it necessary to observe the LAWS of health and practice moderation in all things. It requires self-discipline. And then God gives good health.

You, too, you can have these resources

that make you happy. These are the things that we all need. These are the resources that can come only from God. And these are the resources that will produce those fruits of love, and of joy, and of peace, and of patience.

Most lives today are empty, absolutely *empty*! They are filled with boredom, with frustrations and fears.

It is as you read in Isaiah 55—

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Everyone is really thirsty for the good things of life, for the happiness, and for the pleasing, pleasant things, and to some extent, even exciting and thrilling things in life that we could and should have. But their lives seem empty. The well is dry, and they're thirsty.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?"

The Holy Spirit Provides the Power

What do you drink in? He said that if you drink of Him, "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of *living water*"—not stagnant water, not stale stagnant water, but living water, sparkling water, "BUT THIS SPAKE HE OF THE SPIRIT, which they that believe on Him should receive"—the Holy Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit of God is pictured as living water, and it comes into you. You go to Christ to receive it. You don't bottle it up and put a cork on it. It flows out from you, and it is the Spirit flowing out, love and peace and joy radiating *from* you. There is no other way to find these resources. There is no other way to live a happy life.

The laws of God are a way of life. The Bible in its whole is a way of life. Jesus Christ said that *we must live by every Word of God*. If you live by every Word of God, you will live according to the way of life that God has laid down in this book, the Holy Bible. It is the way of life that is the way of the *abundant* life. It's the way of the happy, the cheerful life that simply *radiates*. It radiates sunshine and happiness, and it's always happiness within.

The well is not dry. It's filled!

Now here is what this kind of life will mean. It means that you will be RADIANT. It means that God's Spirit in you will radiate *cheerfulness* and *smiles*, *friendliness* toward others, *love*, *sincerity*, *good health*, *vigor*, *calm courage*, *good-will*, and *interest in others*, instead of being so self-conscious, with so much over-interest in your own self.

If the Spirit of God is *in* you, you will be plain and simple, you will put on no airs. There will be no posing, as most people do in the world. You will be natural, and not pretending. You will be honest and frank and unaffected, clean in mind and in body. You will be humble. There won't be *self-confidence*. There will be *faith in God*, instead.

You will be humble, but you will have THE FAITH and THE POWER OF GOD, whose power is unlimited. You will be strong through this faith of God.

There will be no weakness, but great strength. You will have wisdom, and you will have courage. You will have everything, every resource you need.

You will be ready always to say, "I don't know," if so it be. You will be ready, always, to admit error when it is so proved, to confess wrong and to *change* to what is right, wherever you are wrong. You will be ready to accept correction and reproof, and to act upon it, no matter how humiliating or painful. You will diligently study to learn the right way and to live it, and you will study the Bible to find it. You will face every obstacle that comes along, every difficulty, every problem and trouble unafraid, in the full faith of God, looking to Him for wisdom and knowing that He will guide you and deliver you out of it.

The Attitude of a Christian

Here is the kind of an attitude you will have. You will wish others to live their lives, too, up to their highest, their fullest, their best. You will be concerned for their welfare.

You'll try to help others every way you can, never to hurt or to injure. You will never meddle. You will never dictate, interfere, or give unwanted advice, or speak ill of, nor give gossip about

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WHAT IS SALVATION?

Why do we need salvation? How do we get it?—and when?
What do we receive when we do obtain it?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY DO we find many RELIGIONS in the world?

Some people today say that religion is merely a superstition. And others today spread propaganda that religion is the OPIATE of the people! But MOST of the people in the world embrace some ONE of the world's many religions!

How many of them ever stop to ask, sanely and candidly, *WHY?* Why do they NEED religion—and what does it OFFER them?

Of all the world's great religions, the ONLY one that offers forgiveness of SIN and SALVATION, is the Christian religion. The sin question, and the receiving of SALVATION is the very heart and center of the Christian religion.

But just what *IS* this thing that is called "Salvation?" It is something everybody (who knows anything about Christianity) has *heard* about—and yet, do you realize that almost NOBODY—even of those who profess the Christian religion—really KNOWS what salvation IS!

Why World Is In Ignorance

A man 82 years of age, who had been for many years an elder in one of the major Christian denominations, came to me once and said: "I have heard many hundreds of sermons about Christ, and about salvation—but in all my 82 years of life I have never heard one explanation of the plain *WHY'S* and *WHEREFORE'S* of SALVATION. What is this thing we call salvation, anyway? *WHY* do we need it? *HOW* do we get it, and *WHEN*? And *WHAT* do we get, when we get it, anyway?" Those things he asked me. In his 82 years this man had never heard a plain and a simple explanation that made it clear.

Many of YOU have heard sermons ABOUT salvation, but NOT MANY OF YOU have ever heard a plain, clear EXPLANATION of just *WHAT* it is, *WHY* you need it—and *most* of you have been deceived and unconsciously

misled about *HOW* to obtain it!

The HOLY BIBLE is the only textbook of the TRUE religion of the Creator GOD, as brought and revealed by Jesus Christ. You can PROVE that! And you can PROVE that the HOLY BIBLE is the inspired REVELATION of the Creator who created this earth and put life upon this earth; who is the very source of life, the Supreme RULER of the entire universe.

Now the prophecies of the BIBLE say very plainly that ALL NATIONS—with their many religions—are today DECEIVED; and that even among professing CHRISTIANS, it is the MANY who have been DECEIVED — who have turned away from the TRUTH, and accepted FABLES.

It's time that we wake up and realize the state of religious affairs in this world today! It's time to WAKE UP to the fact that PAGAN doctrines and practices began, even 1900 years ago, creeping into Christianity—and that TODAY most of us have been reared from childhood in the ASSUMPTION that these pagan teachings and practices are TRUE, and that they came from the Bible. Most of you have never known any better. WHY SHOULD YOU?—you haven't taken the trouble to look into the Bible FOR YOURSELVES to see just what it DOES say!

Only ONE Authority

Now let's see if we can understand plainly and clearly just what ARE the *WHY'S* and *WHEREFORE'S* of this thing called SALVATION.

The sole AUTHORITY on this subject is THE BIBLE. IF the professing Christian world has turned FROM the truth (and remember that the Bible is TRUTH), and if it has turned to beliefs of MEN, then you must expect that what you are going to find, IN THE BIBLE, will be DIFFERENT from what you have been led to BELIEVE the Bible says!

Yes, it's going to be very surprising, so prepare yourself for some surprises

—and expect to find something DIFFERENT from what you have believed!

The Apostle Paul, who was the Apostle to the Gentile nations, under inspiration of GOD, instructed evangelist Timothy *how to find* the true way of salvation. You will read of that in II Tim. 3:15-17.

"From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures," the only Scriptures that Timothy had known from a child were those that we call the Old Testament Scriptures. None of the New Testament had been written when Timothy was a child.

"From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Then he continued: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Before all of the NEW Testament had been written, God inspired JUDE to write about SALVATION in JUDE 3 and 4:

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation," he was writing about salvation, "it was needful for me to write unto you, and to exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for"—what? "for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares." This was before 90 A.D., before all of the Bible was even written.

Even then "there were certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,"—license to do what you please—"and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ," turning men away from THE WAY of GOD into the ways that might seem right to men.

Let us go back to the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS, for it is only "the Holy SCRIPTURES which are

able to make us wise unto salvation." IN THEM, in THE SCRIPTURES, we are to find the FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED!

All Scripture is INSPIRED of GOD—and is profitable to CORRECT us where we have been in error! So you can expect some correction in what you have believed!

What Is Salvation?

First, what does this word "SALVATION" mean?

The expression "to be saved" means TWO different things: 1) deliverance FROM trouble or danger; deliverance FROM sin and its consequences, from DEATH. We often hear of the expression "to *save* someone from a house that is on fire." You would want to be saved, to be rescued from the penalty of sin. 2) Salvation means to PRESERVE—to KEEP; i.e., to keep US ALIVE ETERNALLY by the GIFT of eternal LIFE.

The Holy SCRIPTURES do NOT say that the penalty of SIN is to LIVE FOREVER in the TORMENT of a HELL FIRE. No, it says precisely the OPPOSITE! You've been taught that the Bible says that the wages of sin is eternal LIFE in hell fire. Romans 6:23 says just the opposite! Notice—this is in your Bible—

"The wages of sin is DEATH." *That* is the wages you're going to collect for sinning. *Death* is the thing that stares *you* in the face, that stares every man in the face.

"But the gift of God is eternal life." You do not now have eternal life abiding within you! It is a free gift of God, and you don't have it unless you obtain it. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

YOU need deliverance from the eternal DEATH penalty that you already have incurred—from that *everlasting* punishment, which is DEATH, that you have brought on yourself as the PENALTY of violating God's LAW. Everyone has sinned and brought that penalty upon himself.

In order to be delivered FROM total and eternal DEATH, in order to SAVE your life—that is, to KEEP or to PRESERVE you ALIVE forever more, and throughout all eternity, you need to receive the GIFT of eternal LIFE, because *you do not possess it* from natural, hu-

man, or from fleshly birth. It is not inherent in you—and it can come to you ONLY as a divine GIFT from GOD!

What do you need to be saved FROM? From the *penalty* of SIN. To be saved FROM the penalty of sin, *you must STOP SINNING!*

What Is SIN?

But how can anyone stop SINNING, unless he knows *WHAT* sin IS? Most people SUPPOSE that sin is doing something that *YOU THINK* is wrong—that hurts your CONSCIENCE. Many seem to think that SIN is the BEST way to live, but which a harsh, and stern God denies us—the forbidden fruit which is really sweeter. They think God isn't quite fair.

All right, now answer this: How many sermons have you ever heard in all of your life, explaining FROM THE BIBLE *what sin IS*? How many sermons have you ever heard giving you the Bible definition, reading right from the Bible, "SIN IS . . ." and then giving you the definition of what it is? How many have you ever heard to read, right out of the BIBLE, the BIBLE-definition of SIN?

Not very many, I'm sure! No, it usually is just taken for granted that everyone automatically KNOWS what sin IS—it is almost universally *assumed* that sin is doing what YOU THINK is wrong—or what society or each church denomination says is wrong—or that which troubles your CONSCIENCE! But the Bible says "there is a WAY that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Your Bible says that *what seems right to a man is the way that will end in DEATH*; therefore it is the way of sin. What one man THINKS is wrong, another thinks is RIGHT. And what hurts one man's conscience will not disturb another man's conscience at all!

Millions of people today believe that SIN is the more DESIRABLE and ENJOYABLE way—the way that is BEST for us, and so they put off turning FROM sin just as long as possible. They want to ENJOY sin right up to the last minute, and then get in on a death-bed repentance just before they die!

Exactly *what* is sin? Here is *the plain Bible answer*: "SIN is THE TRANSGRES-

SION OF THE LAW" (I John 3:4).

Sin is what God, in His Law, says is wrong! Repentance means we quit breaking God's Law!

Let's Come To UNDERSTANDING!

To UNDERSTAND the plain WHY'S and WHEREFORE'S of SALVATION, we need to be CORRECTED, first of all, on TWO POINTS. 1) that God created man MORTAL, not IMMORTAL; and 2) that God's inexorable spiritual law is GOOD, and that SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THAT SPIRITUAL LAW THAT GOD SET IN MOTION.

So let's begin now at the very BEGINNING! Let's turn, now to the SCRIPTURES that are able to make us wise unto SALVATION—and are profitable to *correct* us! The only Scriptures that Timothy had known from his youth, were the Old Testament. So let's turn back to the very first chapter in the Bible, in Genesis, the first chapter. Beginning with the 24th verse:

"And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature *after his kind*, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth *after his kind*,'" that is, they would reproduce *in the same form and shape, the SAME IMAGE*, the same likeness, so that each calf looks just like its mother before it. They reproduce after their kind, the same form, *the same image*, exactly.

"And God said, 'Let us make *man* in OUR IMAGE.'"

Here, the word for *God* is *Elohim*, and it's a uniplural word. This was written, originally by Moses, in the Hebrew thousands of years ago. The word translated into the English word *God* is, in the Hebrew language, *Elohim*. *Elohim* is uni-plural. *It means more than one person*. In other words, one family, a *king-*

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dom of persons, one kingdom, but more than one person. Only one God, because Elohim is not a person. GOD IS A KINGDOM! God is a Family!

We have the mineral kingdom and we have the plant kingdom and the animal kingdom. There is an angel kingdom that God created, and then high above all is the *Creating Kingdom*, the GOD KINGDOM.

In the God Family there is the *Father*. Jesus Christ is called the *Son of God*, and *we can become sons of God*. There is a Father and a Son—a family relationship. And so, *God is more than one person*.

What Is Man?

"And God said, 'Let us make man in OUR image, after our likeness,'"—the same form and shape, "*after OUR kind*." GOD IS REPRODUCING HIMSELF!

That is the very purpose of God, to reproduce Himself. But, what *IS* man? And what is man made out of? Let's read a little further, now, in chapter 2, verse 7 of Genesis:

"And the Eternal God formed man of the *dust* of the ground," not out of spirit. He formed man of the dust of the ground. Man is dust. "Unto dust shalt thou return," said God to the first man. "And he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," just as He had done into the nostrils of animals. Man, too, became a living soul, not that man *has* an immortal soul, but *he became* a living soul.

The Hebrew word for "soul" is *Nephesh*. It means "the life of animals, animal life, mortal life that is certain to die." That is the meaning as Moses wrote that word.

So man has NO IMMORTALITY. Man was made flesh and blood—the same as ANIMALS, and he is considered to be in the animal kingdom, mortal, subject to death.

BUT—since God is reproducing HIMSELF, man can be BORN of God—*born* of the SPIRIT of God. Now Adam could have been begotten of God so that he could have been born of God. You will read in Genesis 2:8,

"And the Eternal God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made the Eternal

God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life, in the midst of the garden." There was the tree that would have given the man immortality. He didn't have immortality, but it was made available in this garden thru the tree of life. There was also another tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Spirit of God was AVAILABLE through that tree of life. It was offered to Adam. God freely gave it to him so that he would be begotten as a child of God, but now notice verses 15 to 17:

"And the Eternal God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Eternal God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.'" That included this tree of life and immortality. "'But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'"

Man Must CHOOSE

Man possessed FREE MORAL AGENCY. God made man a FREE MORAL AGENT. Man had to CHOOSE. The very fact that God said, "In the day thou eatest thereof"—the very thing God condemned and forbade him to partake of—means that God allowed him to do it.

God said later to His people, "I have set before you life and death," the right way of living, and the wrong way, "blessings and curses." He said to man, "*CHOOSE!*" He commanded the man to choose the right way, but He allows man to choose disobedience and the wrong way. That's what God allows, and that is precisely what man has chosen.

God is the Supreme RULER! God has decreed, as the Supreme RULER, that man must CHOOSE. Man must make his own choice whether to OBEY God, whether to OBEY the LAWS that God set in motion, or whether to DISOBEY.

God is the Creator, not only of the LIFE of man and animals, but God is the Creator of force, and of energy and of every LAW that exists.

God's Spiritual Law

God also set *spiritual laws* in motion

WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?"

The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "Freely GIVE." Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore, we cannot put a PRICE upon the PLAIN TRUTH.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read THE PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

that regulate man's happiness, that regulate man's relationship with his Maker, with his Creator, and with his neighbors. That LAW was given in LOVE, and that LAW is LOVE. It's the very essence of love. It is the very principle of God's nature. It is love toward God, so that we can have the blessings of God, and the things that we need to receive from God. It is love toward our neighbor so we'll be kept in a right relationship with our neighbors, and have peace and be happy.

That's the law that God commanded man to obey. And when man breaks that law, man brings heartaches and headaches, and he brings every kind of wretchedness and unhappiness that this world has reaped because of its DISOBEDIENCE to God.

Adam chose *disobedience*. Mankind ever since has chosen DISOBEDIENCE. Adam, our first parent, the first created man, was driven out of the garden of Eden *and away from access to that tree of life*. Now turn to Genesis 3:22,

"And the Eternal God said, 'Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, LEST he put forth his hand, *and take also of the tree of life, and eat, AND LIVE FOR EVER.*'" If man had taken of that tree, he would have lived forever; "therefore the Eternal God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way." Why?

"To keep the way of the tree of life"

—LEST HE GO BACK AND GAIN IMMORTALITY. The man did not have immortality. He did not have eternal life. He was born subject to death. God said that when he took of that wrong tree, he would die; *and men have been dying ever since.*

World Is Cut Off From God

From that very minute *mortal* MAN was CUT OFF from contact with GOD! He was cut off from access to the SPIRIT OF GOD and the gift of eternal life!

God imparted precious and sacred KNOWLEDGE to the first man, knowledge of what man is, knowledge of GOD and contact with the Creator. But observe. Man rejected God's KNOWLEDGE—and God ALLOWED man to go his OWN way. He has been allowing it ever since.

God set apart 6,000 years for man to go his own way. That 6,000 years is just about up! But we're still rebelling against God, and the way of God, and the way that would bring us peace, happiness, joy, and everything that the human heart really wants and desires.

Later, humans multiplied and they spread out into different NATIONS—cut off from God and from knowledge about the possibility of ETERNAL LIFE. Man then began to evolve HIS OWN RELIGIONS, his own ideas. Man evolved and set in motion his own pattern of SOCIETY—and his own kinds of GOVERNMENTS—all cut off from God! Man set up ways on this earth and a civilization diametrically contrary to the ways of God—ways that would have brought peace to the world and happiness and prosperity to all of the individuals in the world.

You people in the many different nations reading The PLAIN TRUTH—you, too, are the children of this first man and this first woman, no matter what your nationality or your race. You, too, are mortal humans that were put here on this earth by the one Creator-God. You, too, were born CUT OFF from God and from the TRUTH about life, CUT OFF from the way to peace, the way to happiness and the GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE.

About 4,000 years after Adam, God sent His own begotten son, begotten by God as a human son, born of the virgin

Mary. This Son of God was also a son of man, because He was born of a human woman. Jesus Christ was human. But Jesus had within Him that which Adam had REJECTED, and had been separated from—the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD!

What is the Holy Spirit?

WHAT IS this HOLY SPIRIT that comes from God?

It is the very SPIRIT—the very LIFE—the very essence, of GOD the CREATOR! God, according to John 4:24, is a SPIRIT, but man is mortal. Man is flesh. God is COMPOSED of SPIRIT. Spirit is not like matter. MAN is composed of MATTER. Matter occupies a definite amount of PHYSICAL SPACE, and has WEIGHT. But God's SPIRIT emanates from Him, like the air—like space. It is force, it is power, it is life, it is character! When God's SPIRIT emanating from the very PERSON of God enters into a MAN, it IMPREGNATES that man with the very LIFE of GOD—it plants within that man or woman the divine NATURE of God, to develop the very *character* of God, until we, thru His Spirit, become LIKE God—until we think as God thinks—until we see things with the same ATTITUDE as God sees them, and we ACT as God acts.

Christ Died in Your Stead

Jesus Christ HAD the Spirit of the living GOD! *And Jesus Christ was wholly OBEDIENT to the inexorable SPIRITUAL LAWS that God had set in motion.* These laws are spiritual PRINCIPLES which regulate man's relationships and his happiness! Never once did Jesus Christ disobey, though He was tempted in every way as you and I. Never once did He SIN—that is, never once did He transgress God's spiritual LAW. Never did He bring the PENALTY—ETERNAL DEATH—upon Himself.

Therefore, He was able to take on Himself YOUR penalty and to PAY IT IN YOUR STEAD!

Jesus Christ had received the GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE from God the FATHER! He did not HAVE to die because of any penalty that HE had incurred or brought on Himself. But because He loved ALL MANKIND—because of His great love for YOU, even before you were born—He GAVE His life for YOU.

He permitted misguided men to nail Him to a cross—to pierce His side. He bled to death—dying IN YOUR STEAD that, by HIS SHED BLOOD ON THE CROSS, *your* transgressions of the LAWS OF GOD might be FORGIVEN! Jesus Christ had to die because you have transgressed the laws of God.

How To Be Saved

Consequently, if and when you come to realize that sin is WRONG—and that God's laws are RIGHT and for *your* GOOD—and to REPENT of your disobedience of the Supreme CREATOR GOD—to fully SURRENDER to Him, and henceforth to be OBEDIENT to Him and to His Laws, THEN you may in living FAITH *accept* Jesus Christ as your personal SAVIOUR from your own folly—and by *your* FAITH in His blood and His resurrection, your guilty past is FORGIVEN. The PENALTY that you have incurred is PAID IN FULL by your Saviour, Jesus Christ.

You are then JUSTIFIED of your guilty past, and since there is no longer any disobedience to cut you off from God, you are RECONCILED TO GOD THE CREATOR. *Contact* with Him is established and thereupon *God has PROMISED you the gift of His Holy Spirit.* He has promised that He will implant within YOUR MIND His Spirit—His LIFE—His NATURE—His ATTITUDE—His very CHARACTER!

By the very essence of the Holy Spirit of God you then become a BEGOTTEN CHILD of the living Creator-GOD!

Even then, you are still HUMAN. You still have your old HUMAN nature, also, and it will strive AGAINST this new nature of GOD which He has now implanted within you. You're not yet PERFECT as God is perfect.

You are now only prepared to start to live a NEW life of GROWING spiritually—of DEVELOPING the very character of God—of *resisting* all the desires and impulses of the flesh, which your newly SPIRIT-led mind will reveal to you is WRONG AND IN DISOBEDIENCE of the LAWS of GOD.

You now start a life of growing daily into CLOSER CONTACT WITH GOD thru daily PRAYER to Him—and thru daily BIBLE STUDY of His inspired reve-

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What Will YOU Be Like in the Resurrection?

What kind of body will we have? It will be of a different TYPE and for a different PURPOSE than you have probably imagined!

by Dr. C. P. Meredith

IF YOU could examine the kind of body you will have when *you* are resurrected to immortality, it would clear up a great many questions in your mind, would it not?

SOMEONE HAS ALREADY ACQUIRED THE SAME TYPE OF BODY THAT YOU WILL HAVE and that person is JESUS CHRIST!

What Is the Family of God?

GOD, the FATHER, has desired to form for Himself, and *from His very Being* a FAMILY of *immortal children* who will be *partakers* of His own "*divine nature*" (II Peter 1:4 and Psalm 17:15), and who can be trusted with great power and on whom He can lavish His love by sharing with them all that He has created.

THIS FAMILY will compose the KINGDOM OF GOD. You must be *born* of God to enter it.

Being a God of order, He has established laws which we must obey in order to be admitted to this family. *We must show, in advance, our willingness* to be *obedient to Him* by having these laws written in our hearts and minds (II Cor. 3:3).

If we are not obedient, then we sin (I John 3:4), and the wages of sin is established as death (Romans 6:23). *Eternal death!* "ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)—ALL of mortal mankind that God ever made were doomed to die!

Most certainly there could be no FAMILY OF GOD formed from these mortal people if they were to be dead *forever!*

It was at this point that the WORD, who was soon to become the SON of GOD, sacrificed the GLORY of being God to BECOME "FLESH AND BLOOD" JUST

AS YOU AND I (Heb. 2:14), so that He could *die* in place of *us* for *our* sins. No wonder we owe so much to Christ!

How It All Began

Now notice, *very carefully*, the BEGETTAL of the FATHER'S VERY FIRST SON, who would later, *after His physical death*, be *born into* the FAMILY OF GOD!

The angel, speaking to Mary concerning Christ's future birth, said, "The HOLY SPIRIT of the Highest shall over-shadow thee: therefore that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the SON OF GOD." (Luke 1:35).

The angel said to Joseph, Mary's husband: "... fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is CONCEIVED [or BEGOTTEN] is of the HOLY SPIRIT."

TWO things happened here: Christ was begotten as a mortal man and PHYSICAL BIRTH took place shortly thereafter—AND—He was also BEGOTTEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT at that time.

At the end of His *physical life* he died a PHYSICAL DEATH in the place of all mortal men who would have died for their own sin, BUT—at His *resurrection* He was *born AGAIN*—*this time* a SPIRITUAL BIRTH because He had been *begotten* by the *Holy Spirit*. This time He was *born into* the SPIRIT FAMILY of GOD with a SPIRITUAL BODY! (I Cor. 15:44, 45).

"Except a man be BORN AGAIN he cannot see [or enter] the kingdom [or family] of God." (John 3:3, 5). "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a *spiritual* body." (I Cor. 15:44). "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God" (I Cor. 15:50). "That which is born of flesh *is flesh*; and that which is born of Spirit *is spirit*." (John 3:6). Christ's physical body, which did not corrupt, was *changed* into spirit like that

of the Father. God is spirit (John 4:24).

Christ Our Brother

It was the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, put there by the Father at Christ's human begetting and dwelling in Christ, by which the FATHER resurrected Him with an *immortal* SPIRITUAL BODY. He has promised to give *you* and *me* the *same reward* IF *we* now let God beget us with the impregnating germ of eternal life, His Holy Spirit!

"... if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies *by the Spirit* that dwelleth in you." (Romans 8:11). To "quicken" is to make eternally alive!

By repenting and being baptized, YOU and I, who are *made of the same* MORTAL FLESH which Christ took on Himself by having Mary as His mother (Heb. 2:14), may also *receive the gift*, or, in other words, BE BEGOTTEN OF, the Holy Spirit!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IT MEANS that *when* YOU and I are resurrected, CHRIST BECOMES OUR ELDEST BROTHER in the SPIRIT FAMILY of GOD, for *all* will have the same FATHER, *all* will be begotten of the same SPIRIT—GOD'S SPIRIT—and *all* will be born into the same FAMILY! (Romans 8:29; Heb. 2:11, 12).

IT MEANS that as Christ will be our elder brother *then*, YOU and I WILL HAVE THE SAME KIND OF BODY THAT HE HAS! "We shall be like him." (I John 3:2).

New Body for New Work

The OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCE between the body we *now* have and the one we *will* have is that while this one is a *natural* or *mortal* body the one we shall have will be a different, SPIRIT-

UAL BODY: "It is sown a natural body: it is raised a *spiritual body*" (I Corinthians 15:44). If we are alive at the time of the resurrection, our mortal bodies will be changed just as an egg becomes, or is changed into a chick. If we have died, our *character* comes forth out of the dust in a spiritual body which God gives through His Holy Spirit from heaven (II Cor. 5:2). This is a different kind of resurrection than to mortal life as described in Ezekiel 37.

Also we read: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; *so is everyone* that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). Spirit is not subject to physical laws because it is not *matter*.

Jesus Christ could SUDDENLY APPEAR: "—and as they thus spoke, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified. . . ." (Luke 24:36-37).

He also had the ability to VANISH after He was resurrected: ". . . and he vanished out of sight." (Luke 24:31).

We shall be able to PASS THROUGH BARRIERS or walls as Christ did: "Then the same day at evening . . . WHEN THE DOORS WERE SHUT where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst. . . ." (John 20:19).

We will be able to TRAVEL RAPIDLY through space. In John 20:17 Christ says: "*Touch me not* for I am *not yet* ascended to my Father. . . ." Now note that *on the same day* Christ had been able to travel to the Father and return: "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold; Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet" (Matt. 28:9).

The eating of FOOD will not be necessary although we may eat for pleasure as did Jesus with his disciples (Luke 24:41-43), and, of course, NO SHELTER will be necessary.

When desirable, we will be able to CHANGE into a BODY of PHYSICAL FLESH AND BONE so mortal eyes can see us: ". . . Jesus himself stood in the midst of them [after the crucifixion] . . . but they were terrified and supposed that they had seen a spirit . . . and he said . . . Behold my hands and my feet, that *it is I myself*: handle me and see; for

a spirit hath not flesh and bones. AS ye see me have" (Luke 24:36-39). A spirit has *spiritual* flesh and bones, composed of spirit, not *physical* AS the disciples saw Jesus. Since man is in the image of God, both man and God must have form and shape, hence flesh and bones; but one physical, the other spiritual. We will not change into flesh and blood because the life we shall have is not from the blood but from the Spirit of God. (Lev. 17:11; John 6-63, II Cor. 3:6).

Now, what about the WORK we are to do in the 1000 years of Christ's and our rule HERE ON THIS EARTH (Revelation 20:4 and Isaiah chapter 11), in relation to these new, powerful bodies which are like Jesus' and the Father's?

We know that we shall be JUDGES (Revelation 20:1-4), and PRIESTS (Revelation 20:6), and RULERS (Revelation 20:4) of God and Christ *on this earth* (Revelation 5:10). To govern all the great number of human beings, who at that time will need guidance (Isaiah 2:1-5, 9:6-7; Jeremiah 31:1-9) so that they can also be *begotten* and *be born* into the FAMILY OF GOD, we will certainly need the kind of body that Christ and the Father possess (Isaiah 40:28 and 31).

This certainly does not say that, at death, we go at once *to heaven*, and lie around in idleness and ease, does it? NO! And the Bible DOES NOT teach it! (Zechariah 14th chapter). We will have work to do according to the PLAN REVEALED ONLY IN THE BIBLE! We shall be teachers visibly manifested to human beings (Isaiah 30:20). With bodies that can do without food or shelter and which can travel so rapidly, those called now can accomplish an immense amount in guiding large numbers of people and in governing the universe with God!

Glorified Bodies

We have now seen that OUR BODIES are to be resurrected as SPIRITUAL bodies (I Corinthians 15:44), and that we will be able to change into physical FLESH and BONE (Luke 24:39) in different forms (Mark 16:12).

But there is *something else* that is going to happen to OUR SPIRITUAL BODIES—something that Christ consid-

ered VERY IMPORTANT! Notice what Christ said to the FATHER in finishing His work here on this earth!

"I have *glorified Thee* on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, GLORIFY THOU ME WITH THINE OWN SELF with the GLORY WHICH I HAD WITH THEE BEFORE THE WORLD WAS." (John 17:5).

Christ said "I have GLORIFIED THEE." But how? In raising people from the *dead*, *healing*, and performing *miracles* He had GLORIFIED GOD by showing to man ONLY A PART of GOD'S GREAT POWER! Soon Christ was going to be back with the FATHER again and he looked forward to being RESTORED to the GREAT POWER HE ONCE HAD! TO BE GLORIFIED MEANS TO BE GIVEN POWER AND GLORY!

BUT what has that to do with us? GOD IS GOING TO GLORIFY YOU and ME ALSO—going to GIVE YOU and ME GREAT POWER! "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are CHILDREN OF GOD: and if children, then heirs of God and JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST; if so be that we suffer with him that WE [You and I] MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER. (Romans 8:17 and II Cor. 3:18). This prospect leaves us breathless, yet there it is *in your own BIBLE*! Read it! God has promised it and HE WILL DO IT! (I Cor. 15:43).

This *power* we shall have will be *so great* that it will MAKE OUR SPIRIT BODIES SHINE as the SUN and our raiment be white as the light. Jesus gave us a fleeting glimpse of this future condition when he was transfigured while Peter, James, and John looked on: ". . . till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom . . . and after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John . . . up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them and his face did shine as the sun and his raiment was white as light." (Matthew 16:28 and 17:1-2).

But there are other places that give us a more complete picture of the GLORIFIED BODY we will have (Rev. 1:13-16).

Also Daniel 12:3: "and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life . . . and they that be wise SHALL SHINE as the BRIGHTNESS of the FIRMAMENT: and

they that turn many to righteousness AS THE STARS forever."

Other Characteristics

In as much as we will be *begotten* of the FATHER, we will be BETTER THAN THE ANGELS: "Being made *so much better than the angels* for unto which of the angels said He . . . Thou art My son this day have I *begotten* thee?" (Hebrews 1:4-5).

There will be no SEX as we know it in the spirit form: "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as the angels of God in heaven." (Matthew 22:30). Also Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek . . . MALE nor FEMALE: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Yet we shall recognize one another as Mary Magdalene did Jesus (John 20:16).

Our work will be so EFFORTLESS and PLEASANT after our resurrection when we have our NEW BODIES that Paul spoke of it as a REST: "Let us LABOR therefore to enter that REST lest any man should fall after the same example of unbelief." (Hebrews 4:11). We will not have physical handicaps as lameness, blindness or missing members.

Mind of God

Human beings are not born with the mind of God. Here is the kind of *mind* the BIBLE says that we *naturally* have: "For from within, out of the heart of men [ALL men] proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye. . . ." (Mark 7:21-22). Christ spoke this of the *mind or attitude you and I are born with!*

Why is this? GOD MADE US THAT WAY: "I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). "The CARNAL [natural] MIND is enmity against God: for it is NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF God" (Rom. 8:6-7).

YET obedience to the LAW OF GOD is the ONLY WAY that will bring HAPPINESS! BUT God has constructed us so that we would NOT WANT TO FOLLOW HIS LAWS but our own ways instead.

WHY? So that WE WILL TRY EVERY OTHER WAY OF LIVING and discover that, REGARDLESS of what WE THINK,

the only satisfactory WAY is to live and think by the FATHER'S LAWS! This is how we develop the CHARACTER of God—by coming to right knowledge and by acting upon it.

Some of us, becoming discouraged with the ways of living in this world, learn of the true way to live, repent, believe, are baptized and receive the Holy Spirit—we are *begotten* of the Father. By *our own mental efforts* we cannot overcome this NATURAL or CARNAL MIND that we are born with.

BUT God has given us a *part of his own self* to aid us. If we will nourish this earnest (down payment) of the Spirit which is the nature and mind of God by which we are begotten (II Corinthians 1:22), it will *grow at the expense* of the carnal mind—and will restrain the carnal mind: "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the thing ye would." "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16-17).

Thus we *acquire* the same mind functioning in our physical brain as was *in Christ* (Philippians 2:5). After this mortal body dies, we will be resurrected with a *spiritual mind* and body if we have grown enough to be born (Romans 8:6). At our birth WE WILL INDEED HAVE THE MIND OF GOD AND CHRIST IN FULL—we will have no mortal mind to bother us any more! It will have perished with the flesh.

All will have ONE MIND then (Philippians 1:27), and God will have COMPLETED his New Testament covenant with us: "I will PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND and WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS . . . and they shall not teach every man his neighbor . . . for all shall know me" (Hebrews 8:8-10-11).

"I DELIGHT to do THY WILL, O my God; yea THY LAW IS WITHIN MY HEART" (Psalm 40:8).

How wonderful eternity will be!

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Corrections—in March issue. Caption under picture on p. 5 shows tractor with cultivator, not disc harrow. On p. 14, the caption should have read "Church of Christ," not "Methodist" Church.

What IS SALVATION?

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lation of knowledge and of TRUTH, the Holy Bible. You will encounter troubles, problems, trials and tests to try you, to develop CHARACTER within you.

But now you will be close to GOD—and you can take all of these troubles to HIM in prayer—and HE will give you wisdom to know what to do—He will even change circumstances to bring you out of them. He will give you strength and power for deliverance and for mastery.

Mortal MAN—cut off from God and the KNOWLEDGE that only God can reveal—has created his own religions, in which he has tried to assure himself that he already has IMMORTALITY. MEN, separated from the real TRUTH which only GOD can reveal, originated the false IDEA of the immortality of the soul. THERE IS NO SUCH IDEA TO BE FOUND ANYWHERE IN THE ONE BOOK THRU WHICH GOD ALMIGHTY REVEALS THE TRUTH TO MANKIND!

Man is MORTAL—and the most certain thing in mortal life is that we shall DIE—*unless* we turn to GOD, repent of transgressing HIS WAYS of life, SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY to Him, accept JESUS CHRIST AS PERSONAL SAVIOUR, and gain contact with GOD the FATHER thru HIM!

Now, how are we to be saved?

KEEP The Commandments!

A young man came to Jesus and said, "What shall I do to be saved?" And Jesus said, "If you will enter into life," if you want to inherit eternal life, "*keep the commandments.*"

Peter said that the way is first to REPENT, AND THEN BE BAPTIZED, signifying faith in Christ. Baptism is the outward expression of that inner faith in Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. After baptism you are promised that you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In Romans 8:11, if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, God the Father, who raised up Christ from the dead will also immortalize, or make immortal your

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mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you.

Turn now to I John 3:1-2: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called *the sons of God*: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." This is speaking of real Christians. "Beloved, *now* are we the sons of God," yes, already begotten as sons of God when we receive His Spirit, "and *it doth not yet appear what we shall be*: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Do you know that Jesus Christ is now glorified in heaven as very God? His face shines like the sun in full strength. His eyes like flames of fire. We are to be like Him. "Our vile bodies [are to be] made like unto His glorious body"—to be glorified fully with Him, to enter into the God family, the very Family of God, the Kingdom of God, and be born by a resurrection into that Kingdom. That is what salvation means. That is how you get it.

These are the plain WHY'S and WHEREFORE'S of SALVATION.

BAPTIZING TOURS

If YOU are ready to really REPENT of your disobedience to GOD—to HIS SPIRITUAL LAW; if you are now ready to SURRENDER YOUR WILL to God, and you want to become one of HIS CHILDREN—if you are now ready to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour in real living FAITH and a life of OBEDIENCE, then by all means you should *write IMMEDIATELY*, right now before you do ANOTHER THING, for our special booklet "ALL about Water Baptism." The NEXT step that God *commands* you to take is water baptism.

MANY are all mixed up—confused—deceived. This booklet on water baptism will make it all CLEAR. You can check with your own Bible, and it will become CLEAR. To delay getting this booklet might mean your ETERNITY. It's the most important thing in your life right now!

You had better also ask for the booklet on "WHAT Kind of FAITH Is Required for Salvation?"

Request the booklet on *water bap-*

tism, and the booklet on *faith for salvation*.

If after reading these booklets *with the Bible*, you want to surrender your life to God and be baptized, write and tell me. Each summer we send tours out to meet, counsel with, and baptize those who are truly repentant and believe the Gospel Christ taught. Send your requests immediately as the tours must be planned well in advance.

Abundant Living

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others. Never will you go around griping, complaining, and murmuring, because things make you and others unhappy.

You will always be willing to help others by giving them a chance, and mainly you can help others by helping them to help themselves, by encouragement, by setting a good example, by thus inspiring and uplifting others, *giving advice* ONLY WHEN IT'S WELCOMED, and when they want it and are willing to open their minds and to receive it.

You will *bew to the line* of the one supreme goal of life which should be to inherit the Kingdom of God, to be really born of God into the very family of God. You will be relentlessly pursuing this goal with zeal, with enthusiasm, with drive and with energy fired by godly ambition, with hope, with faith, living by every Word of God. *The Bible will be the authority that you OBEY*, the authority that you look to for everything in your life.

You will be overcoming your own human nature and the world, resisting Satan, drawing nearer to God by constant daily Bible study and by prayer, and by occasional fasting and prayer.

That is the Christian life. It's the *happy*, the *abundant life*.

It's yours for the asking. It's yours for the willingness to confess your sins to God and to repent of breaking His laws. It's yours if you're willing to DO what He says. God help you all to understand.

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