HOW TO BE Saved!

Millions have been led to think they are saved, who are only deceived, and don't know it!—Here is a frank, daring article, making the truth PLAIN!

By Herbert W. Armstrong

It's hard to believe, but it's true.
Millions have believed on Jesus Christ—and are not saved!
Millions worship Christ—and all in vain!

Almost every sermon you hear, or tract you read, telling "How to Be Saved" will admonish you:
"Just believe!—believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you are saved."
"That's all there is to it," they assure you, "just believe. There are no works.
You must not keep the Ten Commandments, for you'll be under a curse if you do. "By grace are ye saved, through faith—not of works," they quote, "lest any man should boast."

Why do they, in their sermons and tracts, keep turning aside the commandments of God? Why do they keep on giving the wrong instruction, in the following verse?

Can One Worship Christ—in Vain?
Would you suppose one could actually worship Christ—and all in vain?
Do you know what Jesus Himself said of these people who want to worship Him without keeping God's Commandments? Listen to His words: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. . . . Full well ye reject the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mark 7:6-9.)

In those words Jesus perfectly described what is labeled fundamentalist "Christianity" today, as given out by the popular church denominations.

Back to the Faith Once Delivered
But what does God tell you, in His Word?
Thru Jude, God says: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares. . . . ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 3-4.)

Yes, even before the New Testament was completely written, ungodly men had crept inside the Church to corrupt it—turning grace into lasciviousness. And what is "lasciviousness?" It means "license"—unrestrained liberty of lust, wantonness—abuse of privilege. In other words, permission to disregard and disobey God's Law! And that is exactly what those ungodly men, even in the first century, did do—turned grace into unrestrained privilege to disobey God's Law! And once introduced, the practice has persisted and spread over the whole world until today!

This is one of the fables the Apostle Paul warned us men would turn to. Paul said: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned" (the truth) . . . "knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation . . . For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (lasciviousness) shall they . . . turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (II Tim. 3:13-4:4.)

But, one will argue, Jude said these men would deny the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not the men and churches who teach "no works" believe in Christ? Do they deny Him?

Yes, they deny Him! God says: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." (Titus 1:16.)

"What the Saviour Himself Taught"
These deceived teachers have just one favorite text. They quote Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Now that text from the pen of Paul means what it says. But there are two kinds of faith—the living faith that brings salvation, and a dead, "no works" faith that produces only death.

But why do they, in their tracts and sermons, never quote what the Saviour Himself said in answer to the question? Why?

Jesus was asked: "What shall I do to
inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18.)

Some might try to tell you that the Saviour Himself did not know, or teach, the way of salvation—He was teaching Old Testament religion. Well, He was asked how to gain ETERNAL LIFE. Is that salvation? It certainly is! The Old Testament religion lasted until John—not until the Cross—not until "Pentecost." Just until John (Luke 16:16), Jesus preached the same Gospel He commanded His disciples to teach ALL nations—Gentiles included—the same Gospel Paul preached to Gentiles—He preached only the NEW Testament Gospel—He revealed THE WAY OF SALVATION. Here is His answer—that of the Saviour Himself-on how to be saved:

"If thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments." And He enumerated enough of the Ten Commandments to show it was THIS particular law that must be obeyed as a CONDITION to receiving eternal life as God's gift. Jesus said "If (there was a condition)—"if" we are to be saved, by God's grace, WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! God lays down His own law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfill it-including the whole Law—as a general principle. The law is LOVE and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfill it WITH LOVE—not any natural, carnal love in human nature, but "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). The Holy Spirit in us is merely God's LAW IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES!

And so, if we fulfill this Royal Law, we do well—but if not, we commit sin (James 2:8-9). Now read verse 10. If we keep the whole law—the general principle of love to thy neighbor—yet offend in one point, we are guilty—we have broken the law—and the penalty is DEATH, not eternal life.

Notice, please, the law is divided into points! And it is divided into TEN POINTS—the Ten Commandments. These are merely the ten points, or subdivisions, of the general Royal Law, LOVE to God and to neighbor. "For He that said (or, that law which said—see margin in your Bible) Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery—if you do not break that specific point—yet, if thou kill—you just break that one point—"thou art become a transgressor of the law." (James 2:11.) So you see the TEN COMMANDMENTS is the very law it is sin to transgress.

It is a SPIRITUAL LAW (Rom. 7:14), It is fulfilled by the SPIRITUAL LOVE which is God's precious gift to us—His love placed within us. Wherefore the law is HOLY, and the commandment HOLY, and JUST, and GOOD." (Rom. 7:12.)

To repent of sin means to turn from sin. It means to quit sinning! And that means to stop transgressing God's holy Law. And the way to stop breaking it is to begin KEEPING God's Commandments—ALL OF THEM, for if you break only one, you bring on yourself the penalty—Eternal Death, and you lose salvation!

Now Jesus "magnified the law, and made it honorable." When we put a spiritual "magnifying glass," so to speak, on the Ten Commandments, it is enlarged in spirit and principle into many more points. And in a larger aspect, the ENTIRE BIBLE is a magnification of God's Law. The Law is the basis of all Scripture. It defines THE WAY of life—THE WAY to peace—THE WAY to success—THE WAY to happiness, joy, eternal life.

Notice how like God it is! The Law is good (Rom. 7:12). God is good. The Law is HOLY (Rom. 7:12). God is holy! The Law is JUST (Rom. 7:12). God is just! The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). God is spiritual! The Law is perfect (Psalm 19:7). God is perfect! The Law—including all His Commandments—is immutable, ETERNAL, stands fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). And God is eternal!

Of course—for the Law is the very character, the very nature, of God! It is the will of God.

Can We Know God's Will?

So many say, "I want to do His will." Well, His Law is His will! So many say, "If only I could know God's will." You can know it if you are willing—it is expressed in His Law!

But in this modern-day Babylon—confusion of conflicting church teachings—you have been taught, falsely, that YOUR CONSCIENCE tells you what is sin. But your conscience only troubles you when you do what you think is wrong. And what you think is wrong, another may think is right. YOUR CONSCIENCE is no guide!

Sin is not the doing of what you think is wrong. Not the transgression of conscience—sin is the transgression of Please continue on page 14
Where Is Enoch?
By Herman L. Hoeb

Enoch was "translated." Where did he go? Was he taken to heaven? Not! Because Jesus himself said: "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man." (John 3:13.) Here are Jesus' own words that no man, except Himself, had been in heaven! And how did He know? Why, He came from there!

Then, where is Enoch? Let's see what the Bible says.

Walking With God

At the age of sixty-five, Enoch had a son named Methuselah. "And Enoch walked with God: and Enoch was three hundred years old, and Enoch begat son Methuselah." (Gen. 5:22.) Here was a man that pleased God, a man who walked with God.

Enoch had faith, for in Hebrews 11:6, the Apostle said: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." So Enoch walked with God. He obeyed God and followed Him in His paths by faith!

Noah also walked with God. (Gen. 6:9.) Enoch and Noah did not follow the paths of the world which corrupted God's way. (Gen. 6:12.) These two men proved their belief in God by walking in the ways of God—doing what was pleasing to Him.

No one can walk with God unless he is in agreement with the will of God and doing it. Amos the prophet said: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3.) So in his generation Enoch was the only recorded person who followed the ways of God—even though it possibly took him sixty-five years to learn to walk with God!

How important this fact in the life of Enoch really is, can be seen from the general practice of the world which has always disagreed with God. Ancient Israel walked in the statutes of the heathen, not in the laws of God. (2 Kings 17:8,19.) Even today most everyone is walking in the course of this world.

But how long did Enoch walk with God? The scripture says that he "walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years." So Enoch followed God's ways for three hundred years. Notice that Moses did not record that Enoch is still walking with God. The scripture says that Enoch walked with God for three hundred years and not one year more! Then Enoch is not still walking with God! Why?

Because "all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years." Gen. 5:25. All the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. Not just part of his days, but all his days! If Enoch did not die—if he was changed to immortality—and thus continued to walk with God, then his days would have been more than three hundred sixty-five. But the Bible plainly says that all his days were just that many, and no more!

This expression "all his days" is used in the same fifth chapter of Genesis about a dozen times and always it means that the person lived for that length of time only "and he died." So Enoch lived no more than three hundred and sixty-five years because "all his days were three hundred sixty-five years." As he lived only for this length of time then he must have died!

But what about his translation? Does that mean he didn't die?

That's what most people carelessly assume without proof.

His Translation

Remember, Moses doesn't say that Enoch didn't die, but rather that "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." (Gen. 5:24.) Paul records the same event by saying that he "was not found, because God had translated him." (Heb. 11:5.)

Thus the Scripture records that Enoch was not found because God took him or "translated" him. The Bible does not say Enoch went to heaven because he was translated. Instead it says he was not found.

Certainly Enoch was "translated," but what does "translate" mean?

Strange as it may seem, nowhere in all the Bible does translate mean to make immortal!

The original Greek word for "translate" is metatithemi. According to Strong it signifies: transfer, transport, exchange, change sides. This same Greek word is rendered "carried over" in Acts 7:16. Here we read that after Jacob died, his body was "carried over"—transported, TRANSLATED—to Sychem and laid in the sepulchre. Jacob was not made immortal, but was translated or transported to Sychem where he was buried. That's what your Bible says! Jacob was transported or TRANSLATED to the place of burial.

That is why Moses said that God took Enoch, God removed—translated him so that he was not found. In Deuteronomy 34:6 we read also how God took Moses from the people after which he died and was buried by God. "But no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day." God removed Moses and he was not found either.

So Enoch was not made immortal after all! He was taken away and was not found. All his days were three hundred sixty-five! That's as long as Enoch lived.

Another proof that "translate" does not mean to make immortal is found in Col. 1:15: The Father "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Here the Bible says that Christians are already translated—but Christians still die! We are not immortal bodies, but mortal flesh and blood. Although we were once part of the darkness of this world, now we are translated, removed from darkness into the light of the kingdom of God.

Didn't Receive the Promise

Enoch is included by Paul (in Hebrews 11) among the fathers who obtained a good report through faith; but "all these, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise." (Heb. 11:39.) What promise?

The "hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2. So Enoch is one of "all these" who have not yet obtained the promise of eternal life and inheritance. Enoch and all the worthies of old will receive the promise of eternal life at the return of Christ, the same time Christians obtain it. (Heb. 11:40.)

Since Enoch has not yet inherited eternal life he must be dead! But what about Paul's saying that Enoch should not see death?

"Should Not See Death"

Enoch lived only three hundred sixty-five years. Then what could Paul possibly have meant by saying: "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found because God had translated him?" This verse nowhere says Enoch did not die. Rather, it says that Enoch "should not see death." But what does it mean?

Remember, there is more than one death mentioned in the Bible. There is a first death, and there is a second death. (Rev. 20:6.) Which death did Paul mean?

The first death is appointed unto men.
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(Heb. 9:27.) That death can not be
humanly evaded. It is inevitable.

But Paul said that Enoch was trans-
lated that he SHOULD NOT SEE death.
The phrase "should not see" is in the
conditional tense of the verb, having
reference to a future event. It is not in
the past tense, that he "did not see"
death—but that he "should not see
death." So this death that Enoch es-
caped by being translated is one that
could be escaped in the future ON
CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Did Jesus ever speak of a death that
might be escaped? He certainly did! In
John 8:51 Jesus said: "Verily, verily,
I say unto you, if a man keep my say-
ings, he shall never see death." And
again in John 11:26: "Whosoever liveth
and believeth in me shall never die."

This death is one that can be escaped
on condition that men keep the sayings
of Jesus and believe Him. This death is
not the first death, because Christians
and everyone dies this death. Then it
must be the second death which will
NEVER TOUCH THOSE WHO ARE IN
THE FIRST RESURRECTION. REV. 20:6. And
Enoch will be in the first resurrection
because he met the conditions!

Enoch had faith. He believed God and
walked with God, obeying Him. In
keeping the sayings of God, Enoch kept
the sayings of Jesus, too; because Jesus
did not speak of himself but spoke what
the Father commanded him. (John 14.
10.)

Thus Enoch met the conditions so that
he SHOULD NOT SEE death. The second
death shall never touch Enoch, because
of his faith and obedience.

Two Translations
Now we can understand Hebrews
11:5: "By faith Enoch was translated
that he should not see death; and was
not found, because God had translated
him: for before his translation he had
this testimony, that he pleased God."

Examining this verse fact by fact, we
notice that Enoch had faith and was
translated. THIS translation—removal,
transference—was on condition of
FAITH. Now what translation mentioned
in the Bible is on condition of faith?
Why, the one we read about in Colos-
sians 1:13. The Father "hath delivered
us from the power of darkness, and hath
translated us into the kingdom of his
dear Son."

This is a FIGURATIVE translation—a
FIGURATIVE removal or transference
from the spiritual darkness of this world

to the light of the family or kingdom
of God and Christ. In verse 10 Paul
shows that to abide in this kingdom
we must "walk worthy of the Lord unto
all pleasing." This is exactly what Enoch
did. He walked with God and pleased
God.

Then Enoch, the same as Christians,
was delivered from the power of sin
and darkness in which he had been liv-
ing for sixty-five years. He was removed
(translated) from the ways of the world
and lived three hundred years accord-
ing to God's ways so that he might in-
herit eternal life at Christ's return, and
should not suffer the second death.

By faith Enoch was separated—re-
moved or translated—from the world,
the same as Christians who are not to
be part of the world, although living in
the world.

Not only was Enoch FIGURATIVELY
removed from the society of his day, but
he was also LITERALLY removed—trans-
lated—so that he was not found. God
took him physically away from the peo-
ple, just as He later took Moses. And
God buried each so well that neither
has ever been found since! Enoch had
completed this present mortal life. "All
his days were three hundred sixty-five
years."

God gave Enoch this sign of physical
removal as a type for all those who
should later follow Enoch's example
of faith. He was taken physically from
the people just as Christians are to be
spiritually removed from the ways of
the world. The physical translation or
carrying away of Enoch was also a sign
to him by God that his faith had been ac-
cepted—God often gives signs (Isaiah
38:7).

Like every true saint, Enoch is wait-
ing the hope of the resurrection and
the return of Christ. (Jude 14, 15.)

Beg Pardon!

In the interest of accuracy, we are glad
to correct two errors in the December,
1951, issue of The GOOD NEWS that
have been called to our attention.

In the article "HELL—WHAT DOES
THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IT?", the term
"whale's belly" was used with refer-
cence to the fish's belly spoken of in
Jonah 2:1 and Matthew 12:40. The
Greek word used here for fish is "ketos",
which means "huge fish," so the phrase
"huge fish's belly" would be more ap-
propriate, although we used the King
James' expression.

In the article concerning "LAZARUS
AND THE RICH MAN," the original word
for "grave" mentioned in John 5:28 was
said to be the Greek word "hades." The
original word here was "mnemeion" which
also means grave or sepulchre.
The Man Who Couldn’t Afford to TITHE

By Herbert W. Armstrong

It was late in 1933—the very depth of the great depression. Ed Smith was a well driller by profession, but nobody seemed able to afford to have wells drilled.

Ed and his wife, Emma, attended services I was then holding in a one-room country school house twelve miles west of Eugene, Oregon. Ed made no profession of Christianity until later. But he attended services, and went up and down the countryside discussing Bible doctrines with his professing Christian neighbors.

You’ve got to pay tithes and keep the Sabbath,” he insisted. “The Bible says so. It’s PLAIN!”

One of his neighbors became irritated.

“Look here, Ed,” the neighbor exploded, “why do you come around here trying to talk me into these things, when you don’t keep the Sabbath or pay tithes yourself?”

“Because,” came Ed’s quick and ready answer, “I don’t profess to be a Christian, and you do.” “Besides,” he added, “I can’t afford to tithe, anyway.”

Thousands Like Him

There are thousands who, like Ed Smith, reason in their own minds that they can’t afford to tithe, even though, like Ed Smith, they realize the Bible commands it.

I heard about the above conversation, and preached a sermon on the question of whether the unconverted should obey the Ten Commandments and pay tithes, or whether, as Ed has reasoned, these things were only for Christians.

“Why did God ordain tithing? Was it because He himself needs money? No, my friend. We have a higher reason for obedience! It’s the Law of Increase! It’s not because God needs money, but because He can’t help increasing the life of those who are obedient!”

The very next service she came to me with another happy smile.

“Here’s a five dollar bill,” she said. “The very next day after Ed gave God’s tithe, he lost his job. Now he has no money!”

It was beginning to pay! But only beginning! By the next service, as I remember it, Ed had received his first order in one or two years to drill a new well, for which he received cash payment. Before he finished that job, another was contracted. Soon he had three or four jobs coming in at once, and was forced to begin employing men to work for him.

Ed Smith was only one of many I have known who learned by experience that one cannot afford not to pay God the tithe that belongs to God! I remember Ed Smith did encounter some troubles in a different nature later, and his wife and son were sent to the state tuberculosis hospital, and he finally broke down in real repentance, accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. He came to me, according to the command of James 5:14, and both his wife and son were completely healed and returned home. This is a true story, and the name is not fictitious. Ed Smith died several years ago, but I am happy to remember these incidents in his life in the hope they may start many others on the right and profitable, as well as the Christian, way of life.

Why did God ordain tithing? Was it to place increased burden upon us? Let us not misunderstand God’s love and wisdom!

It isn’t that God really needs your tithe. He could have established some different system for carrying on His work. But to have done so would have robbed us of the blessing that flows back to us if we are faithful in tithes and offerings!

The tither is invariably a prosperous man. I do not mean wealthy—but one whose actual needs are always supplied. Tithers, if faithful and obedient to the Eternal, are not often found in want. “Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.” (Phil. 4:17).

God promises His children shall always have something to give (Deut. 16:16, 17). It is only when they withhold and misappropriate the tithe and offerings that He fails to prosper them.

For thru John He tells us “I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health.” (III John 2).

 Honors the Eternal with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thing increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” (Prov. 3:9, 10).

Try it! “Prove me now herewith,” challenges the Eternal to us, in a prophecy for our day (Mal. 3:10), “if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Are you behind financially? In debt? Your unfaithfulness in tithing and offerings may be the reason!

Concrete Experiences

John D. Rockefeller, it is said, accepted God’s challenge to prosper the tither at eight years of age, when he began tithing. Did he prosper?

Mr. Colgate, the great soap manufacturer, left home when a very small boy. He met an old sea captain who was a Christian. He asked the boy what he could do, and the boy replied he knew only how to make soap and candles.

“Give your heart to God,” advised the old sea captain; and tithe your income. Some day there is going to be a man at the head of the great soap industries in New York, and there is no reason why you should not be the man.” The boy took the advice, got a job, earned a dollar and paid a dime to the Lord’s cause. He earned two dollars and paid twenty cents. Soon he got a job in a soap factory and he continued to tithe and to prosper. He rose from common laborer to foreman. Later to manager, and then to president of the company, and finally he owned the entire establishment. As he continued to prosper Colgate paid two tithes. He prospered still more and paid three tithes. Still he prospered, and he...

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"Please Speak English"

By Mary Jo Burrow

"Please speak English!" This phrase can be heard quite often from the few students here at Ambassador who do not take a foreign language. Why?

Some of the most particularly enticing classes to new students and most interesting to us here on the campus are the foreign language courses which seem to have an unusual way of affecting students outside of class—and that's the reason for "Please speak English!"

Three foreign languages are now being taught here: Spanish, French and German. Students take every opportunity to learn to speak these languages.

Although spoken at work, while studying, or even in play, there is no "Babylon" of confusion. But it is interesting for those students who don't take foreign languages, to hear the others sometimes forced to revert to English as the necessity arises.

If you should happen to walk in Mayfair dining room unexpectedly, you might hear any one of these languages spoken, sometimes fluently, often not so fluently. Especially would you hear Spanish and French spoken alternately Monday evenings at the dinner hour, either in the Mayfair dining room—for the Spanish—or in the beautiful faculty dining room—for the French. These are our club meetings. As soon as a student walks into the room he speaks nothing but the language of whatever club might be in session. The German club meets every Wednesday evening with Mr. Homberger, our Custodian, as guest.

Not only do these clubs provide fun as the newer students grapple with "unknown tongues"—as it seems to us who take no foreign languages—but they provide an entertaining way to learn to speak the languages and to combine with that knowledge that practice of the graces that should be extended whenever one would dine with foreign peoples.

Only a few intrigued students take more than one language. Although it seldom happens that the students correlate the two, whenever it does occur, a big laugh is heard to rise.

But above all, we appreciate here the opportunity to learn these foreign tongues, as it is our duty to train ourselves in every way for the international spread of the gospel.

The Rose Parade

By Bob Seelig

Early on the morning of Jan. 1, 1952 the men on third floor Mayfair were arousing each other out of bed to get prepared to park the cars of some of the many people that were to come to see the beautiful and awe-inspiring Rose Parade.

All of our newly acquired athletic field and all parking space at Mayfair was available to students, in an opportunity to raise funds for the benefit of the whole student body.

The morning was cold and brisk and the sky was cloudy and did not look too promising for a good day; but it turned out to be satisfactory for the parade and the famous Rose Bowl Game, this year between the University of Illinois and Stanford University of California.

The boys began parking cars in the chilly morning air about six o'clock and continued until about 9:30. People came from a great number of states to see the parade and the game. People estimated a million and a half spectators at the parade. The first view grandstands at the start of the 3-mile parade route were erected on the recently purchased ground adjoining our campus on the west, soon to provide the new Orange Grove Avenue entrance to Ambassador College. Some built small fires along the curb of Orange Grove Avenue and some were wrapped in heavy coats and blankets. Others brought coffee very early in the morning and slept until daylight. It is very amusing what people will do in an instance such as this. "Hot dogs" and coffee were being sold early in the morning, but I am sure that the "hot dogs" were not very hot by the time they were bought and eaten. The crowd grew and grew and by the time of the commencement of the parade the majority was assembled.

This year there were about sixty floats in the parade and about twenty bands. "Dreams of the Future" was the theme of the Rose Parade this year. Many pictures were taken of these floats—perhaps five million photos in all. Just to give you an idea of how the floats were built to depict the theme of the Rose Parade, I will name a few of them, "Miss Universe," the Theme Prize Winner, entered by the city of Long Beach, "World Peace, the Grand Prize Winner, "The Lion and the Lamb," "Prosperity for All," "Symbol of Plenty," "Man's Eternal Dream," "Eternal Happiness," "Security.

You can well see by the names of these floats what people are seeking for, though they go in the opposite direction to find the answer to their dream.

The parade is very inspiring to watch especially for a first-time spectator. If you ever get a chance to see it, I am sure it would be profitable to take the opportunity to see this exquisite floral and musical handiwork of man on parade.

He Couldn't Tithe

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paid four. His prosperity kept increasing and he decided to give half of all his income. And still he prospered!

I know a man who started a small grocery business in a small Oregon city. This, too, was during the great depression. He had practically no capital, had the poorest location in town, and refused to sell tobacco, and others said he could not succeed. Thus handicapped, starting in the beginning of the worst depression the world ever knew, not many would have dared pay a whole tenth.

This man decided he would be a faithful steward, take God into partnership, and trust the Lord with His business. He prospered from the start and was the only grocer in his town who weathered the storm of depression successfully.

When God gets His portion of all your income, God becomes your partner, sharing in your profits. He causes His
partners to prosper, and if you are in debt, take God into partnership first, and watch Him prosper you until finally you are out of debt! Remember the debt you owe God comes first.

**Tithing While in Debt**

Yet so many say: "I don't think it would be right for me to tithe while I'm in debt." Yes, it is right, and the other way is wrong. "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." God's Word tells us what is right, and God tells us to pay to His work the firstfruits of all our income. Regarding our material and financial needs, even debts, God says "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mat. 6:33.)

The tithe is the debt that you owe God. This debt is first in time and principle. Pay your debts to God, make Him your partner in your finances, and receive His blessing in temporal affairs. This will enable you to pay your debts, or to get a job, or to have your needs supplied more quickly than if you evade His debt.

Remember your ALL belongs to Him, not to you. (Deut. 10:14). You are in the position of steward handling that which belongs to another. He is your silent partner, and the first tenth, in addition to offerings, is His share. The rest He gives freely to you. But if you appropriate for yourself His share, you are stealing, and ROBBING GOD (Mal. 3:8). Would you pay your debts with money another man had left in your trust? If a man working in a bank does that, we call it embezzlement!

**Your Glorious Opportunity**

Some will say, "I never tithe, and I know God never frowned on me, for I have the feeling in my heart that I am His child without having to tithe." God has blessed you according as you have yielded to Him according to the light He has revealed to you, from His Word! While you have the light, WALK in it, lest darkness come upon you! (John 12:35, 36). GROW in grace and the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord. (2 Pet. 3:18). See also Rom. 11:22.

If every professing Christian would accept this plain instruction from God, honoring Him instead of themselves with their substance, the work of the Eternal would go forth with such mighty power that the world would be shaken to its foundations!

Seek ye first the Kingdom, and your material needs shall be added. Try it! Take God at His Word! PROVE Him! (Mal. 3:10). See how you begin to prosper! Be a faithful steward; make God your PARTNER! Receive His BLESSING! God's work is waiting upon YOU!
Here is one of Mr. Armstrong’s classes in Bible and Theology. Two faculty members are also present, Mr. Hoeh, left, and Mr. Elliott, first row, right. Notice the Texas boots!

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In this number we show Ambassador College in our small but very fine body in one of our regular assemblies. The Armstrong (right) a front row, Mr. Arms

Same classes are very small—almost private tutoring. Here is Prof. Elliott teaching mathematics. From left, Paul Smith, Lewis Johnson, George Meeker, Bob Seelig.
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we show you seven pictures of college in class. Below you see very fine faculty and student of our regular Tuesday mornings. Ti. faculty and Mrs. (right) are seated in the Mr. Armstrong presiding.

Below, one of Prof. Mauler-Hennesey's foreign language classes. This is a small French class. Left to right, Isabell Kunkel, Raymond Cole, Norman Smith, Elva Russell.

Above you see Prof. Walker's Advanced Journalism Class. Ambassador students issue three publications, THE GOOD NEWS, monthly; THE PORTFOLIO, campus paper, bi-weekly; and THE ENVOY, annual pictorial.
ATTENTION!

Future Students

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE is growing steadily and rapidly each year, despite the fact enrollments in most colleges are decreasing at the present time.

The annual Catalog issue of the Ambassador College Bulletin is ready for mailing to all interested prospective students, or to interested co-workers.

Those who are graduating from high school this spring, or have already graduated, are invited to write for the college catalog. It contains full and complete information about this fine and different college—its educational philosophy and objectives, the courses offered, requirements, tuition, room and board, work opportunities—everything you will wish to know.

Indications are that the Class of ‘56—the new freshman class to enter college next fall—will be one of our finest classes. Some of the young men and girls already known to be planning definitely to enter in September, assure the same high character of students that characterize the entire student body.

Plans are now being drawn up by the architect, in collaboration with the landscape architects, for the development of the campus during the next five years. These plans contemplate erection of three new buildings and other changes, improvements and additions, which will provide Ambassador College with a truly fine and thoroughly adequate plant in every respect. Work is now proceeding on clearing and developing the new athletic field, adjoining the campus across Terrace Drive, to the east. We expect to have this in operation for softball by spring. The growth and development of Ambassador College during its four and a half short years is nothing short of miraculous.
**How YOU Can Have FAITH to Meet Life’s Problems**

By Herman L. Hoeb

Wouldn’t you like to abolish every worry and doubt from your mind? And have instead perfect confidence in God that you will receive what He has promised you? Then here is God’s answer to show you how you can have that perfect faith which will overcome all the problems and sufferings of life.

It is so easy for us to think we “believe,” but when the test comes hasn’t it been a great deal harder to say, “I still have faith”? It is usually easy to start trusting God for the things He has promised. But then along come doubts and worries into your mind because you haven’t yet received what has been promised.

What do you usually do then? Try to fight these fears and worries with your human faith?

That is the method most people think the Bible wants them to use in acquiring faith. Faith is visualized as the struggle of human faith against doubt and worry.

But is that the kind of faith God wants you to have?

**Why You Lack Faith**

The living faith that God wants you to have—the kind that overcomes the difficulties of life and endures suffering without worry or doubting—that kind of faith you weren’t born with! It is a gift of God.

Faith is one of the gifts of the Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:9.) The first reason you may have been lacking in faith, is that you have been relying on your own human faith which can’t dispel doubts.

It did take our own faith to believe in Jesus Christ. But when the Holy Spirit comes into us, if we believe, repent of sins and are baptized, then we have the faith of Christ planted in us. Paul didn’t live by his own faith, “But Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God.” Gal. 2:20. The Holy Spirit of God had planted in Paul’s mind, the same kind of faith that can be in your mind! Then you won’t have to struggle and fight against doubts and worries continually.

It is at this point that almost everyone who has the Spirit of God expects to have complete faith. No more fears, no more doubts or worries! Just receiving the Holy Spirit, so many think, has given us all the faith we need! But is this what you have found by experience? Certainly not.

There doesn’t seem to be any more faith than before. What can the matter be?

**Faith Must Grow**

Did you know that faith is not implanted whole and complete when we receive the Spirit of God? Faith is something that grows. It needs to be nourished in order to develop into complete and perfect faith. Faith needs to be lived and nourished to maturity by experience. The apostle Paul rejoiced that the Thessalonians had faith that “grew exceedingly.” 2 Thess. 1:3.

Yes, faith is like a grain of mustard seed. It must continuously grow to maturity. It has to be alive! It starts small, just like the grain of mustard seed, but it grows into perfection. (Luke 17:5.)

As we have so little of the faith of Christ in us when we are begotten by the Holy Spirit, how can we develop the faith of Christ in us, to meet greater and greater problems and overcome all worries and doubts?

**A Living Faith**

Did you know that you may have a dead faith, as dead as a grain of mustard seed that will never sprout? But what you want is the kind of faith that is living, active and growing. Do you know the Bible says you have to put something with faith in order to make it a living faith?

**Faith Alone Insufficient**

Contrary to what most people believe, there is something that must be added to faith to make it alive and perfect! James tells us: “Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.” “Faith without works is dead.” James 2:17, 26.

But how can that be? Can faith be made perfect by works? Can faith grow to perfection by works? Yes, because faith must be practiced. It can’t lie dormant as an empty belief because it can’t increase that way. Faith needs exercise, just as the mustard plant needs sunlight, moisture and soil. The trying of our faith works patience! James 1:3.

When faith is tested we learn patience. We learn to endure suffering patiently. When the lesson of patience is learned, then we have had the experience of knowing that God will answer prayers, if we have had patience. This is how faith develops.

Let us examine the case of Abraham. He is called the father of the faithful. How did God perfect faith in Abraham? He put Abraham to the test. But what did Abraham do, sit back and say “I have faith” and yet do nothing about it?

When put to the test, Abraham didn’t doubt and try to create his own faith. Instead he obeyed God and acted on his faith. He offered up his only begotten son as a proof of his faith. James concludes: “Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?” (James 2:22.) So faith must be acted upon.

Notice how Abraham and all the holy men of old acted upon their faith: “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.” Heb. 11:8.

Noah did not have a dead faith; he built an ark. Moses did not have a dead faith; he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God and forsook Egypt. Paul even refrains from mentioning the great multitude “who through faith... wrought righteousness, obtained promises, out of weakness were made strong, women received their dead raised to life again... that they might obtain a better resurrection.” Hebrews 11:33-35.

All these people proved that they believed God by acting on their belief, instead of trying to sit back and conquer fears by themselves. But if our faith is so weak, how have we the will to act on our faith?

Why, Paul tells us that “it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” (Phil. 2:13.) God gives every child begotten of Him the will or determination to do what pleases Him. God puts in our minds the desire, the will to do what is right, just as we by nature have the desire to do what is wrong. But we must yield to the right desire and restrain the wrong wish. Having yielded to the right desire, we have within us the nature of God which helps us carry out the will of God, just as our human nature led us to carry out the will of the flesh before we were converted.

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We Are What We Eat!

By Isabell Kunkel

As we look about us we observe that sickness is accepted as the usual thing. In fact, it is almost a rarity to find someone who has not had a major illness or an operation.

But this is not according to God's way. One of the blessings that he promised to those who obey Him is freedom from sickness. Ex. 23:25: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Likewise, one of the curses for disobedience is disease—Deut. 28:60. "But," you may say, "how does that apply to our eating habits?"

Just this. It is much harder to exhibit the virtues of love, patience, and long-suffering if your body is constantly causing you to be irritable because of physical trouble. In I Cor. 2:12: "For we do not impart knowledge according to the scheme of mass production. Food-stuffs are not consumed in the immediate localities where they are produced, but processed in large centers, then distributed. Foods must be treated with various chemicals or otherwise so that they will not be ruined by weevils and other destroyers during the long time that intervenes between production and consumption. This benefits the distributor, but is it healthful for the consumer?"

"The Staff of Life"

Take our most common food—wheat. The miller removes from it the germ which contains a vital oil and the bran containing vital elements, commonly called vitamins, that enable our bodies to utilize the starch that wheat contains. What is left? A beautiful white flour—yes—but one would hesitate to call it the "staff of life." Even the whole wheat flour available in most stores is not as good as it might be, because preservatives have been added to it to discourage weevils. This nullifies some of its beneficial value.

When using whole wheat flour in recipes calling for white flour, reduce the shortening about one-tenth (1 tablespoon per half cup) and increase the liquid about one-fifth. Of course, you cannot make white cakes with it but it makes satisfactory spice and chocolate cakes, especially if one-half white flour is used.

If it is available, a little soy flour, say one cup to six cups of flour, will increase the nutritive value of bread. If you cannot buy good whole wheat flour, put a certain amount of wheat germ in the white bread to augment its value.

Food specialists tell us that even whole grain flour loses much of its vitamin E content within a few days after it is ground, so we can appreciate the wisdom of grinding only a few days' supply at a time as was done in ancient times and is still done in some Eastern countries. Nevertheless, it still surpasses white flour.

In the past cornmeal has been a dependable food because it was always made of the whole grain. However, it did breed weevils on the grocer's shelves occasionally. Removing the germ solved this problem. Now you can buy "de-germinated" cornmeal, quite unfit for any weevil or human being. However, the germ is not wasted, since a fine cooking oil is derived from it. Hominy is a poor food because during its processing, its yellow outer covering and the germ are removed leaving only the starchy portion.

Sweeteners

Honey is the sweet most often mentioned in the Bible, and I have come to conclude, having read of its various qualities, that it is the very best one. White sugar, like white flour, has had all the important elements removed, leaving only a carbohydrate, which during the process of its digestion, robs the body of calcium. Natural sugar and to a lesser degree, brown sugar are better because they retain some of the organic substances, but yet the proportion of sugar to organic salts has been disturbed by the refining process. Sorghum molasses devoid of preservative, and pure maple sugar and maple syrup are acceptable sweetening agents. Honey and sorghum may be used the same as sugar in all baked foods, but should not be added to foods cooked on the stove, such as fruit or pudding, until it is removed from the fire as boiling honey or molasses produces a strong flavor.

Since honey and molasses contain water, the liquid in baked foods must be adjusted accordingly. Substitute honey for sugar, cup for cup, and reduce the liquid which the recipe calls for by one-half, or replace one-half the sugar with honey and reduce the liquid one-quarter. I have found that one may use a fourth or more less of these than of sugar that any recipe may require and still have a sweet enough product.

You may be more encouraged to use honey or sorghum if, at first, you can find recipes that call for them. Then, after you have successfully used them, you will know how a product made with honey should look and taste. Modifying your recipes to conform to natural ingredients will cause extra work, but after you get adjusted to using them, you will be repaid by added flavor and improved health.

Corn syrup is as unacceptable as white sugar because it is also devoid of natural minerals. It is usually recommended as an ingredient in infant milk formulas.
How do you derive the figure of 2520 years of punishment for Israel?

This is a basic question involving God's method of giving us prophetic keys so that we may unlock the mysteries of Bible prophecy. In I Peter 1:19-20, we read that no prophecy is of any private, or individual, interpretation. Therefore we must not interpret a prophecy apart from other scripture and using our own human understanding to arrive at a conclusion. We must compare scripture with scripture to find the scriptural interpretation of Bible symbols.

In this case, we should first understand that in Leviticus 26, God promised Israel great national blessings, including the promises of national greatness to Abraham (Verse 42), if they obeyed Him. Then God promised that if they obstinately refused to obey Him, He would punish them for a period of 70 times or years. The principal decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the appearance of the Messiah, and that He would confirm the covenant with many for one week.

Using the day for a year example of Ezekiel 4:6, we find that these 69 weeks would equal 483 years. The principal decree to rebuild Jerusalem was in 457 B.C., and it was exactly 483 years until Jesus was baptized and began his public ministry! So we see that God is faithful to perform His word!

Israel's punishment began in 721 B.C., and since 1800 A.D., 2520 years later, England and the United States began their rise to world power. For the astonishing proof of this fulfilled prophecy, send today for the free booklet, "The United States in Prophecy." History confirms the words of Jesus, "Thy word is truth!"

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but honey is far superior. Honey supplies vital elements in addition to sugar.

Shortening

For shortening either liquid peanut, corn or soybean oil, or butter are preferable to the hydrogenated vegetable shortening that is so widely used, since in the hydrogenation process all vitamins in the natural oil have been destroyed. Olive oil is good for foods browned in the cooking process, but for other purposes some may object to the unfamiliar flavor. It is often used as an ingredient in salad dressing. Land is never to be used.

When I have used the liquid oils in baking, using the same proportion as for other kinds of shortening, the results have been satisfactory.

Leavening

The advisability of using baking powder seems to be a debatable subject. According to experiments conducted by one group of researchers, a moderate amount seems to inflict no harm to the body. The principal objection seems to be that in the process of its action, some vitamins in the food are destroyed. If one has any doubt about the wholesomeness of the aluminum type of baking powder, use a tartrate type. Fine cakes may be made without leavening. The secret of their lightness is that they use more eggs and require a great deal of beating.

Yeast is a good leavening any time. It is seldom used in cake because it is a little more tedious to make them with yeast.

"Jello"

Prepared gelatines such as "Jello," and plain gelatine have been questioned. As they contain both beef and pork products, we cannot use them. An exception to this is Knox gelatine which claims to be made entirely of beef products.

Here in the college kitchen, we use a vegetable gelatine which is entirely satisfactory. It is plain—unflavored and without added sugar—so, to flavor it, fruit juice is used for part of the liquid. It may be used in any recipe requiring plain gelatine. A pound of this gelatine would last the average family a long while, as it is very light.

Fresh Vegetables

Fresh or frozen vegetables are always preferable to canned vegetables except tomatoes which, food chemists tell us, retain their vitamin C even after cooking. Vegetables need not be cooked at a boiling temperature. A heat just below boiling in a tightly covered vessel is best for them. Cook them a little longer rather than to use a high heat as this is destructive to the water-soluble elements which boil away in the steam. Tomatoes should be cooked in their skins to prevent loss of vital elements in the water. Then they may be peeled and prepared any way desired. Baked potatoes seem to be the favorite of the students here. Beets should be cooked in their skins until almost done; then peeled and prepared with whatever seasoning is desired.

Butter, cream and lemon juice are good seasonings. Carrots are good seasoned with honey and butter, and baked.

Fresh vegetables and fruits should always be thoroughly washed to remove any spray residue that may be on them. Even then, some may remain. The best thing to do is grow your own if it is at all practicable.

The canned condensed soups that are available are poor products because, in order to condense them, they have been cooked for a long time in open kettles. The flavor and pulp are left, but not much else.

Nuts and Dried Fruits

The various nuts are good, especially almonds and filberts, as they contain a
high proportion of calcium. Nuts should not be blanched since the skin contains certain enzymes that aid digestion. Some may be lightly roasted, but others are better raw.

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Salt

You have probably heard arguments "pro" and "con" regarding the use of salt. Recently it has become the cry that all use of salt is harmful. Shall we believe this? In Leviticus 2:13 God commanded all of the offerings that were offered to be seasoned with salt, and in Luke 9:49 Jesus affirms this. In the following verse (verse 50) the reference Jesus makes to salt is undoubtedly a comparison showing that the Christian should be to the earth what salt is to food, inferring that salt of itself is good. As with all other things, it should be used with discretion.

I have said that you probably cannot buy good whole grain products unless you live near a large town where a health food store can be found. If you don't, you can order these foods from the companies that prepare them. The addresses of some may be found in various magazines interested in this subject; or better yet, buy your own small mill and make your own breakfast cereals, cornmeal, and flour. This is the most economical way because the grains can be more cheaply obtained before they have been commercially processed. The ones you may order prepared cost more than ordinary foods in the grocery stores, but the flavor and quality are so much better that you will not regret the extra cost.

A principle to remember when considering any food is this: How has it been processed, and to what degree may this process have affected its composition? One can often learn much about a product by reading the label. Any refining that goes beyond the point of rendering a food palatable is usually undesirable. Additional processing is ordinarily either (1) to make it look more appealing, or (2) to save the housewife time and work. The first often appeals to our vanity, while the second, ease of preparation, is often over-emphasized and food value is least considered.

In this limited space I have endeavored to present adequate reasons for using natural foods and some good ways in which they may be used. I welcome any comments or questions you may have on this subject.

How YOU Can Have FAITH

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together with God's very nature (2 Peter 1:4), we have the strength to perfect faith by exercising it—to make faith strong enough to meet every obstacle.

Doing What Is Right

Since faith must be acted upon, by works, we can now see why the apostle John said: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive if we believe, that we have kept his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3:22.) It not only takes faith to know that we will receive what we ask for, but it also takes our obedience to God to prove that our faith is real and living. But many will ask why obeying God needs to be added to faith to receive answers to prayer. Let's take an example.

How often it is said: "Sure, I know that God can prosper me if I tithe." That's the kind of dead faith that most people have. Their faith is not growing because they are not putting it to the test. We must prove our faith that God will prosper those who honestly pay the tithe. Then it can be seen just how much faith we have.

We may start to trust God and give our tithes and offerings faithfully. Then what happens? When we look on the outward circumstance, it always seems that God is not faithful to carry out his promise. And so we begin to doubt. We lack faith, and our works prove it so. Unless you would have put faith to the test, you would never have known just how weak your faith really was!

By continuing to tithe, no matter what the circumstances may indicate, you are developing faith in the promise of God. And when you have faith, living and growing, you know that whatever you ask according to His will shall be done unto you. The reason most people do not get their answers to prayer is that, as in the case of tithing, they prove their lack of faith by refusal to obey God. They mistrust and disbelieve God. Such people are not pleasing God, because it takes faith to please Him.

Where's One's Heart Is

Not only is tithing a good test for faith, to see whether we will trust God to supply our every need, but it is also indicative of where our heart is; because where our treasure is, there will our heart be also. (Mat. 6:19-21.) By giving our treasure to God, toward His Kingdom, we are seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. And the promise of Jesus, you remember, is that if we seek these first, all the other things that we need in this life will be added. (Mat. 6:33.)

Thus by proving our faith by our works, we are developing Christ's faith in us so that we learn to trust God without doubting. We are actually living by faith! Each successive time our faith is put to the test we strengthen it, increase it so that we are able to believe greater and greater promises and overcome increasingly serious problems. It becomes gradually more natural to possess faith without waverings, because whenever faith might have wavered, we are put to the test and strengthened!

Faith is like the grain of mustard seed that by nature becomes stouter with each passing day. No wind of circumstance causing doubt can root it out of our hearts. With faith exercised, we no longer doubt when some material circumstance seems to indicate that God has failed. We need never look to the outward appearance, but live as though, through patient endurance, we continually expect the promise. Only when we quit living by our trust and faith in God will doubts overtake us.

The promises of God are absolute because God cannot lie. But we must fulfill the conditions by a living faith in the will of God. By obeying God and showing that we know what he promised He will perform! Cast all your cares upon God for He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7.)

How To Be Saved

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God's LAW. (1 John 3:4.) Sin is thinking and doing what God says is wrong—and He says it in His Law! Some think it perfectly all right to divorce and remarry. Others think it is a sin. To do it would trouble the conscience of the latter, but not of the former.

The man who does what he thinks is right may be committing a lot of sin! God says: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!" (Prov. 14:12 and 16:25.) Again, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." (Prov. 12:15.), and "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes." (Prov. 16:2.) The world has been going the way that seems right to man for some 6000 years. But this way has brought only unhappiness, emptiness, discontent, poverty, inequality, fear, anguish, strife, suffering, sickness and disease, and finally, CHAOS and
DESPAIR all over the world! It has produced NOTHING GOOD!

God says 'seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near, let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, saith the Eternal.' (Isaiah 55:6-8.)

The WAY of SALVATION

And there is THE WAY of Salvation! There is THE WAY to find God! SEEK Him, by forsaking—what? Forsaking your way—your thoughts! The way you have thought to be right has been the way of sin, leading to DEATH! Forsake that way! You'll find God's thoughts—God's way—in the Bible, expressed in the one word "LOVE"—in the two Great Commandments—in the Ten Commandments—and in turn magnified still further all thru the Bible! In the Bible you'll find the mind of God—His way of thinking—His way for YOU—to think and LIVE—HIS WILL!

The first step toward salvation is to REPENT—and that means forsaking your way—the customs and traditions you have been following—the ways of men—the ways you have been living. Sin is the transgression of God's LAW. His Law is His way. You have not been living that way. Forsake your way—turn to God's way—the way of His Law! The way of His will! Yes, the way of peace, happiness, and joy—the way of success, achievement, doing good, of prosperity—the way of the full and abundant life—the way of eternal life!

Since the entire Bible contains the magnified explanation of God's Law, the Bible becomes our guide for righteous and successful living! That is why Jesus said man shall live by every Word of God! That is the way—and the only way—to find and gain what all people want—success, happiness, eternal life. But people are seeking these things the wrong way. Therefore, forsake that wrong way!

The first step toward being saved—toward receiving the gift of eternal life—is to repent! And the only kind of repentance that is prerequisite to the gift of eternal life is complete and unconditional surrender to God—to His will, which means to His Law.

True repentance means you give your self to God. You become His, literally, and wholly, with no reservations! True, godly sorrow for the life you have lived works repentance, but that alone is not repentance. Repentance is a complete change in your life—in your attitude toward life—your purpose in life—your thoughts and your actions.

It means you forsake the OLD LIFE as you have lived it, totally and completely, once and for all. It means forsaking some of your old friends and companions—if they are living the worldly life that seems right to man. It means turning from, forsaking worldly customs, interests, pleasures that are contrary to God's ways.

It means total, unreserved consecration of your life to God—henceforth to study the Bible—not just carelessly read, but study, to learn God's ways, and to live by every word of God! It means the Bible becomes your guide to living—yes, to happy, abundant, gracious living, and successful and righteous living henceforth and forever—to live your life from now with God's help, and by His power, according to the spirit and principle, as well as the letter and precept, of His Commandments.

The FAITH That SAVES

Now ask yourself, candidly, how many people who profess salvation—who have "accepted Christ"—do you believe have really come to this kind of real repentance? "Except ye repent," warned Jesus, "ye shall all likewise perish." And again, "He that believeth not is condemned, and his name is written in the book of life." (I John 2:4.) Yes, millions are deceived!

But if millions are deceived about the prior condition of repentance, just as many millions are deceived as to the kind of faith that saves!

Now think a moment! Use your reason. We are taught, and rightly, that we cannot EARN our salvation—it is the gift of God. It is of grace—and grace means undeserved pardon, or free gift. Yet, notice how inconsistent people are! They argue that salvation comes by grace—God's free gift. Yet, they seem to believe that somehow we must supply the faith that brings salvation! If we work up, or supply this faith by which we are saved, would not that in fact amount to our producing our own salvation by the very works of supplying this faith?

So notice, briefly! Notice more closely than you did before! "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (that faith) NOT OF YOURSELVES; it (this saving faith) is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8.) The faith that really saves is given to us by God—it is a gift from Him! You don't supply it, or work it up.

Did you ever notice that before?

Well what, then? In Gal. 2:16 Paul explains a man is justified only "by the faith of Jesus Christ." Notice, he does not say, by the man's faith in Jesus Christ—he says by "the faith of Jesus Christ"—which means Christ's faith—the faith HE has and uses—the same faith with which He performed all His miracles—the same faith by which He lived—His faith, placed by a miracle, as a gift direct from God, into the man!

So it is not your faith—not your believing in Him—it is HIS faith placed within you, and thereafter working in you! Faith is not something you generate or work up. You can't supply the kind of faith that saves. God gives it to you, places it within you—it is not a human, but a divine faith! Faith is one of the gifts of God's Spirit—(read I Cor. 12:9.)

So please understand! Salvation is God's gift. You do not, cannot, earn it. God gives it. But—and here is where people become mixed up, and stumble—God will give it only on condition! Yes, there are terms and conditions! God has set these terms, and you can't alter them, and He won't change them!

First, you must REPENT! Secondly, you must believe the gospel—the Message Christ preached—His Message about the coming world-ruling king-dom of God to rule all nations; and you must believe ON Christ, the divine Messenger who brought the Gospel Message! Those two conditions you must supply. That much believing you must do!

But those things you do are not the things that save you. They are merely the two conditions God demands of you, to reconcile you to Him, so He will save you by HIS GRACE.

Paul explains "even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ." (Gal. 2:16.) First, we repent and believe in Christ. That, we do. I do not mean to say for a second that you do not need to believe in Christ—that in some way God will supply the faith that saves you without your accepting Christ as personal Saviour. Oh, no! You must repent and believe in Christ, as a condition, a prerequisite, in ORDER that you may be saved by the faith OF Christ—by His faith placed within you!

Cut Off From GOD

You see, all have sinned. All have gone the way that seems right in human eyes. And our sins have cut us off from God. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." (Isa. 59:2.)

Now salvation—eternal life—comes
from God. But your sins have cut you off from God. The connection is severed. God will not give you His gift of faith by which He also gives you eternal life until you are reconciled to Him.

But He so loved you, that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you so that you need not perish—but, thru Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can give you eternal life!

The penalty of transgressing His law is death. Jesus paid that penalty, thru His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you so that you need not perish—but, thru Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can give you eternal life.

The two conditions of turning from sin, and accepting Christ (including baptism), you must do yourself. That's what you must do. That is not what saves you. It merely reconciles you to God—brings you into contact with God, so that God will then give you His Holy Spirit—and His Spirit is the gift of the faith that saves—and it is also the Spirit of understanding, of knowledge, of the love that fulfills the law, of power, of self-control, of patience, of gentleness, kindness, goodness—of the very nature and very life of God!

**HOW to Be Saved**

Now, finally, just how shall you go about it?

Must you go down the aisle in a church? Must you go to a public altar, and shed tears in front of others, and pray aloud before others?

Being converted is not an initiation into a lodge or secret society! It is not a rite or ceremony! It is a matter of turning FROM the old life that was false, yet may have seemed right to you—of turning to a new and true way of life in Christ Jesus, living by every Word of God, in and by the power of God's Holy Spirit! When you understand the real meaning and the purpose, you'll see that it is something that takes place down deep in your heart and not a matter of the place of the surroundings, or the presence of other people. What Jesus said about confessing, or denying Him before men did not refer to a rite, or ceremonial form of being converted. Being converted is the receiving of the Holy Spirit—the very life of God.

You can, of course, make this full surrender and consecration to God in front of others, at an altar. You can also, make it just as sincerely and fully, in a private room at home, all alone with God! You can pray in church before others and do it sincerely from the heart. Yet Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet (any small room), and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Well, when you come to this turning of the ways from the old life—when you come to the place of making this complete change—this total unconditional surrender to God—this complete consecration, giving your self to Him, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour—turning from your sins, and to God's way of life as you'll find it in the Bible, you'll want to pray! Yes, you'll want to throw yourself completely on God's mercy, and ask Him thru Jesus Christ to forgive you all your past sins and transgressions against Him.

It is not perhaps of great consequence where you do it—whether in a church meeting, or alone with God at home! But the important thing is to do it—and to do it now!—to not delay or put it off, and let the temptation to keep on putting it off finally rob you of your salvation altogether. The longer you put it off the harder it will become. Why it should be difficult to just go and throw yourself on God's mercy, and ask His forgiveness, and give your self to Him, is hard to understand—yet something in the lower nature within you will keep tempting you to put it off. That temptation is not of God, you may be sure.

If you are sick and tired of the empty, fruitless, materialistic life you have been living—if in your heart you do want to turn from it to the full and joyful life filled with God's Spirit, then why delay? Why delay another minute, even? Wherever you are now, go where you can do it—into the privacy of your own room if you are at home—yes, right now!—get down on your knees, make your full surrender to God, give yourself without any reservations to Him—ask Him to forgive—no matter how terrible, or how many have been your sins—He will forgive them all—and accept Jesus Christ as your living Saviour! God will accept you as His! Just unload that burden of your sins upon Him—go and do it now! This is just the start of the real Christian life. Don't look for a certain feeling. It is not a matter of feeling, but repenting and believing. God laid down the terms. Conform to them, now!

Then write and tell me, if you care to, what you have done, and ask me about being baptized as a tour is being planned this summer. A free booklet on baptism will be mailed on your request.

Remember, God promises to forgive all your sins, to give you the gift of His Holy Spirit, and to cleanse you from all sin! Write me and let me help you.