

The Good News

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Here's GOOD NEWS!

What this magazine is, and why. It's Good News, indeed, to all our membership.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

AN IDEA is born! The GOOD NEWS is re-born!

With the turn of the war in Korea world events *speed up* in the chaotic plunge to oblivion! And beginning now, the all-important work of God also must *speed up*! The pace must be accelerated! It must expand now to dynamic WORLD-WIDE activity!

It's later than we think!

When God first started AMBASSADOR COLLEGE many brethren and co-workers lacked faith. They couldn't see God's hand in it. Some felt your pastor's duty was solely to preach the Gospel to the world—not realizing that one man *alone* can't do it all!

They had forgotten that Jesus, Peter and Paul surrounded themselves with specially God-called men whom they trained to assist them in their great mission.

Some said, "Why, there isn't time! It will be four years before the first students graduate, and even then they will still be just kids without actual experience."

Students Now Ready!

But there was, *and still is*, enough time—though there is not a day to lose. The end of this age *can't* come until this very Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached and published in all the world as a witness to all nations (Mat. 24:3, 14).

Our students have been gaining actual experience *during* their college years!

By their fruits we *know* they have been called of God for their important parts in this Great Commission of Christ. They are trained and ready. They are consecrated and Spirit-led.

Already more than one hundred and fifty, brought to repentance and conversion thru this work, have been baptized by these competent disciples (the word "disciple" means "student," or "learner").

It is already ably demonstrated that God made no mistake when He started Ambassador College!

The NEW IDEA

And now, with this issue, A NEW IDEA is born. Thru Ambassador College students The GOOD NEWS is re-born! With this issue, our students launch a new activity in Christ's ministry—and at the same time, a new college activity.

Most of our present readers will not understand. So let me explain.

It was back in February, 1939—twelve years ago—that with only Mrs. Armstrong's help, from a little stuffy inside office without windows or ventilation in Eugene, Oregon, the first issue of The GOOD NEWS was printed.

This new magazine was a paramount need. It was altogether *different* from the PLAIN TRUTH, which had started five years before. The GOOD NEWS was exclusively *for the brethren*—our members—those converted and begotten as children of God thru this work.

The PLAIN TRUTH is evangelistic. It is written largely for those still unconverted, but who, thru the WORLD TOMORROW program, have become interested and want to know more. Before conversion the mind is carnal. And, even though *interested*, the carnal mind is incapable of grasping the deeper truths of God's revealed Word.

The Purpose of the GOOD NEWS

But there was tragic need for a publication *feeding the flock* with the stronger spiritual meat—showing those already begotten by God's Spirit HOW to continue the true Christian lives they have started—bringing these true children of God the inspiration, encouragement in face of trial, test, opposition and persecution they so sorely need—helping them to GROW in grace and the knowledge of our Lord—showing them *how to overcome!*

The burden for this new publication was heavy. Under severe handicaps it was started with enthusiasm. That first issue was printed entirely on our old second-hand mimeograph.

But the commission to "feed my sheep" is second to that Great Commission, "*This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world.*" One man alone could not carry on a campaign of evangelism then expanding from local to national, and conduct a personalized ministry to so many at the same time. And so no other issues of the GOOD NEWS were published—until now, though I did come as close to it as possible by sending out a number of issues of an abbreviated "Good News LETTER."

Fruit of the College

But now, at long last, The GOOD NEWS is re-born, *as one of the fruits of Ambassador College*—one of the EVIDENCES that this college was NECESSARY!

Mrs. Armstrong and I have almost worn ourselves out in constant, zealous, energetic service. We have had more than we could do. God has prospered

the work, and it has far outgrown the poor efforts and abilities of one man with only his wife as a helper. Many phases of this dynamic and constantly expanding work have of necessity been neglected. We *had* to have help.

The very FACT of the resumption of this most necessary publication is proof of the imperative need of Ambassador College!

For the NEW IDEA is simply that, by *combining* this new magazine as the organ of God's CHURCH for its members, and also as the college student paper, its regular publication is now made possible.

The students wanted a regular college paper, recording the news of campus

life, personal incidents, the progress of the college. They needed such a medium for *experience* in article writing. But our twenty-five students is not, as yet, large enough an enrollment to support such a paper.

Then the IDEA flashed hot to my mind—why not *combine* this campus publication with the GOOD NEWS which has weighed so heavily on my mind these twelve years? Why not, in this manner, let the college paper give the students *practical* experience writing articles that will FEED THE FLOCK?

Instantly it occurred to me that all you brethren are intensely interested in the college—that you'd be interested in reading the college news and campus

happenings and thus be brought into closer contact with this institution you're helping support.

Of course! The GOOD NEWS in this way could be re-born! The students could have their paper. It would open up to them a new opportunity for ACTUAL EXPERIENCE in preaching the Gospel *in print* while still in college. It would become a definite part of their college training. And it would provide all our newly converted and baptized brethren, as well as older members, the direly needed help that only this publication can bring you!

THAT'S the NEW IDEA! And so here it is, The GOOD NEWS, at last re-born!

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE *Opened My Eyes!*

Jack R. Elliott, Dean of Men

WHEN I heard that Mr. Armstrong and the students of Ambassador College were preparing to publish a new magazine called *The Good News* I was overjoyed. That it will include articles of benefit to co-workers as well as students seems to me of great importance.

It is not hard for me to remember the time when I was not so closely associated with this work as I am now. A little more than a year ago, my wife and I were in the same position that most of you co-workers are in today. We lived in Texas. The only connection we had with this work of God was through the broadcast over station XEG, and the letters, booklets, and magazines which were sent to us from Mr. Armstrong.

I remember how anxious we were to receive literature from the Radio Church of God and to hear the broadcast every evening. I remember, too, the many disappointments we received—the static occasionally so bad on XEG that we could only hear a few words, other broadcasts which crowded this one off the air, repeat programs, and delays in the Plain Truth, with Co-workers' bulletins continually bringing in bad news of financial difficulties and making urgent requests for more money.

To top it all off Mr. Armstrong was trying to start a college on faith alone, with no cash reserve to back it up. Although I had a college education I could not see, then, that a college was the only answer to the situation. I have learned many other co-workers felt the same way. This, of course, only increased the obstacles in Mr. Armstrong's path.

However, in spite of all the "impossible" barriers it has become plainly evident that it was not Mr. Armstrong,

but God Almighty who had begun Ambassador College. Even though many co-workers were skeptical; God was merely using Mr. Armstrong and them as His instruments.

It was not, in my case, until I was given the opportunity of coming to Pasadena and teaching in this college that I realized the absolute necessity of just such an institution if the work is to continue to grow. Personal contact here as a member of the faculty opened my eyes!

I learned that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were greatly overworked. The reason some of the programs had to be repeated, and the publication delayed, was simply that it was not physically possible for one man and his wife to turn out so much work. The work had entirely outgrown the scope of two people's accomplishments.

True, they had a competent secretarial staff. But now a different kind of help had become imperative—not just any kind of help, but that from God-chosen and called men and women properly trained and well founded in Bible understanding as well as the practical knowledge which would enable them to serve in this great work.

My former belief that the founding of this college was impractical was based on the conception of the kind of college I had attended. But I have found that Ambassador is a different kind of college. More and more, people are beginning to realize this fact. Many complained as I did; and many became discouraged and fell away, criticizing Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong severely for having done God's bidding, and not realizing that in actuality they were criticizing God Himself. (See I Samuel 9:3-8.)

Last summer and the summer before,

students went over most of the United States on baptizing tours. These young men baptized more than one hundred and fifty people, all of whom had, through the influence of the radio program, repented of past sins and are now through Christ living changed lives. Because of the daily programs, articles that had to be written and a multitude of other responsibilities, it was impossible for Mr. Armstrong to make these tours himself. Had it not been for Ambassador College and its Bible students, these people would remain unbaptized today.

The newly converted need more than baptism alone! They need spiritual food continually to nourish them so that they can grow in grace and knowledge and in truth. Most have only the radio programs and the *Plain Truth* magazine to supply their needs, and as they are able to take stronger spiritual food than is given in these a paper or magazine is needed which will bring them these messages.

Here it is, *The Good News*, published by the Radio Church of God and the Ambassador College students. In it you will find excellent articles touching on the many phases of the Christian life, as well as those on college and student activity.

It is my sincere hope that every one of you may come to know and appreciate our college a little better through this publication, and that some day you may have the opportunity of meeting some of our fine young men and women, for their hearts are truly in God's work and just as a man is known by his fruits, so we know by theirs that they have been called to serve the Eternal in getting out His gospel, or "Good News," to all the world.

How to be an OVERCOMER

WHY are we not more successful in living up to God's standard? WHY do we slip and fall occasionally?

Here is how YOU can overcome where you are weakest and hardest tempted!!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Why We Stumble and Fall

DO YOU have some "besetting sin"—some point of weakness, perhaps secret, you have been unable to overcome?

Have *you* ever met temptation, struggled with it, only to wake up a little later to the remorseful fact that you had slipped, and failed to overcome?

Or perhaps you are struggling with some habit that holds you as its slave—struggling, wrestling, always fighting it, yet somehow never able to conquer it.

Only the Overcomers

These things are serious. We *must* overcome these sins, these habits, these sudden temptations,—be cleansed of them thoroughly—if we expect to get thru to the Kingdom and inherit eternal life.

"To him that OVERCOMETH," says Jesus, "will I grant to sit with me in my throne."

"He that OVERCOMETH, and keepeth my works unto the end, to HIM will I give power over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21.)

Not all are even called, now. Many, tho they may have *heard* the true message, have never received a conscious convicting KNOWLEDGE of the truth. This is not the time when God is calling them.

But God is now calling SOME to a life of separation—to a new and different and Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life—in order that they may be wholly CLEANSED of sin, and that they may GROW in grace and knowledge, thus being prepared, trained, fitted for a position of solemn responsibility—that of king or priest—in God's KINGDOM! And it is *only* those who qualify by the training, the overcoming, the spiritual development and growth, DURING THIS PRESENT LIFE, who shall thus reign with Christ. Study the parable of the pounds, in Luke 19:11-27.

So the Christian life is a new and a different life; an OVERCOMING life. Sin must be torn out, root and branch. We must be made righteous, holy.

Why, then, do so many of us continually stumble and fall? Yes, even those who do strive, struggle, and even PRAY, and PRAY for help, for victory, over some vicious habit? WHY?

First, notice a portion of Paul's instruction to the Philippians.

"And be found of Him, not having mine OWN righteousness, which is of the law, but *that which is through the faith of Christ*, the righteousness WHICH IS OF GOD *by faith*." (Phil. 3:9).

Notice, it is not OUR righteousness, but GOD'S.

David was inspired to write: "All thy Commandments are righteousness." (Ps. 119:172). Yes, and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13:8).

The Kind of Love Required

Right here is one trouble. Too many Commandment-keepers are struggling along, trying to keep the Commandments in their own power and strength—thinking it is THEIR own personal human love that fulfills the Law!

Too many "Commandment-keepers" have only been converted to the ARGUMENT of keeping God's Commandments, and have never really EXPERIENCED definite salvation—for a real conversion is a DEFINITE EXPERIENCE! Such people need to go to a private place, alone with God, and get to their knees, and pour out their hearts to God, and stay with it until they really KNOW they are converted by GOD'S POWER, and have received His blessed Holy Spirit!

No wonder so many become continually discouraged, and feel like giving up!

We do not even HAVE the kind of love that fulfills God's law and makes us righteous! LOVE is of God, for God IS love! And it takes "the love of God, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost," (Rom. 5:5) to fulfill the law, make us Commandment-keepers, and give us GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). We are carnal. It takes a SPIRITUAL love to fulfill a spiritual law. The Holy Spirit within us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION! And since God alone can supply the LOVE that makes us righteousness, it becomes GOD'S righteousness, not ours.

How to Get Faith

But how do we receive this LOVE? Note again the Scripture quoted above: "... the righteousness which is of God BY FAITH."

It comes, then, by FAITH. Now most people seem to believe that the FAITH, by which we must receive everything God gives us, is something that we, ourselves, must work up and supply, by some kind of hard effort. And it does become *such an effort*, doesn't it, trying to strive to have FAITH?

Foolish babes in Christ! Can't we see that if WE were able to supply the faith which brings all else that we, ourselves, would earn our own salvation by WORKS? It would be the kind of righteousness that is only FILTHY RAGS to God!

Stop trying to work up faith. YOU have no faith. The Scripture above speaks only of "THE FAITH OF CHRIST!" Not *your* faith—CHRIST'S faith. Jesus had REAL FAITH! He performed miracles! And he rose from the dead—and HE LIVES.

Here is the secret! He gives—He imparts—HIS strong faith to you and to me! Yes, even FAITH is a gift of God—one of the spiritual GIFTS (Eph. 2:8; and I Cor. 12:9.)

Then how shall we go about getting more of it? By yielding, submitting our desires, our purposes, our wills, to HIM, by ASKING Him in real earnest persevering prayer, and by trusting Him to give it!

Why We Have Not Been Delivered

God's Word promises: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; *but will, with the temptation*, also MAKE A WAY OF

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ESCAPE, that ye may be able to bear it." (I Cor. 10:13).

But has it not often seemed, in your experience, that God has failed to keep this promise? Temptation has come. You have struggled, even prayed, yet you were overpowered, and you did not find the way of escape! Then what is wrong?

Jesus said "I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you." "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." God's Word promises, "Sin shall NOT have dominion over you." Yet have you not found that sin has had DOMINION over you, holding you its slave? Have you not fought it desperately, even with tears streaming down your face—only to fail?

How to Apply and Use Faith

WHY? What is wrong? Simply that we have not known how to receive, apply, and use the FAITH God promises to give!

First, there is something WE must do. Some go to one extreme and try to do it all. Others swing to the opposite extreme, plead with God, make little effort themselves, and expect Him to do it all.

James says "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jas. 4:7).

Submit! Resist! This takes effort.

Peter says to humble ourselves, cast-

ing ALL our care upon the Lord, and to be sober and VIGILANT; because the devil is walking about, watching for the chance to tempt us when we are off our guard: "whom RESIST, steadfast in the faith." (I Pet. 5: 6-9). We are to resist Satan, and do it in the faith of Christ—but HOW?

The key to it all is "BE VIGILANT." Be on your guard! Be ever watchful! Be prepared! That's where we fall down! It takes constant, continuous, vigilant effort, never letting down!

Unless we, ourselves, had to put forth some effort we could not be OVERCOMERS! But if we had power to do it all, we should not need God! So it requires our effort—our continuous, watchful, ever VIGILANT effort—*empowered by GOD'S SPIRIT!*

James continues: "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh unto you." (Jas. 4:8). Now we are getting closer to our answer! When temptation comes, we ARE TOO FAR FROM GOD—and we are then unable, SUDDENLY, on the spur of the moment to get close enough to Him to get the help and the deliverance we need!

It sometimes takes TIME to get CLOSE to God—into that intimate contact with Him so that we can draw on Him for the power we suddenly need!

In other words, when temptation unexpectedly has come, we have found ourselves caught off guard—out of prayer—

out of contact with God—OUT OF SPIRITUAL TRAINING!

You were entering a CONTEST with Satan. You tried to wrestle with him, but you were OUT OF TRAINING, out of spiritual condition.

Suppose a prize-fighter would suddenly find himself, untrained and unprepared, in the ring in a contest with Joe Louis! Do you think any living man could win? How much STRONGER is Satan, by comparison! No wonder we fail! Could such a fighter, who had been dissipating, carousing, weakening himself physically, SUDDENLY summon enough strength and skill to conquer Joe Louis? Could a mile runner run a successful race, and win, unless he trains, and trains, and prepares himself carefully for the race—unless he is IN CONDITION when it comes?

We can no more win these SPIRITUAL battles when out of SPIRITUAL training. All spiritual power and strength must come from God. We can drink it in from Him, only when we are IN CONTACT with Him—close to Him—in communion with Him!

And, when the temptations suddenly assail you, no matter how hard you then try, or cry out to God for help, you are simply TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIM to get help!

Spiritual training, to get and KEEP in constant vigilant condition to meet the foe of temptation and sin requires *continuous, earnest, persistent PRAYER!* That is why we are commanded so often to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! To KEEP IT UP!

If we draw nigh to God, and then KEEP close to Him, our problem will be solved. We will then have the FAITH. We will then be continually FILLED with His Spirit—His power to overcome.

We can keep in spiritual training only if we keep our affections—our minds—our thoughts—on SPIRITUAL things. Read Col. 3:1-10. Most of us keep our minds filled with earthly, material cares and interests, turning to the spiritual only occasionally! Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Sometimes it takes a siege of FASTING AND PRAYER—earnest, *determined, persevering prayer*—seeking God with all our might—with weeping—staying with it, DETERMINED, until we get thru. Then we must keep in CONTINUOUS prayer. Cast ALL our cares upon HIM. We are not doing that. If you do, there will be many things a day to pray about! And it takes daily PRIVATE prayer, in real earnest, besides family or public prayer. Is eternal life WORTH IT?

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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ARE GOOD MANNERS *GOOD*?

by Herman Hoeb

ETIQUETTE—what's that?—the way snobbish high society acts? That's what the average person thinks.

Is genuine etiquette, or good manners, wrong? Do we need it?

Like almost everything, from money to liquor, man has put the materials around him to evil uses. So it is with courtesy or etiquette. The fashionable often misuse what God intended to be for a very noble end.

It will probably come as a surprise to most of you to know just how often the Bible speaks of right etiquette and good manners—courtesy. Culture has unnecessarily been given a narrow application. But the true meaning of courtesy, as divinely intended, and as the soundest human minds have seen it, is broad and useful in the entire field of human relations.

It is this **OVERLOOKED PURPOSE** of etiquette in cultural training that is **STRESSED** in Scripture, and according to the wisdom of God, is being instilled into the students at Ambassador College. Because of the Biblical teaching on this question everyone should have the subject clarified. Right principles of good conduct—etiquette—should be practiced by every Christian.

IT IS ONE OF THE MANIFOLD WAYS IN WHICH GOD'S LAW IS FULFILLED!

What Is the Aim of Good Manners?

The right purpose of etiquette is to create a kindly interest in and a loving consideration for others—just another method of saying: love your neighbor. The popular, arbitrary rules of etiquette are decidedly secondary to this very basic purpose. All they can do is add finesse to culture in the same manner as money adds joy to spiritual understanding.

Without the basis for culture—courtesy and consideration for the other fellow—etiquette is a set of **MEANINGLESS RULES**, hanging like a sword over every gathering and over every meal. But complete understanding of social rules does add to the **ALREADY PRESENT CHARACTER WE MUST FIRST POSSESS**.

The knowledge that God stresses good manners should inspire each of us to make a diligent search to see how **WE CAN IMPROVE OURSELVES AND COPY THE LIFE OF JESUS AS AN EXAMPLE IN COURTESY**.

The most important point in etiquette is to "be courteous." Sounds like a Biblical phrase, doesn't it? It is. Peter said it long before any of our modern social writers, in I Peter 3:8.

Courtesy is magnified in almost every book of the Bible. The one which we may need to consider most often is stated in Proverbs 25:17. "Withdraw your foot from your neighbor's house, lest he be weary of you, and so hate you."

The greatest courtesy we show our friends and neighbors by so doing is to gladden their hearts instead of making ourselves disrespected. To smile and to say a good word without being a bore is good manners, good breeding, and well pleasing to God. Pro. 12:25. It permits us to "sell" people on the truth of God by the excellent character we exhibit.

Another Courteous Requirement

Courtesy in etiquette is deemed so important by God, that He had it written into the law of Moses for *our ADMONITION TODAY*. "You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man." Lev. 19:32.

This principle is magnified by varying rules established by custom, both in Scripture and out, which we should follow in so far as they do not involve respect of persons. It is proper to rise before women and dignitaries. These basic principles every servant of God should seek to have inculcated.

The students at College are being taught them so they may set the very best example of manliness and womanhood possible, no matter what the situation. To follow good custom is an ordinance of God so that we may have the favor of unbelieving and contradictory men. We are never to appear unnecessarily eccentric or out-of-place.

Friendship

An excellent book on etiquette points out that good manners are "methods of making and keeping friends." Human nature being so perverse, many who want to accomplish the will of the Creator either seek to follow after the friendship of the world or tend to run with fear to seclusion.

What is the Biblical teaching on the maintenance of friendships?

Here Is Your Answer

No true servant of the Ever Living God is to be a part of the endless round

of society with its banquetings and vain conversations. I Peter 4:3, 4.

But because we **ARE COMMANDED TO BE SEPARATE FROM WORLDLY SOCIAL INTERCOURSE**, does that cut off all friendship entirely? No. Paul shows in I Cor. 5:9, 10, that of necessity there will be some worldly relationships.

But we must not become an active **PART OF THEM**; we only **HAVE CONTACT WITH THEM**. By noticing your Bible carefully you will find many statements that the world in that day regarded Jesus as a **FRIEND** of tax collectors and "sinners." Certainly Jesus had many friends, but He was not deceived or led away by any. Nor did He participate in their worldly interests.

And the Scripture shows us how we may have many friendly relations with our fellow human beings for **THEIR BENEFIT**—"A MAN THAT HAS FRIENDS, MUST SHOW HIMSELF FRIENDLY." Pro. 18:24. Unless we are friendly with others, we are not setting them a good example.

Etiquette Condemns Wrong Conduct

Many are the commands that help us to avoid the pitfalls causing broken friendships. Even proper etiquette denounces a **WHISPERER OF TALES OR A GOSSIP WHO SEPARATES THE BEST OF FRIENDS**. Pro. 16:28; 17:9.

At no time should contentions or arguments be indulged in. **STOP THEM BEFORE THEY PROCEED FURTHER!** God doesn't waste His time arguing with His adversaries, so why should we? See Proverbs 17:14 for advice on the conduct of our conversation.

Some Difficult Rules

One of the hardest rules of propriety to obey is this: maintain the correct attitudes of heart even when surrounded by envious gossips. Peter said in a verse quoted before that there **WOULD BE SOME** who "think it strange that you do not run with them in the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." To be **CONSIDERATE, PATIENT AND FOREBEARING, IS THE MARK OF A CULTURED GENTLEMAN OR LADY, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE ACCUSED FALSELY**. But we should act thus at all times. The social graciousness overlooks the errors or hostile attitudes of friends or enemies.

Therefore the **CHARACTER OF GOD WHICH WE SHOULD AC-**

QUIRE IS ONE IN WHICH WE SHOULD MAKE ANYONE FEEL AT EASE AND COMFORTABLE.

Too many people take words such as *kindness, long-suffering, forgiving*, as mere platitudes but neglect the real purpose they serve in human conduct. God intended us to be socially at ease and gracious by **GIVING US THESE PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE OUR SOCIAL CONTACTS.**

Those Awkward Situations

On past occasions most of us have found ourselves in some awkward social situation because we did not know the appropriate conduct we should have followed. Perhaps we lacked poise in overcoming the obvious mental and physical peculiarities we expressed.

But, because we are to express God's character to the world in our lives, it certainly behooves us to be prepared for these situations by **STUDY AND BY PRACTICE.**

How many of you brethren realize that one of the reasons for the selection of Daniel and his friends as prophets of God was that they had "ability in them to stand in the King's palace"? Dan. 1:4. Those men knew how to handle themselves even before royalty.

And we can learn proper conduct, too; although we meet only the "average"

man. It takes study and diligent application of ourselves to overcome handicaps and then to forget past errors once we have mastered them. Phil. 3:13. As usual, the best and only sure way to achieve mastery is **THROUGH EXPERIENCE.**

THAT IS THE REASON GOD WANTS US TRAINED IN THE ART OF HOSPITALITY. "Entertain strangers" and "give yourselves to hospitality" are a few of the admonitions. Ro. 12:13; I Peter 4:9. This practice we too often neglect also helps us to do good without grudging—another mark of a gracious person.

In Luke 14:12, Jesus gives us an example showing whom to invite for a festive occasion *that may be within our financial power to give*: the poor, maimed, crippled and blind. These can **NOT** recompense us. Other verses tell us to care for the brethren, too.

The Principle of Hospitality

The joys of hospitality toward others become apparent when we recognize that the annual **HOLY DAYS GOD REVEALED TO HIS PEOPLE ALL ARE BASED ON REJOICING WITH OUR BRETHREN OVER THE BOUNTY GIVEN US FROM THE EARTH.**

We all have missed much if we have neglected to follow the rule of hos-

pitality. It is just another way of "preaching" to outsiders the wonderful **ABUNDANT** way of life that will result from obedience to the laws of God.

A Summation

A paraphrase of these verses can be found in a saying of etiquette concerning good manners: Ask people into your home and share your joys and material goods with them or both your character and that of the stranger will be pitifully lonely.

Just as children indicate the understanding of their parents by the training they exhibit, let us all realize that we, as the offspring of God Himself, exhibit every day *His* character by our poise and conduct.

Just as the students in Ambassador College are learning the true meaning of social graciousness and consideration, so each of you, too, in the church can be learning these joyous commands **BY DOING** to others as you would have them do to you.

For those who may find it impossible to obtain enough information on right customs not found in the Bible, but which are applications of it, perhaps some of those questions can be answered specifically later. Your questions are invited.

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Graduate School of Theology

by Herbert W. Armstrong

A MOST important milestone in the growth and history of Ambassador College is being passed.

The Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology is being inaugurated with the first graduation in June, when A.B. degrees will be conferred upon pioneer students.

With the graduate school in actual operation, the academic program of Ambassador College becomes complete. While the college itself is a Liberal Arts institution, every student majors in the required course in Bible and Theology, which is pre-requisite to work in the graduate School of Theology.

Degrees Offered

The graduate School will be the full three-year course, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. This degree is

the equivalent in religion of a doctor's degree in philosophy or in education. However, the entire three years' work will be condensed into a period of two years and three months. Starting immediately after graduation from the college, the graduate work will be pursued the full twelve months of each year instead of the customary nine months' terms.

For successful completion of the first nine months' work, with a grade of "C" or better, upon acceptance of thesis, the degree of Master of Arts in Theology will be conferred.

The Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology is, in many respects, different from any similar institution, just as the undergraduate college is different. Requirements will be rigid. Standards will be maintained at highest levels. But most of the study and re-

search will be done while out in actual field experience.

Two-thirds of this twenty-seven months' period will be spent in the actual ministry in various parts of the United States. One-third of the work will be in residence on the campus in Pasadena, and in class-room instruction. Thus our graduate students will be actively serving in the ministry, and at the same time acquiring actual experience, instead of classroom theory only.

Upon successful completion of the graduate school, if the fruits borne in the actual evangelistic efforts show that God Himself has chosen and used the student as His minister in the conversion of souls, the healing of the sick, the able and wise counselling in affecting changed lives in those ministered to, then these men will be given full ordina-

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ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are three articles written by students on student activities. The purpose of this entire section will be to give you the story of our jam-packed lives on the campus. We hope you won't mind if we occasionally poke a little fun at ourselves—striving human beings are always funny—and no matter how serious minded, our frailties wink. (We don't think there is anyone here who will claim to be the acme of perfection.) —thanks! Criticism and suggestions welcomed

The Campus Editor

Mayfair—Second Floor

by *Bobbie Jo Carter*

"Oh hum, what time is it?" And cautiously opening an eye, one of the girls peeps at the clock.

"It's 6:00 A.M. Guess I'll go back to sleep."

So turning over she sleeps and once again all is quiet on second floor Mayfair.

"Oh! Look at the time. It's 6:45 and breakfast is at 7:00. We'll never make it."

"Hey girls, it's time to tumble out. We've just fifteen minutes to dress to be on time for breakfast. We had better hurry for you know what the rules are for being late!"

So one by one we all open our eyes, and then with a long sigh and a big stretch, we leap out of bed giving a weak but cheery "good morning." Then comes the scramble for the bathroom—but *no*, each girl takes her turn. While one washes her face and hands, the other girls are getting dressed, doing some early morning exercises, or occasionally running across the hall to see if the girls in one of the other rooms have arisen.

Buzz zz zz!—that's the bell announcing breakfast.

A few seconds after seven, we run down stairs, skid to a stop, and after a pause gracefully enter the dining room—that is, all but one or two girls who didn't quite make it. After we are seated and have our eyes open, we are able leisurely to enjoy our appetizing meal. After eating, we clear the tables and help with the dishes.

Now back to our rooms to make our beds and to hang up our clothes! When we have finished these little jobs, we are able to settle down to study for our first class, which is at 9:00 A.M. for the most of us. Once or twice during the day we come back to our rooms for study so we won't be disturbed. After the last class of the day most of us work either at the office or in Mayfair.

At lunch and dinner, we act as host-

esses and waitresses to give us the necessary dining room etiquette. Dinner is usually served at 6:00 P.M. We try to appear more dressed for this meal.

With the dishes once more put away after dinner, we go to our rooms. For a while we talk and chuckle about the day's happenings. A little later we do our twice daily exercises. You should see some of the contortions we get ourselves into: feet in the air, hands circling, bodies over the floor. These exercises were recently added to our routine, so they are rather predominant in our minds at this time. After we have had our fun, we calmly relapse—to our studies.

About 9:00 P.M. is a rather important hour in our lives. It's almost time for bed (lights out at 10:00) and baths have to be taken, straggly hair must be pinned up, and—you guessed it—we're sleepy and tired. The old saying "first come, first serve" still holds true on second floor, so you can see what happens to the last occupant of the bathroom with lights to be out at ten.—ha! Sometimes we say "goodnight" slightly late, but tomorrow is another day and life marches on at Mayfair, second floor!

Report on Our Eating Customs

by *George Meeker*

The center and glowing heart of Mayfair, the student residence of Ambassador College, is the dining room.

A marked change has occurred there in the past two months. Certain etiquette rules have been put into effect to impress upon the students the importance of cultural training. At first some of us did not think too well of the idea. We thought it would be stiff and formal; but we came to find that all meals are now conducted in a more orderly manner with less confusion.

Before the etiquette rules were introduced, everyone would file into the kitchen in the most orderly way possible

and back into the dining room to the table. Then, after the meal had begun, anyone wishing a second helping would leave the table and wander to the kitchen. That was one way of doing it; now we have a better procedure.

There are three waiters appointed each week to wait on the tables. That gives the appearance of a well-organized dinner hour. Incidentally, it tastes just as good—perhaps better. A host and hostess are appointed for each table to see that anyone wishing second helpings is served. When such a wish arises, a little bell is rung to attract the servers' attention. Thus there are not more than three up at a time.

At the first of the year we had to eat in a little two by four room in the Mayfair basement. Down there we had a "gay old time" nearly sitting on each others' laps, feeding each other, inadvertently kicking another's shins. Under these awkward conditions where no etiquette could be used the bars were let down. We were not impolite or rude, but we couldn't ask guests to dine as there was not even room for us.

The Faculty Reception

by *Betty Bates*

The reception in honor of the faculty of Ambassador College, given by the student body, was held Thursday evening, November 30, in the beautifully decorated Library of the main college building. Outside the lights of the lower garden gave an illuminated view of all the grounds.

The guests began to arrive about eight o'clock in the evening. They were cordially welcomed by a receiving committee; namely, Dick Armstrong, Betty Bates, and Wayne Cole. The faculty members formed the receiving line at about eight-fifteen; the guests and students were introduced to Raymond Cole, president of the student body, who then introduced each group to the members of the faculty. Immediately after going through the line, the guests were shown

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Graduate School of Theology

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tion into the ministry of Jesus Christ, and granted full credentials with authority to perform all the duties of a minister, by the Radio Church of God.

Outline of Course of Study

Feeling it will prove both interesting and enlightening to our membership to know just what is being taught, both in the college and the graduate school, we give you here the complete outline of Courses of Study.

The Undergraduate Course

Freshman Year, CHURCH HISTORY: 1st Semester, The Four Gospels completely read and thoroughly discussed, with emphasis on the Virgin Birth, the Life and Ministry of Jesus, the Purpose of His Presence, His Message, His calling and training of the Disciples, His preparation for the founding and development of the Church, His Death and Resurrection and their meaning. 2nd Semester, Church History as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, completely read and discussed; the period from 67 A.D. to Constantine; from 4th century to Protestant movement; from Luther to present; a comparison of modern organized Christianity with the apostolic Church.

Sophomore Year, SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY: 1st Semester, The Doctrine of GOD. A general study of differences between the theory of evolution and the biblical revelation of Creation. Proofs, scientific and otherwise, of the existence of the Creator; Biblical revelation of the nature and attributes of God; pre-existence and nature of Christ. 2nd Semester, the Doctrine of Satan: Pre-Adamic creation; origin and nature of Satan and demons, and of angels; the government of Satan, its purpose and duration in God's Plan, his power and limitations. The Doctrine of Man: Creation and Nature of man—what man is. The doctrine of the immortality of the soul and its origin; composition and destination of the soul.

Junior Year, BIBLE: All about the Bible—its inspiration, writers, languages, original manuscripts, copies, translations; its history, prophecy and science; its so-called contradictions. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY: The Doctrine of Salvation; the purpose of human existence; the doctrine of the "fall of man;" the spiritual creation and re-birth. Second Semester, the Gospel of Jesus: a survey of the different gospels preached in organized Christianity today; a comprehensive study of the Kingdom of God, what it is, its purpose,

nature, time, place, and conditions of entrance into.

Senior Year, SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY: 1st Semester, the Doctrines of Hell, the intermediate state, the Resurrection, the Rapture theory, the Millennium, the Judgment, the New Heaven and the New Earth. 2nd Semester, Doctrines of Law and Grace, of Sin, the Holy Spirit, Practical Christian Living, and other doctrines. PRACTICAL THEOLOGY: Preliminary Homiletics—the principles of preparation and delivery of sermons.

You will notice that much of that ordinarily taught in theological seminaries and graduate schools, is taught in the undergraduate school in Ambassador College, so that two-thirds of the period of graduate study may be devoted to actual experience in local pastorates and in evangelistic work.

The Graduate School of Theology

OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW AND NEW TESTAMENT GREEK: A general course in the basic principles of these languages, their peculiarities and grammar. This course is not designed to impart knowledge for fluent speaking or writing of these languages, but knowledge and practice in the use of lexicons, commentaries, exhaustive concordances, Bible dictionaries, religious encyclopedias, etc., in the study of authoritative comment, analysis and opinion respecting translation and interpretation of any given Hebrew or Greek word or phrase in any doubtful passage. Credit, two hours. Professor of this course to be announced.

ADVANCED CHURCH HISTORY: A more critical study and research into periods of change in doctrines and practice in the western church. Credit, two hours. Mr. Armstrong.

BIBLICAL PROPHECY: A systematic and comprehensive study of Bible prophecy, as revealed in and connected with the Gospel. Outline of prophecy in Daniel and Revelation, with complete survey of "fill-in" of this prophetic framework by (a) the "major" prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; and (b) the "minor" prophets; and (c) the Pentateuch and historic books. Credit, six hours. Mr. Armstrong.

ADVANCED THEOLOGY: Philosophy of Religion, with survey of competing religious philosophies of the western world: Roman Catholicism, Greek Catholicism, Protestant Fundamentalism, Modernism, Agnosticism, Humanism, the religion of Modern Science. Survey of religions of the world: Buddhism, Confucianism, Hindooism, Shintoism, Taoism, Mohammedanism, etc. Credit two hours. Mr. Armstrong.

Apologetics: A study and discussion

of various lines of attack against the supernaturalism of divine revelation. Credit, two hours. Mr. Armstrong.

THE CHEMISTRY OF THE BIBLE: The principles of chemistry as related to the mortal soul and its conversion to immortality. Laboratory work included. Credit two hours. Dr. Carlos B. Warner.

ADVANCED PUBLIC SPEAKING: Classroom instruction and practice in preaching and evangelism.

Radio-studio work: Instruction and recording to develop skill in delivering address or sermon over radio or television. Students attaining proficiency will appear "live" on the air, coast to coast, on "The World Tomorrow" program. Credit, two hours each semester. Prof. Walker.

THEOLOGICAL JOURNALISM: Principles and practice of writing magazine articles and pamphlets on biblical subjects. All work of sufficient merit will be published in one of the national magazines, the "PLAIN TRUTH," or "THE GOOD NEWS," or printed in pamphlet form and made available to the nationwide radio audiences of "THE WORLD TOMORROW" program. Credit, two hours each semester. Mr. Armstrong.

THEO-THERAPEUTICS: A systematic study of Old Testament and New Testament teaching and instruction in physical HEALING, with a study of CAUSES of sickness and disease, together with physical laws of health. Credit, two hours. Dr. Merrill.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY: *Homiletics*: Preparation and delivery of sermons. Study and discussion of various texts. Study and discussion of selected sermons by famous preachers. *Pastoral Administration*: A study of the basic principles of theologic administration. Actual field experience in assuming duties and responsibilities as pastor of one or more of our local churches for a duration of not less than three months in each pastorate. *Applied Evangelism*: Theory of evangelistic practice. A comprehensive study of selected outstanding evangelists. Actual field experience (1) speaking three successive nights in one city, covering two cities a week, baptizing and counselling with candidates brought to Christ through WORLD TOMORROW program, and (2) holding an extended evangelistic campaign, speaking six nights a week for a duration of four to eight weeks in one city. Teams of two or more will work together in these campaigns. Credit, three hours each semester. Mr. Armstrong.

THESIS WRITING: Methods of writing a thesis. Upon acceptance of thesis, credit two hours. Also the conferring of the degree, Bachelor of Divinity (D.B.), with appropriate ceremony.

Pagan Holidays—or God's Holydays — Which?

Where did CHRISTMAS come from? How did NEW YEAR'S Day celebration start? How did we come to observe EASTER? What is the true origin of Hallowe'en, St. Valentine's Day, and other so-called "Christian" holidays? Where did we get SUNDAY?

IN THE seventh chapter of the Book of Daniel is an amazing prophecy picturing for twenty-five hundred years into the future from the day it was written the course of the Gentile dominion over the world.

Starting with the ancient Chaldean Empire of Nebuchadnezzar, this prophecy foretells the successive world-rule of the Persian Empire, Alexander's Greco-Macedonian kingdom with its four divisions, and, finally, of the mighty ROMAN EMPIRE. Out of the original Roman Empire, 31 B.C. to 476 A.D., symbolized by ten "horns" growing out of the head of a "beast," are pictured the ten divisions of the Roman Empire that have carried from 476 down to the present, and are scheduled to continue until the Coming of Christ.

Among these ten kingdoms which ruled the Western world from 476 to the present, appeared another "little horn," whose "look was more stout than his fellows." In other words, another government, actually smaller, yet dominating over all the others. Students of the prophecy recognize this "little horn" as the PAPACY of the Roman Catholic Church. And in the 25th verse of this prophecy, it is stated that the Papacy shall "*think to change TIMES and LAWS.*"

How TIME Was Changed

This same power is revealed again in the 17th chapter of Revelation, symbolized as a GREAT WHORE, ruling over the kings and kingdoms of the earth, persecuting the true saints. In verse 2 it says the inhabitants of the earth have been made DRUNK with her false doctrines. She has perverted the Law of God. She has changed the TIMES. In Rev. 18:2, it is stated ALL nations have been deceived by her false teachings.

In every possible manner, she has changed TIME!

God begins the days at sunset, but she has changed it so the world now begins the day in the middle of the night by a man-made watch.

God begins the week with the ending of the true Sabbath, the seventh day of

the week, but the papacy has forced the world to begin the working week in the middle of the night, the second day of the week.

God begins the months with the new moons, but this "little horn" has induced the world to begin the months according to a clumsy man-made calendar of heathen origin.

God begins the year in the early Spring, when new life is budding in nature everywhere, but Rome has caused the world to begin the year in the middle of the dead winter.

God gave His children a true rest-day, designed to keep them continually in the knowledge and true worship of the true God—a memorial of God's Creation—the seventh day of the week. But Rome has fastened upon a deluded world the observance of the day on which the Pagans worshipped the Sun, the first day of the week, called SUNDAY.

Church Holidays Are PAGAN!

Rome also has chained upon a heedless and deceived world certain annual holidays—Christmas, New Year's, St. Valentine's Day, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, etc., etc.—every one a PAGAN day—every one used to stimulate the sale of merchandise in the commercial markets. Upon honest investigation, the earnest seeker after TRUTH learns that *these days are all of heathen origin and pagan significance.* He learns that he can have no part in them.

But is the Christian of today left without any annual HOLYDAYS? Did God never give to His people annual HOLYDAYS, as well as the weekly Sabbath? Are not Rome's ANNUAL holidays mere counterfeits of God's TRUE holydays, exactly as Sunday is a counterfeit of the true Sabbath, Mary as mediatrix a counterfeit of Christ as mediator, sprinkling a counterfeit of immersion, etc., etc.?

Banishing Prejudice

Let us honestly open our Bibles, and prayerfully INVESTIGATE. We are told to STUDY—not to argue—not to refute—but to show OURSELVES APPROVED UNTO GOD. To learn God's

will. We are commanded, as Christians, to GROW in knowledge, as well as in grace (II Peter 3:18). All Scripture is by inspiration of God and is profitable to CORRECT and to REPROVE us, where we have, through assumption, false teaching, or prejudice, been in error.

Just as this Sunday-observing world supposes, through tradition, denominational teaching, or prejudice, that Sunday is the proper day of rest—that the Sabbath was either changed or done away so WE have SUPPOSED that all the annual Sabbaths and feast days of Israel were done away. And yet Church History shows that the early true Church did, for more than four hundred long years, at least—perhaps much longer—after Christ's resurrection, continue to keep and observe these annual Holy days given by GOD!

And just as the Sunday-observer is inclined to look, at first, upon any argument for the WEEKLY Sabbath with prejudice—as a heresy—and to examine every argument only in an attitude of attempting to refute it, so it will be only human—only NATURAL for us, if we are not on our guard against it, to look upon any presentation of these annual Sabbaths in the same spirit of prejudice.

Just as the Sunday-observer thinks up some objection to refute every argument, which objection we are thoroughly able to explain later in our presentation—and thus fails to really get a single point as he goes along—so will we be naturally inclined to fall into the same snare, unless we are constantly and PRAYERFULLY on our guard, and careful to be led wholly by God's HOLY SPIRIT—and not by our natural carnal minds.

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." (Prov. 18:13.)

Let us, therefore, in willing submission to God, to His will, with yielded hearts free from prejudice, with OPEN minds desiring TRUTH more than our own way, TREMBLING before the sacred and holy WORD OF GOD, ask God humbly for the direction of His

Holy Spirit. And in this prayerful, submissive, willing, yet careful and cautious attitude, STUDY this question, PROVING ALL THINGS.

Study This Twice

Let us warn, too, that certain objections will be sure to come to the mind—all of which, in all probability, will be dealt with and explained later on. But, unless the reader is careful to guard against it, the mere presence of this objection in his mind will, to him, overthrow each point as it is presented—and then, when the objections are later explained, the points made will not come back to the mind, unless the whole exposition of the subject is carefully studied again from the first.

And in each case, the objection *will be one of the very arguments used by Sunday preachers in attempting to overthrow the truth of the WEEKLY SABBATH!* For the weekly Sabbath and the annual Sabbaths stand or fall together. The arguments that will be used against the annual Sabbaths will be the identical arguments used to overthrow the Sabbath—and if these arguments hold, then they ABOLISH THE WEEKLY SABBATH!

Such arguments as "The annual Sabbaths are part of the law of Moses"; or "they offered sacrifices on the annual Sabbaths"; or "Col. 2:16 does away with the annual Sabbaths," will not hold water, and if they do, then THE WEEKLY SABBATH IS GONE, too!

For the annual Sabbaths were NOT part of the law of Moses, but were observed long before the law of Moses. Sacrifices were offered on the weekly sabbath, but we do not contend that this does away with the Sabbath. Col. 2:16 refers, nor AIONE to the annual sabbaths, but to the annual days, the monthly new moons, AND the weekly SABBATH. If it does away with the one, it also abolishes the other. We merely request the reader to keep an open mind, and carefully and prayerfully STUDY each of these points before answering the matter. Prejudice is a positive barrier to the entrance of TRUTH to the mind. God's Word is profitable to CORRECT, where we have been in error. Let us REJOICE in receiving Truth, and let us cast error from us as we would a vile serpent!

The O.T. Church

When did the true CHURCH begin? Many have supposed on the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D.

But in Acts 7:38 we learn that the congregation of Israel was called the CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS, in the days of Moses.

The English word "congregation" used throughout the O.T. is only another

rendering, having the same identical meaning, as the word "CHURCH" in the N.T. In the Septuagint, the word translated "congregation" in the O.T. is "ecclesia," the same identical Greek word that is always translated CHURCH in the N.T.

Israel was both Church and STATE. As a KINGDOM, it was for years ruled by a system of JUDGES, over 50s, 100s, thousands, etc., later having a king. But as a congregation, or church, Israel was organized with a leader—Moses, Joshua, etc.—and the priests of the tribe of Levi. The law of Moses contained those ritualistic or ceremonial laws which were ADDED because of transgressions to the Ten Commandments until Christ, to teach and instil into them the HABIT of obedience. These consisted of meat and drink offerings, divers washings, carnal ordinances. Also they had the SACRIFICES, as a substitute of the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

Prior to Law of Moses

In the 12th chapter of Exodus, while the Children of Israel were still in Egypt—long before any of the Law of Moses had been given—prior to the time when God revealed to Moses and the Israelites He would make the Old Covenant with them—we find God's annual holidays being observed.

And in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus we find a summary of these annual holidays or set feasts.

Now when God made the Sabbath for MAN, He gave man a rest-day carrying great significance and purpose. To His CHURCH in the wilderness, God said that the Sabbath was a covenant *sign* between Him and His people. A sign is a supernatural proof of identity. It is the sign by which WE know that HE is GOD. HOW does it prove that to us? "For in six days the Lord made of heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested." It is a memorial of *creation*.

And creation is the *proof* of the existence of God. Creation identifies God. The Sabbath is a weekly memorial of creation. A weekly reminder of God's power to create. Therefore it identifies God to us—keeps us in the true memory and true worship of the true God. No other day but the SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK could have that great significance and MEANING. It was designed to keep us in the true worship of God.

The Purpose of Holydays

Now in like manner, when God gave His Church seven annual Sabbaths, God, in His wisdom, had great purpose and these days, too, were given to keep God's children in the true memory and worship of God by *keeping us constantly in*

the understanding of God's great plan of redemption. For these annual days picture the different epochs in the Plan of redemption—mark the dispensations, and picture their meaning.

The whole story of the redemption of man was, in these feast days, to be re-enacted year after year continually. They have vitally important symbolism and meaning. It is a historic FACT that every nation which ever profaned God's holy Sabbath (weekly), has lost contact with and knowledge of the true God, and gone into idolatry. The only nation which ever did keep God's Sabbath is the only one that was kept in the true memory and worship of the true God—and they ONLY when they kept the Sabbath. When Israel began to profane God's Sabbath, Israel worshipped idols!

And in the same way, when in these New Testament times we have ceased to observe God's annual Sabbaths, we have, as a nation and people, completely lost sight of God's true PLAN of redemption.

The so-called Christian churches today do not understand or teach WHAT SIN IS—they do not teach that sin MUST BE PUT AWAY—they do not understand what man *is*, the purpose of life, the meaning of being BORN AGAIN, and of the indwelling presence of the HOLY SPIRIT—they do not understand that the Church, today, is not to convert the world, but to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom *as a witness*, to live a life of OVERCOMING sin, enduring unto the end, and that these overcomers shall REIGN with Christ, being kings, and priests, IN HIS KINGDOM.

They do not understand, half or more of them, that Christ IS COMING AGAIN, and those who do preach the Second Coming fail to understand its meaning and purpose. They have no knowledge or conception of the GOOD NEWS of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD—the only true New Testament Bible GOSPEL.

Not understanding these vital steps in the true PLAN of Redemption, the so-called Christian churches lead people into sin, teaching that the Law is abolished. They teach the pagan doctrine of the immortality of the soul, going immediately to heaven or hell at death—and they teach that death is only LIFE.

And all is CONFUSION!

These feasts, or holydays, or sabbaths, were commanded to be kept YEAR AFTER YEAR, and FOREVER! The Sunday preachers, when they encounter Ex. 31:17, argue that "forever" does not MEAN forever. To them FOREVER means a temporary duration, usually ending at the Cross, just as

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Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have those puzzling queries, needing only a short reply, solved. If yours are not here, then write them to us. As space permits they will be printed if an answer is possible. Of course, questions demanding lengthy replies cannot be placed in these columns.

Edited by the Students.

WHAT LAND WILL ESCAPE "THE BEAST" AND HIS "MARK"?

According to Daniel 11:41, Edom, Moab and Ammon will escape the domination of the coming revival of the Roman Empire in Europe. These ancient nations dwelt to the south and east of Palestine. Today, the lands are found on any map as *Transjordan*—an Arabian nation today.

COULD A COLONY LIVING UNDER GOD'S LAWS ESCAPE IMPENDING WAR?

Although God will provide a way of escape *in the future* for those who are accounted worthy, no colony living separate from the world under the laws of God could escape.

The reason is obvious. Destruction is to be visited on those *not* obeying God. If there is a group that would attempt to obey the laws of God by *cutting themselves off from the world*, they would *still be disobeying* the commands of God, because the commission of the church is to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL. To separate ourselves would not be *love*: it would be *self-seeking*. The gospel is to be preached to warn the world to turn from its evil ways to avoid destruction. If we fail to do this, but want, instead, to safeguard ourselves only, we are not loving our neighbor—we are loving ourselves. Only by living and giving our lives NOW for others will we be accounted worthy to escape the calamity already looming above the horizon.

WILL CHRIST RETURN BEFORE OR AFTER THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES?

The seven last plagues contain the wrath of God which is to be poured out in the *presence* of Jesus. Rev. 14:10; 15:1. Other texts showing that the plagues cannot precede the Master's second appearance are these: The seven last plagues constitute the seventh trumpet, which sounds at the very time Christ returns. I Cor. 15:52; I Thess. 4:16. One of the plagues falls on the wicked hosts gathered at Jerusalem to war against Christ and His army at Megiddo. Undoubtedly, the plagues begin simultaneous with, or almost im-

mediately after the appearance of Jesus in the heavens as King of kings and Lord of lords.

HOW CAN I OBSERVE THE SABBATH AND THE ANNUAL HOLY DAYS IF MY FAMILY DOES NOT DO SO?

We have all, at some time or another, found ourselves faced with this very situation. First, our attitude should be that of David: I will not fear what men should do or say of me. *But* "if it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Romans 12:18. We *must* obey God, yet without antagonizing men, if possible.

The unbelieving usually fall into two classes: the indifferent and the violent. To know what to do in each situation, we might well apply I Cor. 7:12-14. Remain with your family if offense is *unlikely* and if there is no group with which to assemble. If indifferent relatives will be offended, it is better to celebrate these festive occasions away from home. Of course, the best would be to meet with brethren of *like faith* whenever possible. However, sometimes our example of living on the Holy Days of God at home could win an unconverted relative if no true church group is near.

If your family forcibly prevents you from obeying God, you are wiser to leave—especially if they want you to. We are not to be the slaves of men, but the free men of God. Didn't Israel come out of Egypt in order to live as God directed? Wherever the circumstance, remember Jesus' injunction: be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Matt. 10:16.

IS IT WRONG FOR MY MOTHER TO WEAR MY FATHER'S HEAVY WORK SHIRTS FOR WARMTH? OR HIS DISCARDED GLOVES? DOES IT MEAN HIS ACTUAL GARMENTS OR SIMILAR ONES?

The law given to Israel on this very subject reads: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment." Deut. 22:5.

Because some women would want to obey this law in the letter, but disobey it in the spirit, they get around the

technicality by dressing in outfits cut exactly like men's suits. When we see the spirit of the law, it is not difficult to grasp its real purpose. *No christian should dress to appear like the opposite sex.* Let's dress instead to *glorify the bodies which we were given.* Knowing this principle, it would not be wrong for a farmer's wife to wear her husband's heavy shirts to *keep warm.* It becomes wrong when the purpose is to *look like a man.* Of course, the same applies to men who want to look effeminate.

By the same token, *becoming* slacks are appropriate *if the occasion necessitates.* Under any circumstances, however, let's stay as close to center as possible.

As far as the styles in Abraham's day, remember that garments change from age to age as the need arises. A business man's suit would not do for a farmer shocking hay. Flowing garments are very satisfactory in hot climates. The robes of the patriarchs *were masculine appearing*, quite unlike the feminine dresses appropriate for women today.

WHAT IS BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT?

In only three places in the Bible is the phrase "blasphemy against the Holy Spirit" mentioned. Mt. 12:24-33; Mr. 3:22-30; Lu. 12:10. The definition of the Greek word to *blaspheme* is to *speak abusively, to defame, to vilify.* Certain Jews blasphemed the Spirit by *attributing the power and works of God to the devil*—by saying Jesus cast out demons by an unclean spirit. Mr. 3:30. THERE IS NO OTHER BIBLE DEFINITION OF BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF GOD THAN THAT GIVEN, no matter what emotional religionists teach.

Blasphemy against the Spirit of God is not pardonable. The reason is this: We can come to repentance only when the Holy Spirit convicts us that our ways have been wrong and that God's ways are right. If we reject and vilify the works of God done by the Holy Spirit in human beings, *we are rejecting the only channel through which we could gain repentance.* John 10:37, 38 explains the reason why blasphemy against the Father or Son is reconcilable *provided we believe the works of the Spirit to be from God.*

Falling away after once having the Holy Spirit is also unpardonable, as there is no other means by which to gain repentance. Hebrews 6:6.

Let us not be perplexed by false fears on the subject. No one, having blasphemed the Spirit of God, wants to do the works of God. He hates them and *accuses* anyone living them of *being of the devil.*

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"DEATH" to them means LIFE, and "EARTH" means "heaven," etc.

And so let us guard against arguing against the Sunday preacher that "FOREVER" means eternal when we are on the Sabbath question, and then reversing and contradicting ourselves and adopting their methods of wresting and twisting God's Word when we come to the annual "high" Sabbaths of the Lord! We ask the reader to retain an OPEN MIND, for we shall PROVE that forever, in this case, MEANS forever!

Thus God purposed to impress the truths these "high" Sabbaths picture upon the minds of His children through ALL time, keeping His Church in the true understanding of HIS PLAN!

I.

The PASSOVER, and Days of UNLEAVENED BREAD

Most churches teach that Christ *finished* the Plan of Redemption on the Cross. But the very FIRST event in God's great PLAN for man's redemption was the death of Christ on Calvary's Cross. We find the operation of this great Sacrifice beginning in Eden, when God killed a lamb or goat, in order to COVER the nakedness (type of sin) of Adam and Eve with skins. We find it operating when Abel sacrificed a substitute lamb. And so the PASSOVER is the FIRST of these events picturing to God's children year by year His great PLAN.

Let us understand it.

Egypt is a type of SIN. As God's people are today in "BABYLON," and soon are to be delivered after God pours out His PLAGUES upon Babylon, so they once were in Egypt, and were delivered after the pouring out of the plagues.

And, as Rome has changed times and seasons and days, and our people—the professing Christians—have been deceived, and have lost sight of true TIME, and God's DAYS, as well as the true WORSHIP of God, so it was with the children of Israel in Egypt.

For four hundred long years they had been in severe BONDAGE in Egypt—forced to work with task-masters over them. There was no Bible—no written Word of God. They were not permitted to worship God as He had ordained. They were forced to work seven days a week. They had lost sight even of the true Sabbath—and that is why God REVEALED to them the Sabbath in the wilderness of Sin. (Ex. 16).

Now just as Rome has changed times and seasons, so had Egypt. They began the year in the FALL, with the SEVENTH month.

Passover Only the Start

And so, on delivering His people from

Egypt (sin), God straightened them out as to TIME. And, as the BEGINNING of our salvation was wrought by Christ's death on the Cross, so God said, "THIS month (in the Spring) shall be unto you the BEGINNING of months." (Ex. 12:2.)

Some few keep the BEGINNING of this first feast of salvation, in observing Passover, *but never go on to know the "depth of the riches" of God's grace pictured by the following feasts!* Christ is not only the author, or beginner, but the FINISHER of our salvation!

On the tenth day of this first month the Israelites were instructed to take a lamb without blemish. They kept it UNTIL—not after—the 14th day of the same first month, AT EVEN, at DUSK as the Jewish translation has it—between the two evenings, or between sunset and dark, when it was killed.

This was IN, not AFTER the 14th day. They shed the blood of the lamb, picturing Christ's sacrifice to come. They ate the flesh IN THAT NIGHT. At midnight the death-angel came, but PASSED OVER every house where the BLOOD had been sprinkled.

There are some *very important details* it is vital that we notice at this point. Perhaps we have not seen them before. It *proves* that the Lord's Supper shall be observed the 14th, not the 15th.

Passover 14th, Not 15th

Notice Exodus 12. Verse 6, they shall kill the lamb AT DUSK (Jewish official translation). Verse 8, they shall eat the flesh *in that night*—still the 14th. Verses 9-11 continue to describe how it shall be roasted and eaten—the TIME is still the same night—the 14th. Verse 12: "For I will pass through the land of Egypt *this night*, and will smite all the firstborn"—still same night—14th.

Now notice carefully the paragraph beginning verse 21. Here are more detailed directions for striking the blood on the door-posts—the TIME this was done, as proved above, was the night part of the 14th. Notice carefully verse 22: "strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and NONE OF YOU SHALL GO OUT AT THE DOOR OF HIS HOUSE UNTIL THE MORNING." Notice that carefully! NONE were permitted to leave their houses that night. They remained IN their houses UNTIL MORNING! They remained there *all night!*

Now read on. Verse 29, *at midnight* (the 14th) the Lord smote the firstborn of Egypt. Verse 30, Pharaoh rose up *in the night*. This was of course *after* the death angel passed at midnight, and therefore *after midnight*.

He called for Moses and Aaron. This must have taken some time, but still the same night. Verse 33, the Egyptian peo-

ple were urgent to get rid of the Israelites. Verse 35, the Israelites borrowed of the Egyptians silver and gold and clothing, and spoiled the Egyptians. When? Surely this borrowing and spoiling of the Egyptians took several hours. The Israelites lived in the land of Goshen, *apart* from the Egyptians. The Israelites were forbidden to LEAVE THEIR HOUSES UNTIL MORNING—so this spoiling and borrowing *took place* through the DAYTIME of the 14th day.

Exodus 24 Hours After Passover

But—notice this highly important point—the Israelites did not GO OUT from the land of Egypt UNTIL THAT NIGHT—the 15th Nisan! Notice the paragraph composed of verses 40-42. . . . "Even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord WENT OUT from the land of Egypt. It is a NIGHT to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt: THIS IS THE NIGHT of the Lord to be observed." Which is the NIGHT to be observed? The NIGHT they came out of Egypt. They went OUT of Egypt, not during the daytime the 14th, but after that day had ENDED—after the sun had set—the following NIGHT—on the 15th Abib! And THAT night, the 15th, is to be observed!

The following verses, beginning verse 43, form a new paragraph, and refer again to PASSOVER—the 14th day.

Now, notice Duet. 16:1. "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the eternal thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt BY NIGHT." Notice it, they did not GO OUT of Egypt, until NIGHT. And this night was the 15th, not the 14th. Further proof?

Notice now Numbers 33:3. "And they DEPARTED from Rameses in the first month, ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH; ON THE MORROW AFTER THE PASSOVER the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians."

There it is, in plain language.

Now some believe that they killed the lamb between noon and sunset the 14th—about 3 P.M., near the END of the day, ate it that night, the 15th—(claiming that is when the Passover was eaten, and when we should take the Lord's Supper today) and then went on out of Egypt THAT SAME NIGHT. But this theory will not hold water, in view of ALL these Scriptures, and following through Exodus 12.

The Israelites were not permitted to leave their houses that night after eating the lamb. They remained in their

own houses—up in the land of Goshen—until daylight. Then they went down to the land of the Egyptians, and borrowed from them and spoiled them. There were millions of them. It took TIME to notify them. It took TIME to do all this. It could not have been done after midnight, when Pharaoh rose up, and still have gotten out of Egypt the same night. The Israelites were in their own houses in Goshen ALL THAT NIGHT. Exodus 12:10 further proves this. Whatever remained of their roasted lamb uneaten UNTIL MORNING they were to burn with fire. That shows they stayed in their homes UNTIL MORNING.

So, to recapitulate: At dusk, the BEGINNING of the 14th, just after sunset, each house took a lamb and killed it, and then roasted it. They ate it that night. They were commanded to REMAIN in their houses ALL NIGHT. What remained of their roasted lamb was to be burned with fire IN THE MORNING. At midnight the death-angel came. After midnight, Pharaoh called for Moses. Moses went to Pharaoh's headquarters. After that Moses went from there to the land of Goshen, and told the Israelites to borrow from and spoil the Egyptians. There were two to five million of these Israelites, at least, for there were 600,000 MEN, not counting women and children (Ex. 12:37). It would have taken a few hours time to get this order to so many people. After sunrise, morning of the 14th day, the people first burned what remained of their lambs, then went over to the land of Egypt and spoiled the Egyptians—an event that would have taken several HOURS—an all-day task. They did not LEAVE Egypt until after that day ended—after night-fall again, during the NIGHT part of the FIFTEENTH Abib. Surely that is plain.

In, Not After, 14th!

Now to connect one other vital point, turn to Numbers 28:16-17. "IN the fourteenth day (not AFTER it) is the PASSOVER of the Lord. And IN the FIFTEENTH day (not BEFORE it) of this month is THE FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten."

Lev. 23:5-6 says the same thing. Notice the PASSOVER is not the 15th, but IN the 14th. IN it is not after it is past. And notice, too, the FEAST is not the 14th, but the FEAST DAY is the 15th. The SEVEN DAY period begins the 15th. The 15th is the FIRST of the seven days of unleavened bread.

However, since leaven was put out of the houses during the 14th day, it came to be called one of the days of unleavened bread by New Testament times, but when this is done EIGHT DAYS are included as days of unleavened bread.

The entire EIGHT DAY period is, in New Testament usage, called by the name "PASSOVER."

But the SEVEN DAY period begins the 15th, after the 14th, or Passover, has ended.

The 14th day is the Passover. It is NOT the FEAST DAY. In the FIFTEENTH day is the FEAST. Let us get that distinction clearly in mind. It is the FIFTEENTH that is the FEAST—the 14th is the PASSOVER. The FEAST day begins after PASSOVER has ended.

Now with these facts well in mind, let us turn back to Exodus 12. Notice beginning verse 14. "And THIS DAY shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it A FEAST to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it A FEAST by an ordinance FOREVER. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread . . . and in the FIRST DAY there shall be AN HOLY CONVOCATION to you."

WHAT DAY is established as a MEMORIAL—not a shadow, a MEMORIAL a FEAST—to be kept FOREVER? Notice, it is the day that is the FEAST—"Ye shall keep it a FEAST." It is the day that is the FEAST DAY—the 15th Abib, not the 14th—not the Passover!!

This day is the FEAST DAY—a MEMORIAL, to be kept a Sabbath, or Holy Convocation, FOREVER! SEVEN DAYS are included, and we have shown that the seven-day period begins the 15th, after Passover has passed. "IN the fourteenth is the PASSOVER, but IN THE FIFTEENTH DAY is the FEAST—seven days." Thus saith the LORD! Note it!!

Many have always believed the day here spoken of, and ordained forever, was the PASSOVER, or 14th. But it is not—it is the 15th day. Let us praise God that the Scriptures are profitable for CORRECTION (II Tim. 3:16). The question is, will we permit God to correct us? Will we confess we have been in error? Will we love the truth, and hate error, and get rid of the error, and Praise God for the truth! Will we??

Meaning of "Convocation"

Now this day—the 15th—is established a HOLY CONVOCATION. Look in the dictionary. A Convocation is an assembly of the people where their presence is commanded, under power and authority. A Holy Convocation is a religious assembly, for purposes of worship. The weekly Sabbath is a holy convocation. So is Abib 15th. Our presence is COMMANDED, under God's power and authority. But let us continue on.

Notice, now, beginning verse 16: "And in the first day (of the seven, 15th Abib), there shall be an holy

convocation, and in the seventh day (21st Abib) there shall be an holy convocation to you . . . And ye shall observe the FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD: for IN THIS SELFSAME DAY"—(the FIFTEENTH Abib)—"have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe THIS DAY"—(the FIFTEENTH not the 14th)—"in your generations by an ordinance FOREVER." (v. 16-17).

There it is! Before the Law of Moses! The day established as a sabbath, or holy convocation forever is the feast day, the selfsame day on which they WENT OUT of Egypt, and they went out on the 15th, not the 14th (Nu. 33:3).

This day is a MEMORIAL, not a shadow of the Cross. A memorial of DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT, which pictures to us DELIVERANCE from SIN!

To keep us constantly in the MEMORY of the great fact that, having had our sins FORGIVEN by Christ's BLOOD (pictured by the 14th) we are not to stop there, and REMAIN in sin, but to GO OUT away from sin! Why should we observe the 14th, picturing remission of PAST sins, and then we, COMMANDMENT-KEEPERS of ALL people, refuse to continue the feast of unleavened bread, picturing the COMING OUT of sin—seven days of unleavened bread symbolizing and picturing COMPLETE putting away of sin, or, in other words, THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS!

These FEAST DAYS picture the KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS! Why should we refuse to keep them? God have mercy, and help us to see now, and to be obedient, and to continue in GOD'S WAYS from this moment on!

Not Abolished With Old Covenant

Observe that the days of unleavened bread are a PERIOD, having two high-day SABBATHS. And this PERIOD is established FOREVER—while the Israelites were still in Egypt—before one word of the Law of Moses had been given or written—before God even proposed the Old Covenant!

What the Law of Moses, or the Old Covenant, did not bring or institute, THEY CANNOT TAKE AWAY! And in Fenton's translation, we find the 16th verse translated thus: "consequently KEEP THIS PERIOD AS AN EVER-LASTING INSTITUTION." The whole period is included.

This ALONE ought to prove that the HOLYDAYS—and the seven days of unleavened bread—are binding today, and FOREVER!

But we have much more proof! We shall show that these very days are

commanded to be observed *in the New Testament!* There is a direct New Testament COMMAND to keep them. We shall show that Paul and the converted Gentile Christians of the true Church of God *did* keep them.

The true Church did keep them for 400 years or more, as proved by history. They must be kept in the MILLENNIUM. They are established FOREVER! Thank God, we are not left without annual holydays. Those of Rome are COUNTERFEIT! But what a BLESSING we find in the true holydays of God, as those of us who have been keeping them can testify!

Passover Also Forever

Now, if these texts apply to the 15th, not the 14th, as they assuredly do, and is here conclusively proved, then is the Passover established FOREVER? Indeed it is! But THESE texts above refer to the FEAST, and *not* the PASSOVER. God help us to see this, be honest in it, and accept this TRUTH! For if we reject Truth, God has said He will reject us! In the paragraph beginning Ex. 12:21 the PASSOVER is again referred to, and verse 24 establishes it FOREVER!

Purpose of Festival

But let us learn the full significance of this. WHY did God ordain these feast days? What was His great PURPOSE? Turn now to Exodus 13. Verse 3. "Moses said unto the people, Remember THIS DAY, in which ye CAME OUT from Egypt." This was the 15th of Abib. Verse 6: Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and the seventh day shall be a FEAST unto the Eternal . . . *This is done BECAUSE* of that which the Eternal did"—(a MEMORIAL)—"and it shall be for a SIGN"—(miraculous PROOF of identity)—"unto thee upon thine hand, and for a MEMORIAL between thine eyes,"—WHY?—"that the LORD'S LAW MAY BE IN THY MOUTH . . . Thou shalt therefore KEEP this ordinance."

Oh, beloved brethren, do you see the wonderful meaning? Do you grasp the true significance of it all? Do you see God's PURPOSE? The PASSOVER pictures the DEATH OF CHRIST for the remission of sins that are past. The accepting of His BLOOD does not forgive sins we SHALL commit—it does not give LICENSE to continue in sin—therefore WHEN we accept it, our sins are forgiven only up to that time—PAST SINS.

But shall we stop there? Past sins forgiven. But we are still *flesh beings*. We still shall suffer temptations. Sin has held us in its clutch—we have been SLAVES to sin, in its power. And we are powerless to deliver ourselves from it! We

have been in BONDAGE to sin. Let us understand the picture—the meaning.

Quitting Sin Utterly

To what extent shall we put away sin? Not partially, but COMPLETELY! And, as leaven is also a type of sin—leaven puffs up, and so does sin;—and, as SEVEN is God's number symbolizing COMPLETENESS, we are to follow the Passover with the *seven days of unleavened bread!*

The picture—the meaning—the symbolism, is not complete with Passover alone. Passover pictures the acceptance of Christ's Blood for the REMISSION of past sins. It pictures the CRUCIFIED—the DEAD—Christ.

Shall we leave Christ hanging on the Cross? The seven days of UNLEAVENED BREAD, following Passover, picture to us the COMPLETE *putting away* of sin, the KEEPING of the Commandments—after past sins are forgiven.

They picture the life and work of the RISEN CHRIST—who ascended to the throne of God where He is now actively at work in our behalf as our HIGH PRIEST, cleansing us of sin—delivering us completely from its POWER!!

To observe Passover alone, and then fail to observe the seven days of unleavened bread means, in the symbolism, to accept Christ's blood, and then to continue on in sin—to say with the Sunday churches, the Law is done away—we are under grace, meaning license, to continue in sin!!

The seven days of the feast of unleavened bread picture the *keeping of the Commandments*, which is another way of saying the putting away of sin.

And, as Rome's followers have the MARK of the BEAST in their right hand and forehead, so God's true church is to have these feast days, the first of which is a MEMORIAL picturing deliverance from sin, in OUR right hand and forehead, as God's SIGN, in order that we shall KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. And since the forehead is the seat of the intellect, and symbolizes ACCEPTANCE, and the right hand symbolizes WORK, we have this SIGN OF GOD there by accepting this truth about the Holy Days and days of unleavened bread, and by NOT WORKING on these holydays! Not only is the weekly Sabbath God's SIGN (Ex. 31:12-17) but annual Sabbaths as well!

One Incident

Just a short personal reference showing how marvelously this ordinance pictures the PLAN OF REDEMPTION. The Church of God at Eugene, Oregon, observes these days, and all have received a wonderful blessing. One year, as we assembled in Holy Convocation the last of these Sabbaths, 21st Abib, one sister

mentioned she had found a half slice of leavened bread behind some things in her home, during the days of unleavened bread.

She had put it out of the house immediately. Another spoke up and said she had found a can of baking powder half full, which she did not know she had. Another found a slice of bread and some yeast. All had put the leaven out as soon as discovered.

How true to life is the picture! How often do we, after we think we have put away sin, discover hidden sins or habits we did not know we had—or thought we had overcome? They must be put away, and overcome as soon as discovered.

The Perfect Picture

But let us notice the wonderful picture further. The children of Israel started out of Egypt, the night of the 15th Abib, as we must, willingly, of our own accord, start out of sin as soon as we accept the Blood of Christ. They started out *on their own power* and we must make the *start* of ourselves.

But they did not get far until Pharaoh pursued after them. If Egypt is a type of sin, then surely Pharaoh must picture Satan, and the army of Egypt Satan's demons.

While Israel was IN EGYPT they were Pharaoh's slaves, helpless and powerless under his taskmasters—just as the sinner is in the power of the devil. But when Israel took the Blood of the lamb, then *God acted*, and as a result of God's act of the plague of the first-born, Pharaoh released Israel. When we accept Christ's Blood, GOD ACTS, and the Devil must release us.

And, as the Israelites went out WITH A HIGH HAND (Nu. 33:3), probably in great exultation and elation over their deliverance from bondage, so does the new-born Christian start out his Christian life—up in the clouds of happiness and joy. But what happened?

Ex. 14:5—Pharaoh immediately began to *pursue after them*, with soldiers in 600 chariots. So the Devil immediately pursues *after* the new-born child of God, with his demons—and soon the new and inexperienced Christian finds he is down in the depths of discouragement, and tempted to give up and quit.

Notice, beginning verse 10—as soon as the Israelites saw this great army pursuing them, they lost their courage. Fear came over them. They began to grumble and complain. They saw it was IMPOSSIBLE for them to get away from Pharaoh and his army, because he was too powerful for them. And they were helpless. So it is with us.

Our Strength Not Sufficient!

But notice the message of God, to

them thru Moses: "Fear ye not, STAND STILL, and SEE THE SALVATION OF THE ETERNAL . . . for the Egyptians . . . ye shall see them again NO MORE forever. THE ETERNAL SHALL FIGHT FOR YOU!" How wonderful!

Helpless, we are told to *stand still*, and see the *salvation of the Lord*. He shall fight for us. We cannot conquer Satan, but He can. It is the *risen Christ*—our *High Priest*—who will cleanse us—sanctify us—deliver us—who said He would never leave us nor forsake us!

We cannot keep the commandments in our own power and strength. But Christ IN US can keep them! We must rely on HIM, in faith.

Notice verse 19. The angel that had gone *before*, showing the Israelites the way, now went *behind them*, getting between them and their enemy, protecting them. And then God parted the *waters* of the Red Sea. "And the waters were a *wall* unto them on their right hand, and on their left." (V. 23.) In Isa. 55:1, and John 7:37-39, the WATERS are a symbol of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The LIVING WATERS of God are a wall to us, on our right hand and on our left, guiding us in the true path, making the path, protecting us in it. But when Pharaoh and his army attempted to follow after Israel in this divinely created path, these same waters completely COVERED THEM, as the Holy Spirit removes and covers our sins, and the Israelites SAW THEM NO MORE! What a wonderful picture!

No Sacrifices Originally

Thus we see, the FEAST of unleavened bread, as well as the PASSOVER, was ordained and established FOREVER, PRIOR to the Law of Moses—PRIOR to the Old Covenant. Let us be consistent about this. Opponents tell us these are IN THE LAW OF MOSES. We reply they existed *before* the Law of Moses, are carried over in the *New Testament*, and therefore are binding today.

Notice especially, that originally there were NO SACRIFICES—no MEAT AND DRINK ordinances—held on these days. See Jer. 7:22-23. *These days were not instituted FOR THE PURPOSE of the sacrifices as some have wrongly supposed.* These holydays are not shadows—they are MEMORIALS, and twice plainly called such. Where do we find such plain language calling the Sabbath a memorial? (See also Lev. 23:24.)

The Sabbath, too, existed BEFORE the law of Moses—was made HOLY UNTO THE LORD before the Mosaic law was given.

When the Law of Moses came, with

its sacrificial ordinances, its meat and drink ordinances, then THESE SACRIFICES AND MEAT AND DRINK OFFERINGS WERE INSTITUTED, TEMPORARILY—until Christ—TO BE HELD, some *daily*, SOME ON THE WEEKLY SABBATH, AND SOME ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH, and SOME ON EACH OF THE ANNUAL HOLYDAYS.

But, *mark well this fact!* Where we find these sacrifices and meat and drink offerings instituted on the holydays we find them also on the weekly sabbath. The same chapters in the Law of Moses adding them to the annual days ALSO ADD THEM TO THE WEEKLY DAYS.

The argument that these sacrifices held on these days does away with the days APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE SABBATH! If this argument abolishes one, it abolishes also the other. The Sunday preachers argue that these sacrifices do away with the Sabbath. We deny it—why? The Sabbath existed BEFORE these sacrifices were added. THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE HOLYDAYS! They began, too, BEFORE the Law of Moses! This is SO PLAIN that none will deny it except those whose hearts are rebellious against Almighty God and His TRUTH!

Sacrifices on Weekly Sabbath

Let us notice, *Numbers 28 and 29:* First, the offerings by fire DAY BY DAY, the "morning-evening" sacrifice. Second, verses 9-10, burnt meat offerings, and drink offerings every SABBATH. Third, verses 11-15, NEW MOONS. Then, verse 16, to end of chapter 29, the annual days.

Now we know these MEAT AND DRINK offerings, by fire, were TYPICAL, and were DONE AWAY. But are the seven week days DONE AWAY? Is the weekly SABBATH done away? Is the first day of each month DONE AWAY? Only in BABYLON—not in God's sight. Then neither are the annual HOLYDAYS OF THE LORD done away!

The *sacrifices* were typical, and they came with the Law of Moses, and they WENT with it. But the DAYS on which they were held were *not* typical, did not come with the Law of Moses, and did not go with it.

The DAYS are binding FOREVER! As the Sabbath is a MEMORIAL, so are the Holydays!

Commanded in New Testament

And now we wish to show a NEW TESTAMENT COMMAND—more plain, more direct, than any we can find for the weekly Sabbath—to keep these annual HOLYDAYS!

Observe again Num. 28:16-17: "IN

the fourteenth day of the first month is the PASSOVER of the Lord. And IN the fifteenth day of this month is the FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten."

The FEAST was not the 14th, but the 15th. It was the PASSOVER, when the LAMB was killed, that was the 14th. The daylight part of the 14th was the PREPARATION for the FEAST. (Mat. 27:62; Mk. 15:42; Lk. 23:54; Jno. 19:14.)

Let us get this point thoroughly established in our minds, for if this is true, as it is, THEN ALL OF THESE DAYS ARE STILL BINDING UPON US, BY NEW TESTAMENT, as well as Old Testament AUTHORITY!

Notice Mat. 26:5: The Jews, conspiring to kill Jesus, said: "Not on the FEAST DAY, lest there be an uproar among the people." They hastened so they could take and kill Him the day *before* the feast, or on the 14th Nisen.

Mark 14:2 says the same thing. Now to establish that the *feast* day was the day *after* the Passover, and the *high day Sabbath*—the day AFTER Jesus was crucified, notice John 13:29: "For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag (was treasurer—Fenton), that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the FEAST." This was at the Passover supper. They thought Jesus was sending Judas out to buy provisions to prepare for the FEAST. *Surely this proves the FEAST was the following day—the 15th Nisen*, as all these Scriptures positively affirm.

Now let us examine, very prayerfully and carefully, I Cor. 5:7-8. Churches have applied this to the PASSOVER. Notice it does not say, nor apply to, PASSOVER at all. Let us willingly, prayerfully, study to see what it does say:

"For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: *therefore LET US KEEP THE FEAST.*" Notice it. Because Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed, *therefore* let us of the NEW Testament dispensation—BECAUSE Christ has died—keep, WHAT? Notice it! NOT the Passover, which was on the 14th Nisen—but *let us keep the FEAST*—which was the 15th! The high-day Sabbath of John 19:31! The annual HOLY DAY. And, in a larger sense, the FEAST included all seven of the days of unleavened bread, including the SECOND Holy Day, or Sabbath, on the 21st Nisen! We cannot escape this, if we are yielded to the Lord and the Word of God! There it is, in plain language, in the New Testament! Because Christ was crucified, therefore let US keep the FEAST! The 14th was the Passover, but *in the 15th day of this month is the FEAST!* Let us no longer apply that

to the Passover, for it *SAYS* "feast."

**Days of Unleavened Bread KEPT BY
PAUL and NEW TESTAMENT
CHURCH**

Just as history tells us the TRUE Church of God continued to keep all the annual holydays of God for more than four hundred years after Christ, so we find it faithfully recorded in the New Testament that, during the period its history covers, the Church was keeping those days!

In Acts 20:6, "we sailed away from Philippi AFTER THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD." Paul and companions plainly had observed the days of unleavened bread at Philippi. The Holy Spirit could never have inspired such words otherwise.

Notice also Acts 12:3-4: "Then were the days of unleavened bread . . . intending after PASSOVER (see Greek) to bring him forth to the people." Could the Holy Spirit have inspired the direct affirmation, "*Then WERE* the days of unleavened bread" if those days had, in God's sight ceased to exist?

Notice, it is not any blinded Judaizers, ignorant of what was abolished, making this statement—it is Almighty God saying it thru inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This was YEARS after the crucifixion. The days of unleavened bread still existed, or the Holy Spirit could not have inspired "*Then WERE* the days of unleavened bread."

God help us to yield to His will, as expressed in His Word. God help us to GROW in knowledge, as God reveals the light. God save us from ever REJECTING any new light, for if we do God says He will reject us! If His Holy Word is a LAMP unto our path, let us WALK in the light, lest great darkness fall upon us!

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HOLYDAY CALENDAR

for 1951

Passover, after sunset Thursday,
April 19th

Days of Unleavened Bread, beginning sunset Friday, April 20, ending sunset Friday, April 27. Saturday, April 21, and Friday, April 27, are annual Sabbaths.

Pentecost, Monday, June 11th
(beginning previous sunset)

Day of Atonement, (fast day),
October 10.

Festival of Tabernacles, begins sunset Sunday, Oct. 14, ends sunset Oct. 22. Monday, Oct. 15, and Monday, Oct. 22, are holydays, or annual Sabbaths.

On the Campus

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to the refreshment table by students who waited at the end of the line for them. Later they were escorted on an explanatory tour to our classrooms, the campus, and Mayfair.

The members of the faculty present were: Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and wife, Dr. Hawley O. Taylor, Mrs. Lucy Martin, Mr. Theodore Walker and wife, Mr. Jack R. Elliott, Mr. Leon Ettinger, Dr. Ralph E. Merrill and wife, and Mr. Herman Hoeh, student instructor. The only member not present was Mr. Emile Mauler-Hiennecey, due to the illness of Mrs. Mauler-Hiennecey.

The Library was decorated with arrangements of pink snapdragons and three tones of lavender chrysanthemums. These colors were repeated in the table setting. As is customary for such an occasion, two crystal punch bowls were filled with raspberry iced punch, and there was a delicious assortment of cookies. Those serving the punch were Ella Mae Cole and Betty Bates.

After all were served, we mingled together (conversing and laughing) in small groups. In these groups were ladies who were especially lovely in their gowns and girl students who wore their pastel formals. Some of the men wore tuxedos to complete the picture. Two or three students had cameras and there was a continual flashing to capture the mood of the evening. To all, I'm sure that the reception proved enjoyable, a delightful contribution to the social development of the students, and a source of anticipation for the faculty reception next year.

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