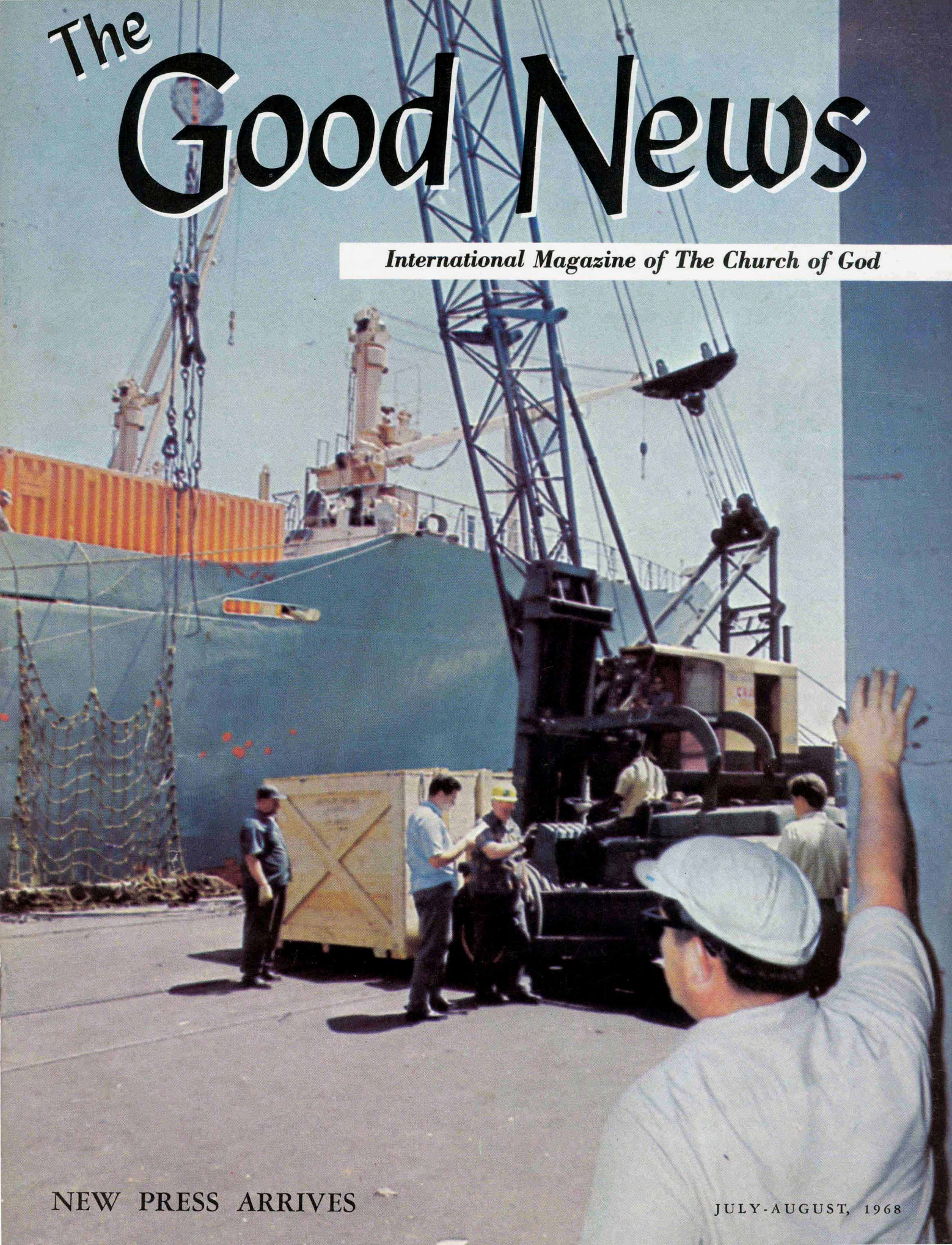


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More About Our Cover...

A giant new printing press arrives at Los Angeles Harbor for Ambassador College Press. Special equipment was brought in to unload the huge crates. This is one of thirteen that make up the whole machine. We'll give you more news later on this press — and a thorough tour of the new Press Building in Pasadena and England — in later issues of The GOOD NEWS.

Kilburn — Ambassador College

What our READERS SAY . . .

Newly Baptized

"My husband has been a member of God's Church for about five and one-half years. I swore up and down that I'd die before I'd ever become a part of it. God was good to me and didn't let me die, and my eyes were finally opened. Mr. Westby baptized me last Monday a week ago."

Mrs. Duffield D. D., Kansas

Enjoyable Summer Vacation

"The article in *The GOOD NEWS* about helping children enjoy their vacation is the most useful, and appreciated article that you could publish. My six-year-old helped shine the car, wash dishes, and was delighted to do whatever she could. My seven-year-old cut the grass, and my four-year-old helped pick up leaves, and papers. They had the place in tip-top shape for the Sabbath. That was the goal, to get everything done before the Sabbath. Since I really enthusiastically put your article into practice, this week I haven't heard once, 'Mom, what can I do' or 'I can't find anything to do.' We're all very busy!!!"

Mrs. E. A. D., Indiana

Summer Education Program

"I have just returned from summer camp, and I just had to write and tell you how much I appreciated it. I feel that I have learned more the past four weeks than I have learned in the past four years here at home. Of all I learned,

what impressed me most, sir, is the fact that God *is* our Father. He is there whenever we call to Him, and He hears our prayers! I only wish that all teenagers everywhere could go to summer camp with an open mind and a willingness to learn."

Rannie S., Arkansas

"Even in small-town Texas..."

"This last week-end we decided to camp out at Lake Hawkins — a few miles up Highway 80 from Ambassador College, so picked a quiet-looking uninhabited spot, pitched our tent and settled down enjoying the lake, the outdoors, and the change of pace. About 10:30 p.m. a truck of half a dozen or so Negro boys drove in followed by several motorcyclists and proceeded to have a party about 50 feet away. After listening to their obscene language, goosing of motorcycles, throwing of cans, yelling and singing for an hour we decided they were going to stay. We quietly picked up the children out of the sleeping bags; I locked my family in the pickup, took down the tent in the dark and headed back to our own bedroom in Longview 'fleeing the scene.' It makes a person realize, even in the town of Hawkins, Texas, population 868, there is the potential of a riot and unrest. I am thankful that someday all youth will have the opportunity to attend Ambassador College and Imperial School."

Mrs. Gene Z., Texas

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SEVEN PROOFS of The TRUE CHURCH OF GOD

*Are you SURE you're a member of the ONE TRUE CHURCH?
Are you really in the ONLY CHURCH ON EARTH Jesus
Christ RULES? Have you thoroughly and carefully PROVED
it? Your LIFE—your future—your SALVATION depend on it!*

by Garner Ted Armstrong

FAMILIARITY breeds contempt. A simple principle. And yet a *great pitfall*, if you should ever allow familiarity with the true Church of GOD, with the *living Jesus Christ*, with the precious TRUTH you've been given, to lead you into an attitude of carelessly taking it all for granted!

If you are a TRUE member of the TRUE Church—you can, and should, PROVE it!

We have already seen two great proofs of the true Church of God. The first proof is one of the greatest principles of the Bible—that God is the RULER in heaven and in earth, and that He actually RULES in His own Church.

We saw the *threefold* second proof of the great SIGN God made between Himself and His own people—the sign of His NAME, and His WEEKLY and ANNUAL SABBATHS!

Now you need to study, and carefully PROVE to yourself—the THIRD major proof of the true Church of the only true God!

A Plethora of Paganism

Look at the darkened superstitions around you! In the “modern” world, we seemingly *take for granted* the various “doctrines” and “beliefs” of the many religions. We are *not* usually frightened—*scared*—when we see several apparitions approaching, dressed in large, loose, flapping, black robes, with crisp, white, wing-like hoods about their

heads. We're not especially startled to see men wearing skirts, or with collars on “backwards” or with bald spots on their heads.

We're not especially alarmed to understand the almost FANTASTIC varieties of “belief” held by the average passers-by on the streets of our modern cities.

Some believe in “going to heaven.” Others believe there *is* no God—that evolution is true. Still others believe in various interpretations of pantheism, polytheism, deism, dualism, theistic evolution, modernism, fundamentalism, mormonism, adventism, and, give or take a few hundred, about a *thousand more* shades and colorings of “belief.”

Fast friends in many social circles believe WIDELY different things about religion!

Sitting across from each other at the bridge table may be one person fully expecting to be “raptured” away *secretly* some day—while another believes there is no living Christ. One thinks only his *body* dies, and his “*soul*” goes off to heaven, while another believes he will reappear in the form of a gnat, or a mosquito.

Still another believes he isn't even there! He is only a transitory thought, progressively coming into cosmic consciousness, or some empty, and totally meaningless phraseology.

What CONFUSION! What a total MESS! What DARKNESS! What IGNORANCE!

Called Out of Babylon

The true Church of God *firmly believes* God when He says, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Rev. 12:9), and shows that *Satan* is the god of this present world, “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (II Cor. 4:4).

All nations HAVE been deceived. They are in spiritual *darkness*. God said, through Isaiah, “Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Eternal hath poured out upon you the spirit of *deep sleep*, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

“And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed”! (Isa. 29:9-11.)

The great *false* religion, the great WHORE of Revelation, described in the 17th and 18th chapters, has made the nations *spiritually drunk* on the false doctrines of Simon Magus! “. . . the inhabitants of the earth have been made *drunk* with the wine [false doctrines]

of her fornication . . . and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev. 17:2, 5.)

Think, for a moment, of the almost FANTASTIC superstitions YOU used to believe!

You probably thought you had a SOUL that was immortal, that you were destined to go to an ever-burning HELL because of what *Adam* did. You probably thought of God as a vague, nebulous sort of "trinity" way off somewhere — not much concerned about HERE and NOW — THIS earth!

You probably believed you might someday go to "heaven" and sprout wings — to shuffle endlessly through pipe organ music, or play on a harp, as you strolled down streets of gold and silver!

To you, the Devil had horns and a pitchfork, Adam "fell," angels had wings, and all "good" Christians went to Church on Sunday.

Christmas and Easter were two of the *most* important "holidays" (watered down from HOLY-days); also any Christian had a perfect right to kill any other Christian, just so the two nations were at war!

Does it sound familiar?

And yet — how CONFUSING! HOW UTTERLY EMPTY AND SENSELESS are the pagan "doctrines" held to be true by the blinded peoples of this present world!

The third great PROOF of the true Church of God is knowing the TRUTH! Knowing the TRUTH about the *pagan* origins of the "doctrines" of THIS WORLD — and knowing the REAL TRUTH of God!

What Is a "Doctrine?"

Think again!

Did you actually LEARN anything from the various "doctrines" you used to believe? Was there any actual *sense*, any continuity, any theme or PLAN to them? Did you learn something VITALY IMPORTANT about YOUR OWN SALVATION, for example, at Christmas time? Did you understand thoroughly and DEEPLY about the definite, prov-

able, practical, workable SOLUTIONS to this world's problems?

Did you really KNOW what the world would be like in the 20 hundreds, in Century Twenty-One? Did you really UNDERSTAND what man IS, WHY he is, WHERE he is going?

Were you taught the TRUTH about the very *nature* of man — the PURPOSE in that nature — and its ultimate DESTINY?

NO! You most certainly were not!

A *doctrine* is just ONE MORE POINT OF TRUTH ABOUT THE PURPOSE AND PLAN OF GOD!

A "doctrine" is NOT an utterly disconnected "idea" or philosophy about some completely irrelevant and vague-sounding sanctimonious something!

A doctrine is NOT a cherished ARGUMENT — a WEAPON you use with which to FIGHT against some OTHER doctrine!

A doctrine is a simple TRUTH from GOD'S WORD!

It is a FACT, a *truth*, which *further explains* the WHOLE purpose of God, and the great PLAN He is using to work out that purpose here below!

John wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the *doctrine* of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the *doctrine of Christ*, he hath both the Father and the Son.

"If there come any unto you, and *bring not this DOCTRINE*, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed . . ." (II John 9-10).

"THIS doctrine" is the doctrine OF Christ; it is *not* various doctrines *about* Christ — quaint little "stories" and traditions about His birth, or sentimental teachings using His name for window dressing — but the very TRUTH which HE BROUGHT!

Christ is the *Word*, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us *by His Son . . . BY WHOM HE MADE THE WORLDS*" (Heb. 1:1-2).

He is the Bible, PERSONIFIED!

The real TRUTH, then, the *true* doctrine of Christ, is the truth which He reveals through His Word — NOT a pagan superstition, ancient tradition, or

"idea" ABOUT Christ or the Bible manufactured by MEN!

God says. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, *one faith . . .*" (Eph. 4:4-5).

ONE FAITH — meaning one body of beliefs, *one* DOCTRINE, one perfectly harmonious TRUTH believed and practiced by the true Church of God! Unless EVERY point of TRUTH you may believe fits perfectly and harmoniously into the WHOLE of the doctrine of Christ — unless each truth you have learned only further serves to elucidate, clarify and further explain the WHOLE of the Plan of God — then it may *not* be a "truth," but error!

The TRUTH About The Pagan Doctrines

The great third PROOF of the true Church of God is knowing the TRUTH about the PAGAN doctrines masquerading as truth in *this world*, and knowing the REAL TRUTH about the TRUE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST!

This proof is a HUGE proof — embodying every scrap and shred, every bit and fiber of understanding concerning the rank PAGANISM that has crept into every nook and cranny of the great fallen church and her defiled daughters! It is a proof with literally *hundreds* of parts!

God's people are continually *growing* in *more and more* knowledge about the rank PAGAN origins of all of what is called "Christianity" by this present world! Even in what might seem "insignificant" things, the knowledge of God's people about the purely *pagan* origin of the teachings and customs in this world has grown and grown.

Look at the MAJOR doctrines of the professing Christian world!

Heaven

Millions fully expect to "get to heaven" someday. Having been *told* about heaven as the reward of the saved since they were *little children*, they have come, without any shred of real PROOF whatever, to really BELIEVE this pagan doctrine! Perhaps they actually saw and

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ARE YOU HAPPY IN GOD'S CHURCH?

Real happiness is a very RARE commodity, today! Does your life reflect the very JOY of Jesus Christ? Read in this article how to BE happy — how to STAY happy. Read on even if you ARE delighted to be called — it'll make you more joyful!

by Carn A. Catherwood

“THERE goes a happy man! How I wish I were like him!” is often the silent, unexpressed thought of people when they see another person who simply exudes and radiates real HAPPINESS!

This or a similar thought is often felt by brand-new members of God's Church, the first time they attend Sabbath services and see the deep joy and open, infectious smiles of many of God's people! Visitors who have an opportunity to see the Ambassador College campus are deeply struck by the friendliness and overwhelming happiness which is so apparent. Some have claimed to have located “more smiles per square inch” on Ambassador College campus than they have seen in their entire lives.

There is a hearty enthusiasm, a vigorous “let's pitch in” attitude, a congenial *family warmth* that permeates the services, social events, schools, good times, and even bad ones, of God's people. The Church of God has a very definite “personality.” God's Word proclaims: “HAPPY is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 144:15).

But, are you happy?

Are you deeply, genuinely, overwhelmingly *happy* that you are a called, chosen, *much-blessed member* of the very Church that Christ Himself built?

Why Unhappy Members?

What about the *exceptions* to the rule? What about the long-faced, glum, unsmiling, “martyred” member who

feels *burdened* with the Ways of God? What about a minority of brethren who are merely “waiting it out,” defensively transforming every *minor* problem into a mountainous trial of fantastic proportions?

How does *God* react before the spectacle of a son of His, who has never truly REJOICED over the fantastic *deluge* of physical and spiritual blessings he has been granted?

The Biblical predictions of coming nuclear destruction of the nations of Israel are certainly very sobering. Contained within one of the most detailed of these prophecies is a *specific, pointed warning* that can apply not only to the collective nation of Israel, but just as easily to individual members of God's Church.

Notice carefully! “Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder. . . . *Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God WITH JOYFULNESS, and with gladness of heart* [with real happiness], for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and *in want of all things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee” (Deut. 28:45-48).

Do you men *enjoy* and really *anticipate* your local Spokesman's Club? Or

is it a duty you plow through because it is “expected of you”? Is the food line at the Feast of Tabernacles just one more inconvenience you “put up with”? Or do you make it into a *happy, enjoyable opportunity* to fellowship and draw closer to other brethren standing around you in the same line?

Are you Johnny-on-the-spot to extend a warm, smiling welcome to *every* new face at Sabbath services? Or are you so completely engrossed in the week's problems, your own ingoing self-pity and disinterest in others that new faces go unnoticed?

Do you remember experiencing a certain *thrill, a family closeness, a deep JOY* to stand shoulder to shoulder with many thousands of other brethren at the Feast of Tabernacles, as the swelling sounds of singing voices ascended to please God before His throne? Or did you bide your time, a little self-consciously, waiting for the “routine” of the song service to get over?

Brethren, can we see ourselves as others see us? God's spirit and personality is *warm, loving, outgoing* and positive. It is kind, *concerned*, cordial and *happy*. Read about the overwhelmingly positive, outgoing personality of a true Christian recorded in I Corinthians 13:4-7.

If you are defensive, unhappy, uninvolved, “martyred” and glum, you are expressing a totally different attitude and personality that is NOT of God.

You strike God Himself a heavy blow! Your attitude makes it abundantly clear that you consider His precious, holy, eternal truth a *great burden* you must “grit your teeth” and

bear. You view the trials He has designed lovingly to properly fashion your character for His Kingdom as curses.

You are, unintentionally perhaps, unhappy with God Himself!

A Serious Warning

You were born into a *very unhappy* world. Many of you are the results of unhappy or broken homes. It is possible that you may have been reared in an economically depressed area. Brethren in some parts of the world have lived through the sorrows, the horror and hopelessness of warfare.

The average individual today *tends*, and with reason, to look on the *black side* of things. Skyrocketing disease rates suck health and happiness out of the bodies of millions of disillusioned human beings. Society is *crammed* with ugly, wretched problems.

Happiness is a mighty rare commodity nowadays!

Brethren, *your* attitude, outlook on life, emotions and personality have been deeply affected, *shaped*, and moulded by this environment of which we are all *products*. It is certainly natural, understandable, that *before conversion*, many of you became hostile and dissatisfied toward society, mad at the world, unhappy with your situation, job, family and self. In many cases, you *withdrew* yourself to one degree or another from this society that had caused you nothing but woe, strife and tears. You viewed with suspicion "getting involved." You became sullen, inverted and unexpressive.

Did *that* individual really PERISH at baptism?

The danger is that many of us have simply *carried over* into our *relationship* with God Himself, His Church, the other *brethren*, the introversion, the unhappiness and the suspicion of the world.

This is wrong. It can only HURT you and *hinder* the Work of God.

True Personality of God's People

Have you fully grasped that God has literally fished you out of a decadent, fetid cesspool called society to become a part of the *happiest, warmest, most*

dynamic, enthusiastic organization on the earth? "REJOICE and *be exceeding GLAD...*" Christ instructed His disciples. "Let your light so SHINE before men..." He decreed (Mat. 5:12, 16).

Do you SHINE?

Is your light full-blown, *brightly shining*, warming and illuminating others around you and in God's Church? Or is your light weak, flickering, vacillating, and on the verge of being extinguished? Perhaps an example will help you answer.

Two years ago, over 5,000 of us had gathered enthusiastically in the mammoth tent-tabernacle on Jekyll Island, Georgia, to enjoy the annual Church fun show for the Eastern area of the Feast of Tabernacles. It was a happy, laughing, rejoicing crowd that arrived for an evening of clean, balanced fun and Christian fellowship.

Suddenly, without warning, a torrential ocean gale pounded down several *inches* of rain, splashing in tiny riverlets through the straining, heavy seams of the big tent. What had begun as a fun show became a morass of drenched clothing, wrecked hairdos, mud, water and waterlogged brethren. Members of any worldly organization would undoubtedly have left in a huff, sullen, peeved, bemoaning the evening that had been "washed out." What a bleak, dismal, unhappy spectacle that would have been!

But that was *not* the picture!

Satan *could not dampen the personality* and spirit of the people of God. It was quite a sight! Most people stayed to fellowship and dangle their toes in two-inch deep water that covered much of the tent floor. The show had to be cancelled but the band struck up several rousing musical selections, and people sang in the rain until the rain stopped. Dozens of people mentioned that they had met more new brethren in that waterlogged tent than on any other occasion.

To say that the spirit and attitude of God's people was *overwhelming* is to put it mildly. God was undoubtedly more than well pleased! He Himself was probably overjoyed.

Our light shone very brightly!

After the rain ceased, hundreds of

brethren pitched in *wholeheartedly* to assist others in setting up tents that had collapsed in the rain. Water had leaked into some motel rooms, soaking every scrap of clothing of a few brethren. People again "pitched in" to sweep out the water, to lend and share dry clothing, all in a spirit of comradeship, love and concern. It was a heart-warming demonstration of the *irrepressible personality* of the Church of God. And it is but one of thousands.

The majority of our brethren remembered God's command in Deuteronomy 12:7: "And there [the *location* in which the Feast is held] ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and YE SHALL REJOICE in ALL that ye put your hand unto [even in the rain], ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath *blessed* thee."

And a majority did! And they *were* abundantly blessed.

But unfortunately, the coin had two sides. One couple had arrived in Jekyll Island, prepared *not* to enjoy it. They had tried to obtain permission to attend the Feast in another area, because it would be nearer their unconverted relations. Permission had not been given. They went down to Jekyll Island *begrudgingly, glumly, sullenly*.

On arrival they decided their motel room was too small. The food was not to *their* liking. They began to "skip" services and sulk childishly by themselves. *Nothing* was satisfactory. When the rain came, it was "the last straw."

They left! They have never come back. They were *terribly unhappy* in God's Feast of JOY.

What an amazing paradox! A little rain at God's Feast became a solidifying "catalyst" that drew most of the brethren closer than ever before in mutual love, concern and closeness. But, to a *few*, it became a bad memory that put a damper on the entire Festival.

Brethren, it is a *sin* to spend one-half of the Feast of Tabernacles telling others about your "rough" drive down. It is wrong, and contrary to the whole spirit of God's people, to race unsmiling from activity to activity complaining loudly about the "hectic" pace.

Back in your local church area, it is

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Church of God News—

WORLDWIDE



Forty-three ordinations, twenty-five new Churches and Bible Studies and two new District Superintendents appointed — Read about these and other stirring events in this summary of the growth of God's Church for the first half of 1968!

ALL of you received an up-to-date Church of God manpower brochure just two months ago, but new Bible Studies, Churches, ordinations and even two new District Superintendents have been added since then! This article will give you the latest developments and bring you up to date once again on the Church growth this year.

As of June, with six months still remaining in the year, we have begun 17 new Churches in 1968. Since the manpower brochure was published in April, seven new Churches have started, including Bowling Green, Kentucky, pastored by Mr. Bryce Clark; Holdrege, Nebraska, pastored by Mr. Milo Wilcox; Kitchener, Ontario, pastored by Mr. Gary Antion; Moosomin and Regina, Saskatchewan, pastored by Mr. Charles Bryce; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Mankato, Minnesota, pastored by Mr. Don Prunkard. This brings the total number of Churches around the world to 186.

In addition to these which have already begun, at least two other new Churches are being planned for later in the summer. These are Rochester, New York and Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania. The New York District headquarters has been moved to Mt. Pocono, and Mr. Raymond Cole will pastor the new Church there when it begins.

Eight new outlying Bible Studies have also been added since April. These are Somerset, Kentucky; Ada, Oklahoma; Salmon Arm, British Columbia; St. Lucia, West Indies; Augusta, Maine;

Monroe, Louisiana; and Logansport, Indiana.

So far in 1968, 34 new local elders have been ordained, bringing the total ordained elders around the world to 279. Twenty-eight of these have been ordained since the manpower brochure was published.

Several of these had previous training in Ambassador College and were already serving in various Church areas at the time of their ordination. These included Mr. Carl Franklin in Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Don Samples in St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. Dick Wiedenheft in New York, New York; Mr. Ron McNeil in Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Hugh Wilson in Mobile, Alabama; Mr. Jim Barrett in Columbia, Missouri.

Others who were ordained had not attended Ambassador College but were leading men in local Church areas. These included Mr. Guy Sams in Knoxville, Tennessee; Mr. Carl Fowler in Wichita, Kansas; Mr. Ron Haines in Wichita, Kansas; Mr. Kenneth Kneebone in Vancouver, British Columbia; Mr. Arthur Williams in Medford, Oregon; Mr. Robert Ashland in Seattle, Washington; Mr. Andrew Prettyman in Toledo, Ohio; Mr. Gerald McCauley in Springfield, Illinois; Mr. Albert Tennant in Midland, Michigan; Mr. Lowell Foster in Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Robert Berg in Fargo, North Dakota; Mr. Wayne Luginbill in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mr. Clem Hendrickson in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mr. Glenn Harmon in Long Beach, California; Mr. Carlos Perkins in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania; Mr. Walter Johnson in Kansas City, Kansas; Mr. Richard Seiver in Houston, Texas and Mr. Joseph Clayton in Columbia, South Carolina.

The most recent new ordinations to the office of local elder were those of four graduating seniors from Ambassador College — three from the Pasadena campus and one from Big Sandy. Ordained at Pasadena were Mr. Mike Swagerty, assigned to the Toledo, Ohio area; Mr. Wayne Phillips, assigned to the Seattle, Washington area and Mr. Wayne Dunlap, assigned to the Oakland, California area. Mr. Larry Salyer, who has been assigned to the Houston area, was ordained at Big Sandy. Also ordained recently as local elder was Mr. John Karlson, who has been serving in Düsseldorf, Germany.

In addition to the new ordinations, since the first of April nine local elders have been raised to the rank of preaching elder. Five of these occurred during the Days of Unleavened Bread. These included Mr. Darryl Henson in Miami, Florida; Mr. Tullio Panella in Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Mike Hechel in Eugene, Oregon; Mr. Don Prunkard in Duluth, Minnesota and Mr. Ivan Sell in Detroit, Michigan.

Then, on Pentecost or just before, four other local elders were raised to the rank of preaching elder in God's Church. These were Mr. Tom Hall in Los Angeles, California; Mr. Milo Wilcox in Salina, Kansas; Mr. Earl Roemer in Greensboro, North Carolina

New District Superintendents



Tony Hammer

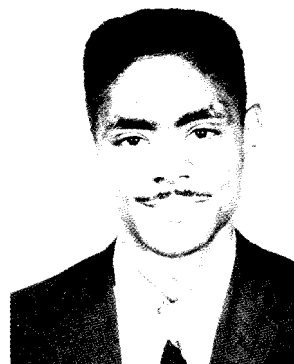


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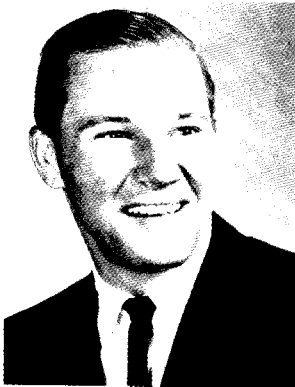


Ron Haines

Ordained Local Elders



John Karlson



Mike Swagerty



Wayne Phillips



Wayne Dunlap



Larry Salyer



Tom Hall



Milo Wilcox



Earl Roemer

and Mr. Edwin Marrs in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Two new District Superintendents have been appointed, and two new districts will be beginning this summer. Mr. Tony Hammer, a pastor-rank minister who has been serving in the San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas area for many years, will be moving to

Oakland, California to assume responsibility as the District Superintendent of this district. The present District Superintendent in Oakland, Mr. Dennis Luker, will move to Minneapolis, Minnesota to begin the new district there. The other new District Superintendent, Mr. Kenneth Westby, has been serving as a pastor-rank minister in the Wichita

and Salina, Kansas area. He will be moving to Baltimore, Maryland to begin the new district there.

This article has given you all the Church news of recent months, and you can use it for reference, along with your Church of God manpower brochure, until a new brochure is published this fall.

ORDAINED LOCAL ELDERS



Robert Berg



Wayne Luginbill



Clem Hendrickson



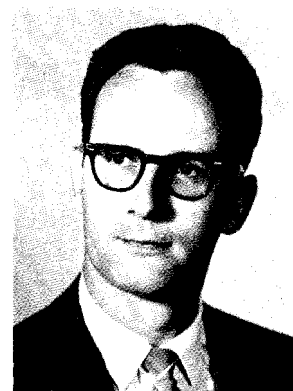
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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE . . . CALIFORNIA, ENGLAND, TEXAS

Field Assignments Announced in Forum

At last! After weeks of mounting suspense and anticipation, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong announced the permanent and summer field assignments and changes for 1968. He strode up to the rostrum in the May 13 Forum "loaded for bear" with a three-page list of assignments. Amidst gasps of amazement and shrieks for joy, he read the roster of *forty-nine* Ambassador Seniors headed for full-time field service in God's Work in the U. S. and Canada. Twenty-nine are from Pasadena, sixteen are from Big Sandy, and four will be sent over from Bricket Wood.

Next Mr. Armstrong announced twenty-five summer assignments for students in Pasadena, and six for those in Big Sandy. As if that were not enough, he then read off the list of *fifty*

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Graduation '68

88 Earn Bachelor of Arts Degrees

On May 31, the eighteenth annual commencement exercises were held in the Lower Gardens on the Pasadena campus. Before a crowd of over one thousand people, eighty-eight Seniors received their Bachelor of Arts and four others received their Master of Arts.

Outgoing Student Body President Mike Swagerty gave the discourse on the theme, "The Sin of Ingratitude." Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Chancellor and President of the Ambassador Colleges, delivered the commencement address on "Education in Chaos." Both cited

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MARRIAGE SOON OBSOLETE?

Is MARRIAGE on the way out? Is Adultery still wrong?

SOME PSYCHOLOGISTS, taking a new look at the institution of marriage, are voicing shocking predictions.

Indeed, in their professional eyes, with marriages breaking down all around us, the very desirability of the custom is being seriously questioned.

Animals do not marry. If man is merely the highest of the animals, at what stage in the evolutionary process did he adopt the institution of marriage? And WHY?

In the August number, THE PLAIN TRUTH magazine takes an in-depth new look at the institutions of marriage, the home, and family life — and the question of chastity. It reveals a startling, even shocking truth which has been altogether overlooked by psychology, by science, by religion, by education, and by society.

ALSO in the August number: "Education in Chaos!" What's behind the student disturbances, the riots, the challenge to authority.

Another article you'll want to read: "Real Meaning Behind French Crisis." One by one the great powers are being humbled. Britain has lost her Empire and status as a major world power. The



Included FREE

Soviet Union no longer blusters and frightens the free world. Red China is wracked with internal dissensions. The United States has lost the pride of its power. And now the French crisis. Read the real significance of this event.

And other timely, eye-opening articles you can't afford to miss.

We would like you to see for yourself (no cost whatever) why so many enthusiastic readers (more than three million) say there is no magazine on earth like THE PLAIN TRUTH — not only gripping, eye-opening, informative, but indispensable.

The PLAIN TRUTH is the world news human-interest magazine of UNDERSTANDING, bringing you the real meaning of world news and conditions, and an under-

standing not obtainable elsewhere of social, family and personal problems. Circulation in excess of 1,250,000 copies monthly — 52 dynamically interesting pages — no advertising — profusely illustrated in full color — a magazine of quality.

We maintain offices in major world capitals, dispatch our own trained cameramen, editors, photographers to the far-flung trouble spots and big-news happenings of the world to photograph, analyze and report these events on the spot. Our editors possess an exceptionally knowledgeable grasp of world conditions. They add to this the unique advantage of a thorough knowledge and sound understanding of Biblical prophecies, in whatever areas they may relate to events and conditions.

THE PLAIN TRUTH is published by Ambassador College, a cultural educational institution in the care of the university level, with sister colleges in California and Texas, as a part of its worldwide educational program.

You may have a free 3-months' trial subscription — and, with it, also free, the very attractive booklet, here illustrated, "MARRIAGE Can Be Happy." This is sent as a public service as our contribution in the public interest. We have nothing to sell. There will be no follow-up.

Fill in, cut out and post the coupon now.

POST THIS COUPON TODAY

Ambassador College Press
Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts.
Please send me, FREE, a 3-months' trial subscription to THE PLAIN TRUTH, starting with the August, 1968 issue, and also free, the illustrated booklet "MARRIAGE Can Be Happy."
Name _____
Address _____

This is the format of the first ad to go in the English edition of "Reader's Digest."

Ads in Reader's Digest

Big Doors in Advertising Open for the Foreign Work

The commission given in Matthew 24:14 to preach the gospel as a witness to *all* the world takes another giant step toward fulfillment with the opening of advertising space in *Reader's Digest, Drive*, and the Sunday edition of the *London Times*.

Mr. Armstrong stated on page 73, Volume 1 of the *Autobiography*, "THIS NEW TECHNIQUE OF PUTTING THE TRUE GOSPEL MESSAGE IN POWERFUL ADVERTISING FORM IS DESTINED FROM THIS POINT ON TO BECOME PERHAPS THE MAJOR MEDIUM FOR COMPLETING GOD'S WORK ON EARTH FOR THIS AGE."

Space in *Reader's Digest* opened as a result of successful meetings between Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and the

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Nationwide Ads in TV Guide Pay Off

Another breakthrough for God's Work is the inauguration of advertisements in *TV Guide* on a nationwide basis.

Coupon response to one-half page advertisements in *TV Guide* prove this medium a valuable addition to radio and television. In the San Francisco Bay area an ad on Hippies brought the outstanding

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These pages contain the main articles from the newspapers — **The PORTFOLIO** — of all three Ambassador campuses. We hope they will bring you closer to the students of Ambassador College and the Headquarters Work. **The PORTFOLIO** itself, of course, is a student publication not available to non-students.

TV Guide Ads

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ing response of over 1700 letters! Other returns from advertisements concerning the article on pollution, the **WORLD TOMORROW** booklet and **The PLAIN TRUTH** magazine have been around three hundred to three hundred and fifty per ad.

The June 23-29 issue of the **TV Guide** carried ads offering the **HIPPIE** booklet in 39 of the 79 editions printed for the United States and Canada. The remaining 30 editions carried the advertisement in the June 30-July 6 issue.

A previous offering of *Your Marriage Can Be Happy* in the Bay area, has brought over 500 requests. These responses indicate the staggering number of hippies, parents with hippies, and unhappily married couples in that area.

These responses are over 90% from new people. The cost per response has been less than the majority of radio stations. Of course, we expect that many of the replies are coming from people who have listened to radio or TV but lacked the initiative to write until a coupon was placed in their hands.

In the future we anticipate running these ads on an every two-week basis where we carry **The WORLD TOMORROW** on TV. Probably we will list major radio station times as well as



Mr. Armstrong congratulates students at Commencement Exercises.

TV schedules in the ads. **TV Guide** with its over twelve million circulation could also become a valuable medium for full-page ads prepared by Mr. Armstrong, along with *Reader's Digest* and other nationally known magazines and newspapers.

**The Curse of
CRIME**

YOU ARE THE TARGET . . .
Every 10 seconds a serious crime is committed in the U.S. Crime is rising one time faster than population. Only one out of three crimes is reported. **CRIME IS OUR MOST CRITICAL DOMESTIC PROBLEM.**

There are steps you can take to protect yourself, your family and home. Send for a new free booklet — just off the press — prepared with the cooperation of the Los Angeles Police Department and law enforcement agencies. It's loaded with shocking facts that point the true picture of crime in our society. It also presents step-by-step instructions on how to "harden the target" so you won't be a victim. This full-color booklet contains logical, useful answers to today's chaotic crime conditions. Send now for your vital eye-opening copy.

Watch
The WORLD TOMORROW
in color
**KICU-43 8:30 P.M.
THURSDAY**

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE PRESS 746-1798
P.O. Box 111
Pasadena, California 91109
Please rush me FREE of charge:
 "The Curse of Crime!"
SENT AS AN EDUCATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
ZIP _____

Ad for TV Guide.

Graduation '68

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examples of the rebellion and chaos prevalent on college campuses throughout the nation.

Mr. Armstrong observed that, "Never before in the history of the world has there been a time like this." He mentioned the unprecedented explosion of knowledge but noted that, "... trouble is multiplying with the increase in knowledge." This is because students are not told the meaning of life nor taught true values. "There is a cause for every effect; there is a way that brings right results... This world's colleges perpetuate false values. I submit the results as proof."

In conclusion he looked beyond this turbulent era to the time when the educational methods being pioneered by the three Ambassador Colleges become the standard for the whole world.

Following the commencement address the Class of '68 were conferred their degrees and presented with their diplomas.

Advertising in Foreign Work

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advertising manager for sales in the international editions of *Reader's Digest*. The contract paves the way for Ambassador College to purchase advertising space in most foreign editions of the popular periodical.

As Mr. Armstrong wrote in a recent co-worker letter: "there were conferences in New York, then here in London, and then even in Sydney, Australia, and in Hong Kong, with contacts in European capitals, that have resulted in solid two-year contracts for the use of DOUBLE-PAGE advertising space — in full color — in MANY EDITIONS of *Reader's Digest* by Ambassador College. This will include the British Edition, the German and French Editions in those two languages, and in the English language the editions covering South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, India, and the Asian Edition — a special English-language edition with subscribers in Malaya, Singapore, the East Indies, Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam — all that part of Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan, and the Philippines."

The *Reader's Digest* has the largest circulation of any periodical in the world. Every month more than 17,000,000 copies are distributed within the United States. The foreign editions are printed in 14 languages with a circulation of about 10,730,000. Altogether eighty-six advertising editions are published and distributed in over one hundred countries every month. About 1,350,000 copies are distributed in Britain; 1,250,000 in Germany; 1,000,000 in France and 675,000 in Italy. Ap-

proximately 610,000 copies are printed for Australia, 150,000 for New Zealand, 150,000 for India, and another 200,000 in English for the rest of Southeast Asia. 100,000 copies go to Taiwan in the Chinese edition and over 430,000 are printed for Japan.

And remember, the *Reader's Digest* is not just a periodical to be read and then discarded. Many people collect each issue for their home libraries. Copies of the *Reader's Digest* are still around after other mass circulation magazines have been thrown away. This means that the opportunity for readers to respond to a particular advertisement will be extended over a longer period of time.

Another publication in Britain to open up advertising is the magazine, *Drive*, a quarterly publication of a British Automobile Association. Three-and-a-half million copies go to members of the association while another half million are sold on newsstands.

On July 7, the first half-page advertisement appeared in the Sunday edition of the *London Times*. In another two weeks an advertisement will appear in the Sunday supplement to the newspaper which has a circulation of about one-and-a-half million. Ads will continue to appear in the Sunday edition twice a month.

One year ago there appeared to be no way to continue an effective witness to the British people. Now God has provided a means to reach the British people with a greater impact than ever before. Truly, no man or government can thwart God's plans for His Work!

Field Assignments

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elder assignments and changes in the field. To top it all off, nine Freshmen and three Sophomores heard their names called out from the list of those going to England. In conclusion he reminded the audience of the exigencies of the times we live in and the responsibility that every opportunity carries.

TRANSFERS TO ENGLAND

Connie Anderson, (Fr.); Robert Cloniger, (Fr.); Bill Farr, (Fr.); Judy Foster, (Soph.); Yvonne Fritz, (Fr.); Carol Ince, (Fr.); Bob Justus, (Soph.); Cathy Krueger, (Fr.); Fred Martin, (Fr.); Dave Odor, (Soph.); Paula Piatt, (Fr.); Sue Van Hoozer, (Fr.).

FIELD ASSIGNMENTS — PASADENA STUDENTS

Aust, Jerold W. — Oakland, San Francisco, Calif.; Carley, David R. — Nashville, Tenn.; Dunlap, Wayne — Oakland, San Francisco, Calif.; Fish, Thomas H. — Sacramento, Calif.; Greaves, Lyle J. — Edmonton, Alberta, Can.; Hall, Thomas — Los Angeles, Calif.; Heimberg, Felix — Flint, Midland, Mich.;

Jacobs, Bill — Little Rock, Ark.; Kobernat, Randy — Greensboro, N. C.; Koellner, Carl A. — Wheeling, West Va.; Lee, James — Fontana, Calif.; Morrison, Ben — Bismarck, North Dakota; Nedrow, Bruce D. — Baltimore, Maryland; Washington, D. C.; O'Neal, Patrick — Boise, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah;

Patrickson, George E. — Vancouver, British Columbia, Can.; Peoples, James L. — San Diego, Calif.; Phillips, Wayne A. — Seattle, Wash.; Purdy, Glenn L. — Ashville, N.C.; Rand, Richard R. — Grand Rapids, Mich.; South Bend, Ind.; Roper, John R. — Mobile, Ala.;

Scott, Charles F. — Miami, Lakeland, Fla.; Shiflet, Wayne — New Orleans, La.; Stafford, Richard H. — Nashville, Tenn.; Swagerty, Mike V. — Toledo, O.; Swagerty, Terry L. — Portland, Ore.; Tate, James M. — Greensboro N. C.; Walden, Keith A. — Albuquerque, N.M.; Wallen, Ron D. — Lakeland, Miami, Fla.; Williams, Tom — Baltimore, Md.; Washington D. C.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Anderson, John C. — San Jose, Calif.; Brady, Dennis — Long Beach, Calif.; Ca-fourek, John — Wichita, Kan.; Greer, Dean — Memphis, Tenn.; Gunn, Alastair — Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.; Hoyt, Bryan H. — Jackson, Miss.; Jahns, William G. — Fresno, Modesto, Calif.;

Kackos, George — Little Rock, Ark.; Knapp, Mitchell — Kansas City, Mo.; Lay, Paul — Eugene Ore.; Meyer, Ray A. — Akron, O.; Napier, Jim — Lexington, Louisville, Ky.; Nelson, Larry — Wheeling, W. Va.; Nelson, Ronald B. — St. Louis, Mo.; Belleville, Ill.; Orban, David L. — Chicago, Ill.;

Peterson, Kenneth E. — Evansville, Ind.; Porter, Bill J. — Olympia, Tacoma, Wash.; Shuta, Richard — Des Moines, Ia.; Turk, Thomas D. — Shreveport, La.; Walker, Harry J. — Portland, Ore.; Warren, Terry D. — Pasadena, Los Angeles, Calif.;

Watson, Darryll E. — New York, N.Y.; Weber, Michael E. — Pasadena, Los Angeles, Calif.; Weston, Gerald E. — Phoenix, Ariz.; Whikehart, William R. — Wichita, Kan.



Just What Does

“THE WORK OF GOD” Mean To YOU?

Do you know WHAT the Work is? Is your heart really totally devoted to God's Work? Have you helped the Work or hindered it? Read and apply the seven basic, vital principles revealed in this article.

by Dave Albert

THREE DAYS he had been missing! A twelve-year-old at the nation's capital in the festival season amidst thousands of travelers and sojourners, lost to his anxious parents three long days. No wonder they sought him sorrowing!

“And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, *why* hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, *How is it that ye sought me? did you not know that I MUST be about my Father's business?*” (Luke 2:48-49.)

Imagine Joseph and Mary's shock at his reply! “*Why* have we sought you?” they thought to themselves in bewilderment. “You're our son!” “And what does he mean 'my father's business'?” Joseph queried. “I'm a carpenter in Nazareth, not a doctor of the Law in the Temple!”

“And they *understood not* the saying which he spake unto them” (verse 50). They couldn't grasp the deep meaning of his brief explanation about “his Father's business.”

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the adolescent Jesus tried to explain His absence to His distraught parents, and just as those of His own physical family did not understand His reply, *so today many of His own spiritual family do NOT understand the Living, Resurrected Christ's preoccupation and urgent CONCERN FOR HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS!* As we say in

today's vernacular, *they just don't get it!*

Just as His immediate family failed to comprehend the plain meaning of His words, so today it isn't at all plain or obvious to many of His New Testament, spiritual family that Christ is *still* zealously doing His Father's *business*, *still* actively engaged in His Heavenly Father's *WORK!*

What Is “The Work of God”?

Just what is the “Father's business”? What is His “work”? Do we need to know? Does it concern us? You need *ever so desperately* to know! And probably not one in ten reading this article *really* knows and understands fully. *Yes!* Most emphatically *YES!* It *does* concern us — you and me! But many don't grasp how and why! They don't feel personally attached to or concerned with “the Work of God.” They don't *identify themselves with it* even though they know — or *think* they know — something about it!

Listen! Here is your chance to deeply learn *seven basic, vitally important principles about God's Work.* To those of you reading this article I say as Jesus said, “Let these sayings sink down into your ears!” (Luke 9:44). How well you understand the following seven points will undoubtedly affect you for all the coming eternity. They will certainly determine your present growth in the remainder of this age as well as your reward in the Kingdom of God! They have been successfully employed and

have guaranteed the success of others. Once learned they can do wonders for *you!*

Of Primary Importance

As we have already seen from the boyhood example of Jesus Christ at the age of twelve, *God's Work is primary* — of *primary importance* — *to God!* It comes *first* with Him! *Nothing* is more important to Him! It's the “big thing” in God's life! God's Work is *PRIMARY* with God!

In John 5:17 Jesus states, “My father *worketh* hitherto, and *I work.*” Not one person in ten thousand knows the meaning of those simple words! Most people who do profess to believe in a god whether in the so-called Christian or pagan religions *only* know and confess that God *exists* — and that is about *all* they know! They haven't begun to grasp the fact that God not only *is* but He also *does* something — He *works!* And they don't know any more about what He is *doing* in the Universe or here below than you or I did not so very long ago! They are completely ignorant of the fact that the Great God has a mighty Work that is of the utmost importance to Him!

To illustrate this point humorously, consider the following *supposed*, ludicrous conversation between God the Father and His Son:

“Say, Son, what was the name of that planet we created one time, the one down there by the sun?”

"Mars, wasn't it, Father? No, Earth! I believe we called it 'Earth'!"

"Yes, that's it! I remember now — Earth. Well, what were we doing down there? We made some kind of living thing on it, didn't we?"

"It seems to me we created a man there once, called him Adam as I recall."

"Oh yes, Adam! I remember now! His wife's name was Eve, a beautiful creature but got poor Adam in lots of trouble! Well, we were going to have some kind of a Kingdom, weren't we? How is it going? Who is in charge? How is it coming along? It's been a long time since we gave that matter much thought. Get some angels together and go down there and check on things, and let me know how it's coming along!"

Ridiculous, you say? Yes, of course! I meant it to be. As Paul said in II Corinthians 11:23, "I speak as a fool." But *why* is it so ridiculous and far-fetched? Because God *isn't* casually, incidentally, half-heartedly concerned with His Work on this Earth. He is *primarily* concerned with it! He *knows* who is in charge and how it is proceeding. He has never been out of touch with His Work at any time! It has always received His attention and concern and it *still* does!

"My Father *works* hitherto . . . I *must* be about my Father's business!" to which Christ adds in John 4:34, "My meat [food or sustenance] is to do the will of him that sent me, and to *finish his work!*" He was *work-conscious*, *work-oriented*, *work-concerned* all the time! "The Father that dwells in me, He does the *works* . . . believe me for the very *works'* sake" (John 14:10-11).

Maybe you never thought of it that way before. Or perhaps you thought God was concerned with something else more important somewhere else in this vast Universe, that He gives only occasional tidbits of His Divine attention to His Work with man here below. NOT so! God has *nothing* else more important with which to occupy his time and attention! I repeat, *God's Work is PRIMARY with God!* Get that! Learn it well! This first basic truth of God's Work becomes increasingly important as we proceed with the others.

Human Instruments

The next vital and intriguing truth about the Work of God is a paradox! It is the fact that the Almighty, Supreme God of Heaven does His Work (since Creation) through mortal, human beings. He uses mere men. He works through *human instruments!* This is an obvious truth of the Bible.

Consider that God saved humanity at the time of the Flood by and through the work of Noah. The Promises were given and the Nation of Israel sprang up from "the fathers" Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel). Moses was instrumental in governing the children of Israel and giving them God's Law.

David and Solomon were used by God to build the Temple. Later the Prophets warned of Israel's coming captivity. Then Ezra and Nehemiah were effectively used in the rebirth of the Jewish state after the Captivity.

Roughly four hundred years later John the Baptist heralded the First Coming of Christ. His announcement was shortly followed by the three and one-half year ministry of Jesus Christ Himself in the flesh, a mortal human being. After His death and resurrection, the Twelve Apostles were used to found the New Testament Church, complete the Scriptures, and preach the Gospel to Israel. Paul and his helpers labored in the conversion of thousands of Gentiles.

Likewise today, brethren, God is using Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the evangelists, the other ministers, teachers, deacons and deaconesses, and thousands of additional Co-Workers with Christ to do His Work! God is *still MIGHTILY* using *human instruments!* Not that He would have to! God shows in the New Testament in at least three different places that He could use the very stones of the earth if He so desired. He could raise up children from stones to form a nation (see Matt. 3:9, Luke 3:8), or He could cry out and witness to people through stones! (Luke 19:40.) We can be grateful that God has elected to work through us as human beings and not through stones, angels, or some other supernatural means well within His power.

In this connection must be mentioned

the related "grain of mustard seed" principle. Mr. Armstrong referred to it in the August 28, 1967 Co-Worker article as follows:

"As I have said many times, when GOD Himself does something, solely by His own Great power, He does it in a stupendous, mighty, and perfect way. Like, for instance, the creation of the sun, the earth, the vast universe."

But when He does something through humans, if it is "truly *God's* doing, the humans must start the very smallest — like the grain of mustard seed — but it continues to grow, and grow, until it becomes the GREATEST."

"That is the way God's Work, to which He has called us, was started, and it now is becoming comparatively very great!"

So we see from past recorded Biblical history and also from the way God is working today that God uses human instruments, but that when He does so, the beginning of their efforts must be a small, almost insignificant, seed-like start. Doubtless if it were any other way, the man or men involved would become so puffed up with human vanity as to render them *unuseable!*

Point two, then, is that *God uses human instruments!*

Steps and Stages

To understand the Work of God you must also understand that it has many different steps, stages or phases. It is operating on a step-by-step schedule. It is *much too big* to be accomplished all at once.

This point was dramatically brought home to me by a tour of the General Electric jet aircraft engine plant in Cincinnati, Ohio. In that sprawling operation where 14,000 workers are employed and fully 1% of the national defense budget is spent (only three or four plants receive a higher fraction), many projects are constantly under way, each with its own battery of experts. The really *big* project there is the development of the huge, eight-foot-in-diameter jet engine for the new C-5A transport which will seat 750-1,000 people!

On each such project dozens, and in many cases *hundreds*, of men and women are feverishly employed. Engi-

neers and scientists think out the original concepts which in turn have to be relayed and interpreted to draftsmen. These men who are employed by the dozens and fill many large rooms draw and design the product. Meanwhile others are double-checking every aspect considering cost, weight, design, metallurgy, stress, and countless other factors — all this in the development of just one jet engine!

Once the blueprints are available, skilled craftsmen and machinists begin working to produce the finished product out of expensive, high grade metal alloys with their huge and intricate lathes, drill presses, and other complex machine tools. One large engine housing I saw while there had just been built and machined at a cost of over \$100,000 for the housing alone!

As I toured this vast operation in its many gigantic buildings and talked with many of the men on the job, I was struck by the *organization* necessary to co-ordinate these many projects and operations. The operational procedures filled thick three-ring notebooks, and many men are constantly employed in writing more. The paper work alone is enormous.

Plainly what is going on in these giant defense plants is a work on such a scale that it cannot be accomplished by a handful of men in a short, single phase or "one, two, three" type operation. This is *big* business! *Complex* business! It has manifold stages, countless steps, in-depth organization.

The point is, brethren, *so does this Work of God!* Do you think the Work of God is any less vast in scope or scale than General Electric, General Motors, Ford or Chrysler? Is God's Work smaller than U. S. Steel, Boeing Aircraft, or Proctor and Gamble? Does Sears and Roebuck, The U. S. Post Office, or the Pentagon make God's Work look puny and tiny by comparison?

If you think so, *you are dead WRONG! Terribly mistaken!* What God is doing here below completely *dwarfs* all these man-made endeavors with the Great Pyramid, Wall of China, U. S. Sixth Fleet, the Aero-Space Industry, New York City — yes, and even *Texas* thrown in for good measure!

God's Work started millions of years ago and has billions of years ahead! It has expended more billions of dollars worth of silver and gold than any other work and plans to spend much, much more in the future! It has employed millions of laborers and ultimately plans to employ — get this! — *every* man, woman, and child who has ever lived in all recorded history! It has used or plans to use the best minds, most brilliant talents, and gifted individuals in the world! It will not only be the *biggest* thing on earth, it is the very reason for which the earth and all humanity exist!

And because of its vastness with regard to time, material, and personnel it must of necessity be *organized into different stages*. It is much too big a job to be accomplished all at once.

At one point Christ said, "It is *finished!*" Obviously He did not mean that the Work of God in its entirety was completed, rather that *just one phase* had been finished. Another phase began shortly thereafter and has continued to the present.

Those who have really studied into the subject of God's Holy Days know that they reveal the major steps in God's overall plan of salvation for mankind. Review the booklet *Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days — Which?* soon in this connection. Right now we are in the era between what is pictured by Pentecost and The Feast of Trumpets — that is, in the time when God's Holy Spirit is being given to the "firstfruits" of His salvation and just before Christ's Second Coming.

But do *you* know what steps of God's Work are necessarily being carried out *right now?* Even now God's Work has a two-fold operation with a primary and secondary aspect. What are they? *Do you know?*

The Primary Commission Christ has given the Church at this time is to *preach or publish the Gospel* of the Kingdom as a warning witness to all nations just before the end of this age (see Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Matt. 24:14). We are to announce to a God-rejecting world the soon coming of Christ to restore the Government and Reign of God upon the Earth. We are

to warn the world of the coming Great Tribulation caused directly by our great and grievous individual and national *sins!*

But *WHY?* Yes, why should we expend so much time, money and effort preaching to a world that we know in advance won't accept our message? "Because Christ said to do so," you reply? Certainly, but *why* did He say so? We know God does nothing in vain or to no good purpose. What is the *purpose* behind this monumental Work to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the entire world? Is it worth the effort? Is it really necessary?

Brethren, if more of you really *knew* the affirmative answers to those questions, you would throw the weight of your efforts into this Work immeasurably more than you are presently doing!! Too many — I mean too many *baptized members*, not just unbaptized Co-Workers — aren't deeply and thoroughly convinced of the importance or necessity of this present Work of God! Now let's get the answers to those questions!

To be brief and to the point, if this warning witness were NOT going out to all the world and especially to Israel at this time, The Great Tribulation would nonetheless just as surely come on our peoples and those of the entire world, and *they would never know WHY IT HAPPENED!* They would never know "what hit them," as we say, or *WHY!*

Thus they would not, indeed, *could not repent!* Therefore the world would gain nothing from its intended, corrective punishment. It would be just as unrepentant, carnal, and unconverted at Christ's return as it is now, though reduced in number. In other words, without this Work's proclaiming the Gospel, the Second Coming of Christ would be *meaningless* to this World!!

Does this bring home to us all the urgent, vital importance of the Primary Commission of God's Work at this time? It should! What we are involved in will result in the ultimate *conversion of the world!* Do you have anything in your life more important to be concerned with? Not if you're thinking straight, you don't!

Now the Secondary Commission

Christ gave the Church, particularly the ministers, is to "Feed the flock" (see John 21:15-17; I Pet. 5:2). And this is intimately bound up with the Primary Commission and vice versa. As people hear and respond to the preaching of the Gospel, they ultimately become part of the "flock," the Church of God, and then work with others of the Body to see that the Gospel is preached, and so it goes and *grows!*

To promote the healthy growth and progress of this Body, Christ raised up a ministry to "feed the flock," that is to provide for their spiritual needs through the work of the ministry described in Ephesians 4:8-16. Without this feeding of the flock, it would soon die off from spiritual starvation. Vicious wolves would enter in and devour it under Satan's sway. It would soon be disbanded, scattered, and divided. Then the Work of Preaching the Gospel would cease. That's why God provided "pastors" or ministers to feed the flock.

So now we have seen 1) God's *primary* concern for His Work, 2) that God uses human instruments in His Work, and 3) that His Work necessarily has many different stages. We also noted which of those phases concern us at this time and *why*. These important truths about God's Work on this earth are foundational and basic, but what else is there to know about God's Work?

Hindered or Destroyed

As incredible as it may seem, God's Work can be *destroyed!* At first thought you may think this *impossible*. Surely if it is the Work of *God* it can't be destroyed! But yes it can! That is a fact provable from God's own inspired Word. Furthermore, it can also be hindered, delayed, deferred, postponed, injured, even caused to cease!

Remember that the Work of God is not being done solely by His absolute, supreme power but by and through men, and because it is being done through human instruments, it can be destroyed or hindered.

Notice Romans 14:20, "For meat *destroy not the work of God.*" Paul is here talking about the work God is doing on a personal, individual scale in the lives of new Christians. He shows

that God's work in their lives can be destroyed by insisting on personal Christian freedoms and liberties and thus causing some to be offended. The same holds true today, and indeed, some have stumbled at the thoughtless, selfish acts of others in this era of the Church.

This scripture and related texts reveal one of the foremost ways the Work of God can be destroyed or hindered — namely, by other *people*, human beings who intentionally or unintentionally impede the progress of the great Work of God. Some are careless and unthinking; others are purposeful foes of the Work, planning and scheming ways to cause it to fail. The Bible gives many such examples in both the Old and New Testaments.

How often just in the course of this past year have we had to read words such as "delay," "postpone," "fail," "go backward," and "MOUNTAINOUS SETBACK" in the Member and Co-Worker letters? Time and again Mr. Armstrong has been *forced* to use such words to describe the lack of progress in God's Work as individual Members and Co-Workers let down on the job. He isn't kidding either! When the monthly income falls off multiple tens of thousands of dollars and the property fund shrinks, he *knows* many of us are not doing our part! He also knows the Work of God *CANNOT* surge forward under such conditions! Then the budget must be slashed, important projects cut back, delayed, postponed — the spiritual harvest lessened through lack of opportunity to hear the Gospel Message.

How much does each such delay, postponement, and cutback hurt the Work of God? How many *less* men, women, and children will escape the coming Tribulation? How many *less* Spirit-born Sons of God in the Resurrection at Christ's Return? Who can know? If *you* were the one who didn't get a chance to escape the wrath to come and to stand before the Son of Man, surely you would agree the Work of God could be destroyed or hindered!

"The Adversary"

I Thessalonians 2:17-18 shows the second way the Work can be hindered.

Paul here is explaining his ardent desire to come and minister to the Thessalonians "but," as he did so, "*Satan hindered us.*" Satan the Devil does all he can to hinder God's Work. Paul knew it! Mr. Armstrong knows it! "Satan is striving every way he can to harm this Work," he wrote in concluding the July 25, 1967, Member letter.

Too many regard such words as mere spiritual "salt and pepper" added to impress the reader and sound good. Those who are actively engaged in doing the Work of God know better! They have had enough experience with Satan to know that he is not called "the Adversary" for naught! He is a real foe, a relentless and determined Arch-Enemy bent on smashing and destroying God's Work and the human instruments employed in it. His spiritual opposition, called "warfare" in the Bible is not to be taken lightly!

Following Christ's example of the model, so-called "Lord's Prayer," we should constantly be praying for deliverance from "The Evil One" as it should be translated. We should not only do so personally, but also especially in connection with God's Work that it might NOT be hindered by Satan.

"Other Opportunities"

There is yet another form of hindrance to the Work of God, a strange type different from the two above mentioned. It is hindrance caused by *other opportunities* to do the Work. Paul also lists this condition in Romans 15:20-24. For the sake of clarity I will quote it from the *Amplified New Testament*. "Thus my ambition has been to preach the Gospel, not where Christ's name has already been known, lest I build on another man's foundation; But [instead I would act on the principle], as it is written, They shall see who have never been told of Him, and they shall understand who never heard [of Him]. [Isaiah 52:15.]

"This [ambition] is the reason why I have so frequently been hindered from coming to visit you. But now since I have no further opportunity for work in these regions, and since I have longed for enough years to come to you, I hope

to see you in passing (through Rome)

...
Did you catch it? *Other opportunities* to preach the Gospel hindered Paul from visiting the Roman Christians. Did you realize the Work is faced with the *same situation today*? Do you remember Mr. Armstrong's explaining that funds for United States television broadcasting of *The WORLD TOMORROW* will have to be diverted to England to reach the people there by the printed word? Thus opportunities in one area often force cutbacks in others. The same is often true regarding the ministerial manpower in the Church.

Yes, even though it is the very Work of God, we have seen that it can be destroyed or hindered by people, by Satan, and surprisingly, by other opportunities. But fortunately there is another, brighter side to this picture!

Help and "Open Doors"

On the other hand, the Work of God can also be helped, aided, promoted, blessed and prospered! In connection with preaching the Gospel such boons to the Work are often spoken of as "open doors." "Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel," Paul writes in II Corinthians 2:12, "and a door was opened unto me of the Lord."

The Work of God today has had many such doors opened up to it. And how does this happen? By luck? Good fortune? By "getting the breaks" or as some have put it to Mr. Armstrong, "Mr. Armstrong, you've done it again!"?

No! The doors don't swing open by luck but as Paul acknowledged "of the Lord," and through *prayer*! "Continue in prayer," he exhorted, "and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that *God* would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds" (Col. 4:2-3).

Effectual, fervent prayer avails much — does a lot of good — for the Work of God. "GOD'S WORK NEEDS YOUR EARNEST, PREVAILING, BELIEVING PRAYERS!" Mr. Armstrong wrote on December 29 to the Co-Workers. Has it had *yours*?

Heart in the Work

That brings us to the sixth principle of God's Work, which is in many ways the most important to *you*! It could fairly be called the MASTER KEY to personal, spiritual growth and progress. Its importance *cannot* be overstated! If diligently followed it will ensure you good success here and now and a top position in God's Kingdom.

Here it is — you grow *only* as you put your *heart* into God's Work!

Quoting again from Mr. Armstrong's Co-Worker letter of last August 28th, "And I repeat again: In 33½ years of this Work, I have noticed that those who grow spiritually are those whose hearts and interest are in the Work — GOD'S WORK, carried on from Pasadena Headquarters! And those who individually fell away, lost out — (and will go into a LAKE OF FIRE instead of the Kingdom of God) — were those who were interested only in *their own personal* spiritual development, and had no interest in getting the gospel to the world."

To which he added, "Your NUMBER ONE INTEREST ought to be GOD'S GREAT WORK AS A WHOLE, carried on from Pasadena Headquarters, if you are to make it into God's glorious Kingdom!"

This involves our *prayers* for the Work. It also involves our *finances* or "treasure" for "where your treasure is, there will your *heart* be also" (Mat. 6:21). How a person spends his money is precisely indicative of what he really desires and treasures in his heart. Most seek only physical, material things to the neglect of true and lasting spiritual riches. They idolize manmade, material goods. "They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made" (Isa. 2:8).

But some have seen the infinite wisdom of backing and supporting this Work of God with their "treasure" large or small. They have given generously to its support. They have sacrificed their *wants* for its *needs*. They have their reward laid up for them in heaven *plus* the present happiness of knowing they have done the right thing. They helped the Work to

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Are You Happy?

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just as wrong to attend a Church social or event, and gravitate glumly around the fringe of things.

God martyrs no one in His Church. If you are "martyred," you have only *yourself* to BLAME.

How can you, then, be happy?

1) Become Involved

Unhappy members are invariably *uninvolved members*.

This is the individual who is too "shy," too embarrassed, too tired or too busy to pitch in and *take part*. He or she thinks up 101 excuses (reasons to him) why he *can't* attend the social, be in Spokesman's Club or fellowship with other members.

Can we grasp that God's Church has never sponsored useless appendages to "take up our time" frivolously? God has inspired within the framework of His Church a certain balanced amount of *social leisure*, besides the more important spiritual character-builders of services, Bible studies and broadcasts. All of these have a *very important place*, or ought to, in *all* of our lives.

Active, energetic participation in the many activities God sponsors through His Church will create a *balanced, positive, happy* outlook on life.

SEIZE the opportunity to *take part*!

God has inspired a balanced diet of social leisure to offset the trials, difficulties and real problems of our daily lives. He meant them to be needed, necessary *outlets* for the pressures and stresses every true Christian will have to experience at times.

Quiet, bashful, introverted and "uninvolved" brethren ought to actively *seek out* opportunities to learn, express and develop warmth, personality and congeniality.

Note God's command in Psalms 149:2-3: "Let Israel REJOICE in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the *dance* [or a Church social, or a ball game with the other men]: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp." Yes, even a song

service should be regarded as an opportunity to express your happiness and appreciation. Notice verse one of the same chapter, "Praise ye the Lord. *Sing unto the Lord* a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints."

The facts are simply these, however! Most of our martyred brethren scrupulously avoid and stay away from *the very things* that would help them become happy. "Loners" are never happy in the world. And they are not happy in God's Church. This is *self-imposed* martyrdom. You can and should be happy in God's Church. You ought to pray hard! Yes, it's vital. You will never grow without it. You need to work hard! Of course. Intensive study is a very *real* necessity. But there is *more*.

Play hard, as well. Learn to mix. One condition to eldership in God's Church is that a man be "given to hospitality" (I Tim. 3:2). *Host* other brethren *in your home* at times. Become involved. *Strike a real balance!*

Your "martyred member" complex will begin to crumble and collapse.

2) Serve the Brethren

There are also other real *blocks to happiness* that need to be ripped down.

The unhappy society that surrounds us is predicated on selfishness, greed and *ego*. The lives of most acquire very soon the *inward* direction of a monstrous ingrown toenail.

The popular philosophy is succinctly pinpointed in the words of a popular song, from a recent "hit" movie: "The Lord above made man to help his neighbor... but with a *little bit of luck*, he'll end up helping *you*."

What a wizened philosophy on life! Concentrate body and soul on the empirical self! Cater to the ego. TAKE! NEVER GIVE!

Are there any wizened souls like this in God's Church? Might your inability to really open up, to SHARE yourself, your life, your home, your leisure time with others be a *big part* of the reason for your attitude problems, for the spiritual "doldrums" that strike perhaps *100* often?

When Christ, the night prior to His death, bent down and washed the feet

of His disciples, He instituted a service of sublime humility. He pictured Himself as a SERVANT OF ALL THE BRETHREN. On His knees before the disciples, he affirmed: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The *servant* is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, *happy are ye if ye do them*" (John 13:16-17).

Here is a fantastic truth that creates real happiness! A living spiritual truth that *works*. Have you ever used it? *Are you a SERVANT of the brethren?* Are you in a permanent, year-long "foot-washing" attitude toward every member of God's Church?

Analyze it *personally!* When was the last time you really "pitched in" to serve a brother in need? Have you ever fasted when *another* member or his child was very sick? Or do you only fast about *your* problems? Do you make it your business to encourage and inspire a brother who is "down in the dumps"? Or are you always on the receiving end? Are you a *taker* or a *giver*?

In Hebrew 6:10 Paul affirmed: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and *labour of love*, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have MINISTERED TO THE SAINTS, and do minister." These brethren Paul was describing were not ordained ministers. They were *not* actively engaged in the full-time spiritual ministry of preaching, conducting Bible studies, and directing the Church.

This was an *outgoing, concerned, loving ministry of service, of sharing, of sacrificing* for other brethren in need, of *praying, and fasting* at times when others were being sorely tested.

Real happiness can *never* grow and flourish in a climate ruled by *self!*

Uproot self by serving! Smash the grip self has by extending yourself to the brethren, and to others in the world at times.

Do we all realize how many hundreds of our brethren are still scattered outside of local Church areas? How many do you *serve* by writing letters of encouragement and news? There are scores

of widows, elderly members, and a few sick and crippled members in God's Church around the world. When was the last time you broke your "social circle" of close friends and brethren to spend a week night, or a Sunday afternoon to visit someone that is too frequently neglected?

Remember Christ affirmed: '*... It is more blessed to give than to receive*' (Acts 20:35). Here is a vital spiritual lesson for all of us to learn!

You may be the most bashful, quiet member of your local Church in your own eyes. You can always find someone more bashful than you to help, serve and encourage and you will find your concern is deeply appreciated. There will be a real deep sense of satisfaction. You'll find it a little easier to smile freely. It will be a happy, *rewarding, enriching* experience.

Begin NOW to serve! It is a living key to happiness.

3) Pray for Joy

Shortly before His death, as the last seconds of His life streaked by, Christ stated: "These things have I spoken unto you, that MY JOY might remain in you, and that *your joy might be full*" (John 15:11).

He was referring to a divine *miracle* by which His *outgoing, warm, enthusiastic, happy* personality could be supernaturally grafted within the minds of members of His Church.

Do you *fit* the picture? Christ predicted that the true Church would be composed of people who would RADIATE His own vibrant, loving, dynamic, visible personality He had as a human being.

Christ, as a man, continually inspired and sparked His disciples by His wholehearted *vigor and enthusiasm*. In spite of the heavy responsibilities He shouldered and the multiple trials He had to confront, his personality *bubbled* with the *joy* of being able to serve human beings, and contribute so dramatically in His Father's great plan.

Even at the early age of 12 (Luke 2), He was an *outgoing, personable, enterprising* young man who amazed His elders with His *drive, intelligence* and *zeal*. Christ was *not* an introvert,

hovering glumly in a cave in the Judean hills. Though there was no organized Church to sponsor a "social" every now and then, Christ did seize the opportunity to dance, sing and rejoice socially with some of His relations, undoubtedly people of high moral standards. He mixed happily with His fellows. His outgoing concern and interest for human beings shamed the original Apostles on many occasions when they let themselves become vindictive, critical and harsh.

Jesus Christ was undoubtedly the happiest man who has ever lived!

Notice His explicit command to those who were to follow in His footsteps: 'FULFIL YE MY JOY, that you be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. . . . Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let THIS MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus' (Phil. 2:2-5).

Brethren, we now have access to the totality of divine traits of character that Christ radiated while on earth. Galatians 5:22 lists joy, love, peace, gentleness, goodness and many others as miraculous, living, dynamic fruits that can be ours to possess. The Church of God "personality" we have acquired is nothing more than the nature and personality of Christ Himself, still alive, flowing out miraculously through the collective body, the Church, that He has built.

When did you last pray for joy as an individual specific fruit? Before a Church social event, have you ever asked for the love, the joy, the enthusiasm Christ undoubtedly had at the wedding in Cana to be reflected through you?

Do you pray for the selfless, serving love of Christ — HIS LOVE in you — to counteract the natural, ingoing, unsmiling self-interest we all manifest to a certain degree? Have you ever specifically requested Christ's enthusiasm and vigor — His sparkling warmth — to be mirrored in you during a Spokesman's Club meeting?

Christ wants more than anything else to live in you fully. Notice His instruction in Luke 11:9-13: "And I say unto you, ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. . . . For

every one that asketh receiveth. . . . If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Certainly, some of God's people are by nature bashful, backward, ingoing, perhaps inexperienced in some cases, in the social graces. God has called many of the weak of this society. We are often the end products of poor backgrounds and wrong environments.

There is no reason to stay that way.

God supplies an *antidote that works!*

Ask for enthusiasm! *Ask* for warmth. *Ask* God to help you smile. *Ask* for these spirit-given abilities and character traits to flow out through you. You will begin to be far happier than you have ever been. And it will be God's happiness in you, the true personality of the people of God.

Remember that God's Kingdom will soon be here. It will be a time of worldwide rejoicing, peace, happiness and joy. Remember also that only those who have been happy now in God's Church will teach all mankind to be happy then.

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Hidden Killers in the Home

The radio is a marvelous modern invention—a mainstay and foundation of today's Work of God. Yet this wonderful tool can be deadly if MISUSED. Read and practice the common sense advice of the man who handles the controls in our Radio Studio when The WORLD TOMORROW is broadcast.

by Frank Inghima

HAVE you ever heard of an accident involving a child, or anyone for that matter, over which you had no control? An accident which resulted in severe pain, incapacitation, or perhaps even *death*? This kind of news is distressing enough, but when you hear of an accident which could have been avoided very easily by the person or persons involved and when *you* could have helped prevent it and didn't... well, it makes you feel like crying out and telling the whole world about it.

I just heard some distressing news that upset me to the core! Here's what happened, and it could happen to you and yours! A young school-age girl was preparing to take a bath. She picked up her table model radio which was handy, and set it on the side of the bathtub. It was plugged in.

Now this may seem to be a very innocent and normal occurrence to you. I'm sure it seems so to most Americans, Britons, and others, but read on and you'll learn with a "shock" what the almost inevitable result will be.

As she was bathing in the tub, the small radio accidentally fell into the water. The girl stiffened and screamed as 120 volts of electricity coursed through her body. Her mother came running to the bathroom, and because of the arrangement of the doors, she was delayed for what seemed to her several minutes—actually, it was only fifteen or twenty seconds. She must have offered a quick prayer and the doors became untangled. She ran in and saw her young child distended and screaming in the tub. She reached down to pick her up out of the water. Dropped her once. Reached down again. This time she succeeded in freeing her from

the electric current. Thanks to God the girl is alive and well today.

Some may have noticed several mistakes made during the above incident. Some may say that the girl's mother should have pulled the plug out of the wall first. That may be true. But I want to deal with the *biggest* mistake— that of having a radio in the bathroom in the first place. That of having one near the kitchen sink. That of having these KILLERS anywhere near a water faucet or a gas pipe.

Now one of the prerequisites of being able to deal with an enemy is to know who he is—in this case, *WHAT* it is. Too, we must know *WHY* it is an enemy and also, since it is something we have to live with, we must learn *HOW* to handle it.

First of all, are all radios dangerous? In the sense that there is danger in any and all electronic or electrical devices, *yes!* But there is one kind of a radio that can be a real killer. It's the so-called AC-DC radio. This is perhaps most any small table model radio. It's usually in a colorful plastic cabinet with plastic knobs. This is the type of radio you might find in every home in America, and in many homes you may even find three or four of them. It could be just an AM (standard broadcast) radio, an FM (frequency modulation) radio, or even an innocent looking clock radio.

I'm not speaking of cordless battery radios or these little pocket size transistors. I'm speaking of the type you have to plug into a wall outlet.

Now, *WHY* are these radios so deadly? I certainly don't expect the average housewife or the average man for that matter, to understand the technical differences in the radios they used

to manufacture years ago and the modern ones, but I'll try to explain it as much as possible in layman's terms. Radios, even table model radios, used to have a power transformer to generate the power to operate them. This transformer in conjunction with other elements in the power circuit changed the AC (alternating current) to DC (direct current) which is necessary to cause the radio circuits to function. The transformer which in this circuit is called the Power Transformer had the *secondary* (and I wonder if it shouldn't be called *primary*) function of isolating the voltage coming from the wall socket to the radio chassis itself. It had the effect of *limiting* the amount of electrical current that could be drawn from the house power by the radio in case of a short circuit. It might be compared to the event in the story of "Peter and the Dyke." As you remember, the ocean was held from inundating the whole country of Holland by these dykes. When there developed a hole in the dyke, the sea was coming in all right, but only in a trickle. Similarly, the house current drawn by such a radio is limited to only a small amount of power.

Now the radio manufacturers in order to sell more radios, and to beat the competition, started making radios without these expensive and heavy power transformers. What they did was to effectively connect one side of the house current directly to the radio chassis— putting the whole radio at the *same* electrical potential of all the electricity that is otherwise carefully concealed within the walls of the house, within heavily insulated wires, plastic plugs, and switch plates!

It is true that these radios are also concealed inside of plastic cabinets with

fiberboard backs and plastic knobs, but most people do not realize the danger that is encased within these prettily colored plastic boxes. These radios have effectively taken the 120 volts and at least 20 possible amperes out from behind the wall and put them on your bedside stand, on your mantle, on your end table, or on your *kitchen sink* and in your *bathroom*. This is like taking that hole in the dyke the size of Peter's finger, and blasting it into a gash the size of a house. You can imagine what would happen to a country the size of Holland if this were to happen.

Now third and lastly, *HOW* can we live with such a monster in our own homes? Can we throw it out and say we won't have it in our homes? Many people have been killed falling in their own bathtubs. Should we throw our bathtubs out? Many have been severely hurt falling down stairs. Shall we throw our stairs away? And what should we do about our automobiles? You're familiar, I'm sure, with the statistics concerning automobile accidents. Obviously we just need to learn how to LIVE WITH these conveniences, not DIE BY them!

The point I wish to bring out, and perhaps it is the most important point about table model radios, is that there are *do's* and *don't's* concerning their uses!

Here listed are a few of the major considerations you should keep in mind:

DON'T HAVE AN AC-DC RADIO IN YOUR BATHROOM AT ALL!

DON'T HAVE A RADIO IN THE KITCHEN WHERE YOU CAN EASILY REACH THE RADIO WITH ONE HAND AND THE SINK WITH THE OTHER!

If you must have a radio in the kitchen, place it as far away from the sink as possible, or *any other appliance that is connected to gas or water pipes*.

Don't take the radio out on the lawn and listen to the ball game while watering the lawn with a hose. You might decide to tune in your radio with one hand while holding the metal nozzle of the hose with the other. This would complete an electric circuit right through your *heart!!!*

The major problem with these pre-

cautionary measures I've been pointing out is that one doesn't always have the opportunity to learn by *experience*. As we have heard Mr. Armstrong say *on the radio* many times: "Experience is *not* the best teacher." Some of you who may have some *understanding* of electrical circuits may think you can disregard the above safety measures.

Well, let me tell you what happened to a close friend of mine years ago. We were both in the electronics field and he exercised a certain amount of respect for electricity. But he thought he could have a radio in his bathroom anyhow. He had built a wooden shelf far above the bathtub—well out of reach from a seated position. One time, however, as he was stepping into the tub (with water in it) he *slipped*. He automatically reached for support and inadvertently touched the radio. He received a shock that *knocked him to the*

floor. He was "*lucky*." He lived to tell me about it. Statistics show that many are *not* so fortunate.

We need to have radios in this age but as a lion tamer must know his animals we must know these gadgets with which we have to deal every day around the house. In the case of these radios the manufacturers take care to house them in plastic cabinets, but they fail to inform the public of the danger inside. Doing so, of course, might affect their sales.

In the World Tomorrow these dangers will not be around to plague us. Radios, autos, or whatever we will manufacture will be much safer. All manufactured items will have safety features built into them regardless of cost because *Christ* will rule this world. In just a few years man will not be allowed to manufacture anything without Christ's approval first.

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grow and thus grew themselves with it!

This is a great spiritual *Law!* It is irreversible, certain and sure — YOU GROW AS YOU PUT YOUR HEART IN THE WORK OF GOD!

To do so you must take your mind off self — self's interests, concerns, worries, problems. Otherwise self's desires and interests will blot out all other considerations including the Work's. This is idolatry and vanity!

Remember God has His Works and we have *ours!* Ours are called "the works of the flesh," and "the flesh profits *nothing!*" (John 6:63.) "For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap *corruption*; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap *life everlasting!*" (Gal. 6:8). Which do you want — corruption or life everlasting?

We must now lay down, sacrifice, "lose" *our* lives and *our* works and do *God's* Work in love and concern for others, not self, and in so doing put on the very character of God.

But *how?* Laying down one's life in living sacrifice for the good of others is

NOT EASY as any who have tried it now know! It's *hard* to do so. It cuts *hard* against the grain of human nature which is *self-oriented*, not full of love and outgoing concern for others. No one has ever had a part in the Work of God by and according to his own human nature! It isn't "natural" to be deeply dedicated and committed to God's Work! Then how can you do it? That question and its answer brings us to the seventh and final point of God's Work.

By the Spirit

"Not by might, nor by power, *but by my Spirit*, saith the Lord of hosts!" (Zech. 4:6.) This is the seventh vital principle of God's Work — it must be accomplished by God's Holy Spirit, not just the human efforts of men. Even Jesus Christ while He was in the flesh was forced to admit "I can of my own self do *nothing!*" He explained, "The Father that dwells in me, He does the works" (John 5:30, 14:10).

That is the *only* way the Work of God can be done! It is the only way *you*

can have a part in it! Too many have tried to carve out for themselves a place carnally and failed miserably. It *cannot* be done! God determines whom He will use in His Work, and He uses only those who are led by His Holy Spirit. All others will inevitably prove by *their works* that they are more concerned for the things of the flesh than the things of the Spirit, that they are still carnally minded (Rom. 8:5-6).

This living principle is especially true of God's Church of this Philadelphia Era because we have been given only a *little strength* according to Revelation 3:8. Therefore, we must trust in our God all the more! When we do He gives us generous supplies of His Spirit so that we may accomplish His Work here below. Then, and *only* then, do we succeed in our mission! Empowered by His Spirit, the Work surges ahead!

Review

Now let's review all seven points to establish them firmly in our thinking:

- 1) *God's Work is PRIMARY with God!* Is it primary with you?
- 2) *God uses human instruments!* Can He use *you*?
- 3) *God's Work has different stages or phases!* Do you know *what they are* and which ones concern us at this time — and *why*?
- 4) *God's Work can be destroyed or hindered!* Are you in any way hindering the Work?
- 5) *God's Work can be helped!* Are you helping it?
- 6) *You grow ONLY as you put your HEART in the Work!* Is your heart really in the Work, and does your "treasure" prove it?
- 7) *God's Work is done by His Holy Spirit?* Are you filled with that Spirit?

Your answers to these searching questions will without a doubt determine your eternal destiny! Brethren, let's *all* be about our Father's business. Let's be *doing His Work!*

SEVEN PROOFS

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heard a "death-bed repentance" of a departed loved one. Perhaps, just as their grandmother died, she claimed to have seen a "vision" of heaven! And, whether they had ever seen any real *Biblical proof* or not, thousands of deceived human beings would take such an experience as this as absolute **PROOF POSITIVE** that the loved one "went to heaven."

Notice how professing Christians *cling* to this vague hope of heaven with a fervent tenacity — just as Satan the Devil became finally *obsessed* with the same idea. Lucifer, the great archangel who had been given *this earth* to rule, *wasn't willing* to "settle" for just this earth! He wanted to *get to heaven!* He wanted to **LEAVE** this earth, and get up to heaven — usurping the very throne of God.

Satan's desire was a **SELFISH** desire to **GET** for the self. He has instilled this same tenacious, grasping, *selfish* desire to "*get to heaven*" in the minds and hearts of millions of people.

One independent preacher, in attack-

ing this great Work of God, and Mr. Armstrong personally, said, "Dear Reader — Are you willing to **SETTLE** for **EARTH?**" This minister was trying to *attack* the plain **TRUTH** of God about *this earth* being the inheritance promised to all Christians.

Do you see? Do you understand his attitude? Millions of people who **THINK** they are "Christian" are absolutely *filled* with the *selfish* concept of **GETTING** for the **SELF!** They have a *belligerent*, set-jawed, steely-eyed, **DETERMINATION** to *have their own way* — in **SPITE** of what God says in the Bible!

But heaven is **NOT** the reward of the saved! God's **TRUTH** is that the saints shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10) and shall **RULE here below**, with **Christ**, for one thousand years! (Rev. 20:4.)

Jesus said, "Blessed are the *meeek*, for they shall inherit the **EARTH!**" (Mat. 5:5.) He said those who are overcomers will *rule the nations on this earth* with Him (Rev. 2:26; 3:21).

And these are only a small **FEW** of the literally **DOZENS** of plain scriptures,

and sometimes *whole chapters* in the sacred Word of God which absolutely **PROVE** that the "get-to-heaven" idea of this darkened and pagan world is of purely *Satanic* origin! If you have not read the article "Is Heaven the Reward of the Saved?" then you need to write for it, and any other literature on heaven immediately! You need to really **PROVE** God's *truth* — and *prove* the error of the pagan doctrines of this world.

The Trinity

God's true Church knows the **FACT** of the **DUALITY** of the Godhead!

But the world believes in the trinity. So deliberate has been the pagan attempt to foist this doctrine upon the world that a lying, conniving, cheating copyist in the eighth century A.D. **DELIBERATELY inserted** totally and completely spurious words *into the Bible*, attempting to "prove" this major doctrine of paganism!

Turn, in your own Bible (*King James Authorized Version*), to I John 5:7. Notice, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." But do you know not a **ONE** of these words are in **ANY** of the original manuscripts? Did you know not **ONE** of these words ever **APPEARED** in the manuscripts until *after the invention of printing?*

What a deliberate **HOAX!** What shameless **LIES!** Comparison with many of the more modern texts, and simple research will absolutely **PROVE** this important point to you. Verse seven *should* be the last half of verse six! The seventh verse of I John 5 *originally* read, "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."

WHO is a member of a great "trinity?" Lucifer — who became Satan the Devil! There are only **THREE** archangels mentioned in the Bible: Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel. *Lucifer fell* (Luke 10:18), not Adam!

But God is **DUAL!** There is the Father, and the Son. In all Creation, God made **PAIRS** of humans, **PAIRS** of sexes. A man has **TWO** eyes, **TWO** ears,

TWO nostrils, TWO hands, TWO feet, TWO legs, TWO arms.

There was the first man Adam, and the second man Adam, or Christ. There is the Old Covenant and the New Covenant; the OLD Testament and the NEW Testament, the FORMER prophets and the LATTER prophets. *All prophecy is DUAL! God is ONE, in TWO PERSONS — not three!*

Jesus said, "I and my Father [just the TWO of us!] are ONE" (John 10:30).

The Soul

God's true Church knows the real TRUTH about the physical, mortal, fleshly, material soul!

God says "the soul that sinneth IT shall die"! (Ezek. 18:4, 20.)

Solomon wrote, "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: *as the one dieth, so dieth the other*; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast" (Eccl. 3:19). God's true Church KNOWS that the wages of sin is *death* (Rom. 6:23) NOT eternal life in a different location — an ever-burning hell! SATAN is immortal — and will be *tormented forever!* He has the world believing doctrines *about himself.*

Belief in the "immortality" of the soul is one of the basic and BEGINNING errors of all modern professing Christianity. Have you really PROVED the truth about the soul to yourself? Do you have many proof texts on this subject underlined and carefully marked, in your own Bible? Could you PROVE it to someone else? We have several articles on the subject, if you need them.

Hell-Fire

God's true Church knows the real TRUTH about the GEHENNA FIRE of the Bible — the one of which Jesus Christ solemnly warned. He said, "...fear Him which is able to DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY in hell [Gehenna]" (Mat. 10:28).

The incorrigible sinner shall be BURNT UP (Mal. 4:1), and shall become *ashes* under the feet of the righteous (Mal. 4:3).

Totally ignoring the many PLAIN scriptures of the Bible, which even

get scientifically and physically detailed, such as those in Malachi which I just mentioned, describing how human beings, when burnt, become *as ashes*, the pagan philosophers have seized upon a *vague* (to them) parable in Luke the sixteenth chapter.

Undoubtedly, *thousands* of lurid, frightening, raving and shouting sermons have been based on the account of Lazarus and the rich man!

God's Church knows the real TRUTH about God's punishment for the wicked — and about a hell-fire which is *a lot hotter* than the pagan concept of this world. This, too, is something you should have carefully *proved* to yourself — and have thoroughly marked and noted in your Bible! If you have not *carefully studied* our articles about hell, and the booklet on *Lazarus and the Rich Man* — then write in for them immediately.

And Dozens More

God's true Church knows the TRUTH about Creation, about the *purpose* of God, and the great PLAN by which He is working out that purpose. God's true Church knows the real truth about human nature — and the NATURE of God, of angels, and of man!

God has revealed the almost INCOMPREHENSIBLE TRUTH of JUST *WHAT SALVATION IS* to His true Church — while the world simply doesn't know! They don't know what it is, how to GET it, *why they need it!*

God's Church knows the identity of the major nations in prophecy — that WE are the people of Israel! We know what WILL happen in the future, even down to smaller details of alliances between nations, the wars of the future, and their outcome!

And these are only a FEW of the really BIG points!

Should this make us spiritually proud? Most emphatically not! God has called us out of the *same spiritual darkness* that still grips this world — WE did not study to uncover these wonderful truths for ourselves — God GAVE them to us!

We are NOT any "better" than other people as a result of God having given us understanding of His precious

truths — but we should be striving to *become better than we used to be!* God's true *Philadelphia* Church will NOT become exalted, thinking it is spiritually rich, thinking it "has need of nothing," and that it "knows it all."

NEITHER will the TRUE Philadelphia Church of God believe it is a wrong kind of "spiritual pride" to plainly SAY SO when we KNOW THE TRUTH!

Jesus Christ said, "You *shall* KNOW the truth — and the TRUTH shall make you free!"

He promised to send the Holy Spirit which *would* LEAD us into all truth!

God has revealed more of His truth to this era of His true Church than at any other time in all history!

Truth Mixed With Error

Don't forget that EVERY religion, whether the weird, twisted, incomprehensible mysteries of the Orient, or the "modern" ideas of the "no-God theologian"; whether the comic-like ideas of certain "christian" sects, or the superstitious mutterings of African aborigines; whether the science-fiction doctrines of books purported to be *additions* to the Bible, or the witchery of spiritism; EVERY religion could be *some* small part truth — but MIXED with a gargantuan amount of error!

SOME churches appear to be just a "little bit closer" to the truth than others. But the Devil is happy. If you're only one tenth of one percent WRONG — that's enough to make you MISS THE MARK! The Devil is a great believer in the old adage that a "miss is as good as a mile!"

Don't be deceived!

There is NO church on the *face of this earth* that is ANYWHERE NEAR the real Truth of God as believed and practiced by His true Church! There is a great, inseparable, yawning, huge, bottomless maw — a gaping pit — a great gulf — between the one true Church of God, and ALL pagan organizations of men!

You need to be so thoroughly GROUNDED and ROOTED in these great truths that you have not only *proved them to yourself* — but you can completely and irrevocably PROVE them to others!