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HOW TO BE *Saved!*

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

By Herbert W. Armstrong

IT'S HARD to believe, but it's true.
Millions have believed on Jesus
Christ—and are not saved!

Millions worship Christ—and all in
vain!

Almost every sermon you hear; or
tract you read, telling "How to Be
Saved" will admonish you:

"Just BELIEVE!—believe on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and you are saved."

"That's all there is to it," they assure
you, "just BELIEVE. There are NO
WORKS."

You must not keep the Ten Com-
mandments, for you'll be under a curse
if you do. "By grace are ye saved, thru
FAITH—not of works," they quote,
"lest any man should boast." *Why do
they never read to you the rest of that
instruction, in the following verse?*

Can One Worship Christ—IN VAIN?

Would you suppose one could actual-
ly worship Christ—and all in vain?

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

In those words Jesus perfectly de-
scribed what is labeled fundamentalist

"Christianity" today, as given out by the
popular church denominations.

Back to the Faith Once Delivered

But what does GOD tell you, in His
Word?

Thru Jude, God says: "Beloved, when
I gave all diligence to write unto you of
the *common salvation*, it was needful for
me to write unto you, and exhort you
that ye should earnestly contend for *the
faith which was once delivered* unto the
saints. For there are certain men crept
in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning
the GRACE of our God into lascivious-
ness, and denying the only Lord God,
and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 3-4.)

Yes, even before the New Testament
was completely written, ungodly men
had crept inside the Church to corrupt
it—turning GRACE into LASCIVIOUSNESS.

And what is "lasciviousness?" It
means "license"—unrestrained liberty of
lust, wantonness—abuse of privilege. In
other words, permission to disregard and
disobey God's Law! And that is exactly
what those ungodly men, even in the
first century, did do—turned GRACE into
unrestrained privilege to disobey God's
law! And once introduced, the practice
has persisted and spread over the whole
world until today!

This is one of the FABLES the Apostle
Paul warned us men would turn to. Paul
said: "But evil men and seducers shall
wax worse and worse, deceiving, and be-
ing deceived. But continue thou in the

things which thou hast learned" (the
TRUTH) . . . "knowing of whom thou
hast learned them; and that from a child
thou has known *the Holy Scriptures,
which are able to make thee wise unto
salvation*. . . . For the time will come
when they will not endure sound doc-
trine; but after their own lusts (lascivi-
ousness) shall they . . . turn away their
ears from the truth, and shall be turned
unto FABLES." (II Tim. 3:13-4:4.)

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

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

"What the Saviour Himself Taught"

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

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

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

Jesus was asked: "What shall I do to

inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18.) Some might try to tell you that the SAVIOUR Himself did not know, or teach, the way of SALVATION—He was teaching Old Testament religion. Well, He was asked HOW to gain ETERNAL LIFE. Is that salvation? It certainly is! The Old Testament religion lasted *until* John—not until the Cross—not until "Pentecost." Just UNTIL JOHN (Luke 16:16). Jesus preached the SAME Gospel He commanded His disciples to teach ALL nations—Gentiles included—the same Gospel Paul preached to Gentiles—He preached *only* the NEW Testament Gospel—He revealed THE WAY OF SALVATION. Here is His answer—that of the SAVIOUR HIMSELF ON HOW TO BE SAVED:

"If thou wilt enter into LIFE, *keep the Commandments.*" And He enumerated enough of the Ten Commandments to show it was *this* particular law that must be obeyed AS A CONDITION to receiving eternal life as God's GIFT. Jesus said "IF"—(there was a CONDITION)—"IF" we are to be saved, by God's grace, WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! God lays down His own terms and conditions. His FREE GIFT is *conditional*—you get it ONLY if you "keep the Commandments."

You can't EARN it. God GIVES it—but only to those who "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." God will not GIVE you eternal life *in sin*. And what *is* sin? "SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW." (I John 3:4.)

Some who pervert God's truth insist Jesus did not name ALL of the Ten Commandments in the above Scripture. Sin is the transgression of THE LAW. It is a COMPLETE LAW. He named enough of its points to designate WHICH LAW He was talking about. And James says that law has "POINTS"—and, if we break any ONE of the ten points of the Ten Commandments, we BREAK THE LAW, and are sinners! (James 2:8-11.)

Peter's Teaching

The very same day the Holy Spirit came—the very day the New Testament Church was started—thousands hearing the inspired Peter's sermon which struck straight to their hearts asked, "*What shall we do?*"—yes, WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

The inspired answer was:

"REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the *remission of sins*, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38.) And Peter made plain the fact that these same conditions, and this promise, apply to their children, down thru time—as many as the Lord our God shall call. They apply today!

Jesus said, "REPENT YE, and BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL." We must BELIEVE not only in Jesus as Saviour, but we must believe also the GOSPEL He brought and preached—a *Message not preached today by the organized churches.*

Jesus also said, "Except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise perish." After His resurrection, in His parting instructions to His disciples for preaching the way of salvation, Jesus said "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that REPENTANCE and *remission of sins* should be preached in His name *among all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:46-47.) This is the Gospel for ALL NATIONS!

God's inspired definition of sin is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4.) Paul would not have known what was sin, except by the law. But *what* law? The very law which says, "Thou shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:7.) That law is the Ten Commandments.

This law is summed up in the one word—LOVE! It is further defined in the two Great Commandments, LOVE to God, and LOVE to neighbor. But the *same law* is further defined, and divided into ten points, by the Ten Commandments—the first four of which tell us *how* to love God, the last six of which tell us *how* to love neighbor.

And thus it is explained in James: "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." (James 2:8.) Here is the Royal Law—the whole Law—as a general principle. The law is LOVE and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfill it *with* LOVE—not any natural, carnal love in human nature, but "*the love of GOD* is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5.) The Holy Spirit in us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES! And so, *if* we fulfill this Royal Law, we do well—but if not, *we commit sin* (James 2:8-9). Now read verse 10. If we keep the WHOLE LAW—the general principle of LOVE to neighbor—yet offend *in one point*, we are guilty—we have broken the law—and the penalty is DEATH, not eternal life.

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

—"thou art become a transgressor of the law." (Jas. 2:11.) So you see the TEN COMMANDMENTS is *the very law* it is sin to transgress.

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

TO REPENT of sin means to *turn from* sin. It means to QUIT SINNING! And that means to *stop transgressing God's holy Law*. And the way to stop breaking it is to begin KEEPING God's Commandments—ALL OF THEM, for if you break only one, you bring on yourself the penalty—ETERNAL DEATH, and you *lose salvation*.

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

Notice how *like God* it is! The Law is GOOD (Rom. 7:12). GOD is good.

The Law is HOLY (Rom. 7:12). GOD is holy!

The Law is JUST (Rom. 7:12). GOD is just!

The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). GOD is spiritual!

The Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7). GOD is perfect!

The Law—including *all* His Commandments—is immutable, ETERNAL, stands fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). And GOD is eternal!

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

Can We Know God's Will?

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

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

Sin is *not* the doing of what *you think* is wrong. *Not* the transgression of conscience—"sin is the transgression of

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Where Is Enoch?

By Herman L. Hoeb

ENOCH was "translated."
Where did he go?

Was he taken to heaven? NO! Because Jesus himself said: "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man." (John 3:13.) Here are Jesus' own words that *no man*, except Himself, had been in heaven! And how did He know? Why, *He came from there!*

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

Walking With God

At the age of sixty-five Enoch had a son named Methuselah. "And Enoch *walked with God* after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters." (Genesis 5:22.) Here was a man that *pleased God*, a man who WALKED WITH GOD.

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

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

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

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

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

one year more! Then Enoch is not still walking with God! Why?

Because "*all the days* of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years." Gen. 5:23. *All* the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. Not just *part* of his days, but *all* his days! If Enoch did not die—if he was changed to immortality—and thus *continued* to walk with God, then his days would have been *more* than three hundred sixty-five. But the Bible plainly says that ALL his days were just that many, and *no more!*

This expression "all his days" is used in the same fifth chapter of Genesis about a dozen times and always it means that the person lived for that length of time *ONLY* "*and he died.*" So Enoch lived *NO MORE* than three hundred and sixty-five years because "*all his days were three hundred sixty-five years.*" As he lived only for this length of time **THEN HE MUST HAVE DIED!**

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

That's what most people carelessly *assume without proof.*

His Translation

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

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

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

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

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

That is why Moses said that God

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

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

Another proof that "translate" does not mean to make immortal is found in Col. 1:13: The Father "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath TRANSLATED us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Here the Bible says that Christians are *already translated*—but Christians still die! We are not immortal bodies, but mortal flesh and blood. Although we were once part of the darkness of this world, *now* we are TRANSLATED, *removed* from darkness into the light of the kingdom of God.

Didn't Receive the Promise

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

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

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

"Should Not See Death"

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

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

The *first* death is *appointed* unto men.

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(Heb. 9:27.) That death can not be humanly evaded. It is inevitable.

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

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

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

Enoch had faith. He believed God and walked with God, obeying Him. In keeping the sayings of God, Enoch kept the sayings of Jesus, too; because Jesus did not speak of himself but spoke what

the Father commanded him. (John 14:10.)

Thus Enoch met the *conditions* so that he *should not see death*. The second death shall never touch Enoch, because of his *faith* and *obedience*.

Two Translations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beg Pardon!

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

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

In the article concerning "LAZARUS and the RICH MAN," the original word for "grave" mentioned in John 5:28 was said to be the Greek word "hades." The original word here was "mnemeion" which also means *grave* or *sepulchre*.

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The Man Who *Couldn't* *Afford* to TITHE

By Herbert W. Armstrong

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

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

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

One of his neighbors became irritated.

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

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

Thousands Like Him

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

I heard about the above conversation, and preached a sermon on the question of whether the *unconverted* should obey the Ten Commandments and pay tithes, or whether, as Ed has reasoned, these things were only for Christians. I pointed out that God's law was put in motion for *man's good*,—it is THE WAY of life that brings peace, happiness, prosperity, the full abundant interesting life, success, joy, *here and now*, as well as eternal life thru Christ for the saved.

I showed that it PAYS, and is the only sensible way of life, entirely apart from the matter of salvation—and that, even if one is finally lost, he who sins little shall be punished with *few* stripes, but he who sins much with *many* stripes. I pointed out God's promises to *prosper* the tithe-payer, and that this is a definite LAW God has set in motion, which operates inexorably and automatically on the just and the unjust alike.

Ed began to rest on God's Sabbath. At the very next service—we were holding services at this little school house

three times a week, and three other nights a week in a hall in downtown Eugene at the time—Mrs. Smith smilingly handed me a one dollar bill.

"That's Ed's first tithe," she said triumphantly. "We are now down to \$10, and Ed decided to start tithing with what we have on hand."

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

"Here's a five dollar bill," she said. "The very next day after Ed gave God's work a tenth of all he had, a customer who had owed him \$50 for a year came and paid up. So here's the tithe of that \$50. After paying the total \$6 tithe, we now have \$54 on hand instead of the \$10 we had the other day."

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

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

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

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

The tither is invariably a prosperous man. I do not mean *wealthy*—but one

whose actual needs are always supplied. Tithers, if faithful and obedient to the Eternal, are not often found in want. "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit *that may abound to YOUR account.*" (Phil. 4:17).

God promises His children shall always have something to give (Deut. 16:16, 17). It is only when they withhold and misappropriate the tithe and offerings that He fails to prosper them. For thru John He tells us "I wish above all things that thou mayest *prosper* and be in health." (III John 2).

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

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

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

Concrete Experiences

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

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

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

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ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are 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 would claim to be the acme of perfection.)

—thanks! Criticism and suggestions welcomed

The Campus Editor

"Please Speak English"

By Mary Jo Burrow

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

Some of the most particularly enticing classes to new students and most interesting to us here on the campus are the foreign language courses which seem to have an unusual way of affecting students *outside* of class—and that's the reason for "Please speak English!" Three foreign languages are now being taught here: Spanish, French and German. Students take every opportunity to learn to speak these languages.

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

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

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

Only a few intrigued students take more than one language. Although it seldom happens that the students cor-

relate the two, whenever it does occur, a big laugh is heard to rise.

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

The Rose Parade

By Bob Seelig

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

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

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

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

of the commencement of the parade the majority was assembled.

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

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

He Couldn't Tithe

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

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

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

When God gets HIS portion of all your income, God becomes your partner, sharing in your profits. He causes HIS

partners to prosper, and if you are in debt, take God into partnership *first*, and watch Him prosper you until finally you are out of debt! Remember the debt you owe God comes *FIRST*.

Tithing While in Debt

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

The tithe is the debt that you owe God. This debt is *FIRST* in time and principle. Pay your debts to God, make

Him your *PARTNER* in your finances, and receive His blessing in temporal affairs. This will enable you to pay your debts, or to get a job, or to have your needs supplied more quickly than if you evade His debt.

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

Your Glorious Opportunity

Some will say, "I never tithed, and I know God never frowned on me, for I have the feeling in my heart that I am

His child without having to tithe."

God has blessed you according as you have *yielded* to Him according to the light He has revealed to you, from His Word! While you have the light, *WALK* in it, *lest darkness come upon you!* (John 12:35, 36). *GROW* in grace and the *KNOWLEDGE* of our Lord." (II Pet. 3:18). See also Rom. 11:22.

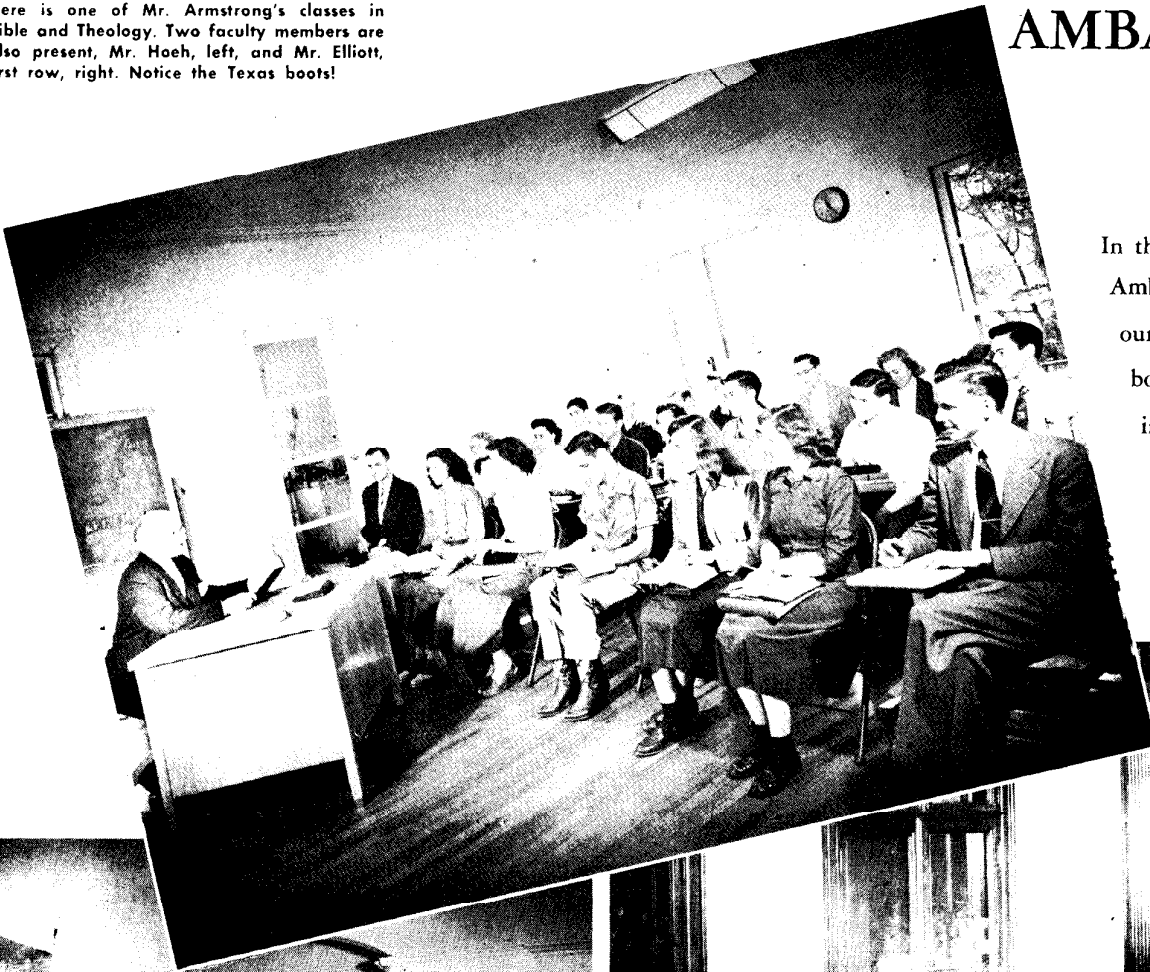
If every professing Christian would accept this plain instruction from God, honoring *HIM* instead of themselves with their substance, the work of the Eternal would go forth with such mighty power that the world would be shaken to its foundations!

Seek ye *FIRST* the Kingdom, and your material needs shall be *ADDED*. Try it! Take God at His Word! *PROVE HIM!* (Mal. 3:10). *See how you begin to prosper!* Be a faithful steward; make God your *PARTNER!* Receive His *BLESSING!* God's work is waiting upon *YOU!*

A Graduate School Session: Messrs. Armstrong, Meredith, Hoeh and Cole.



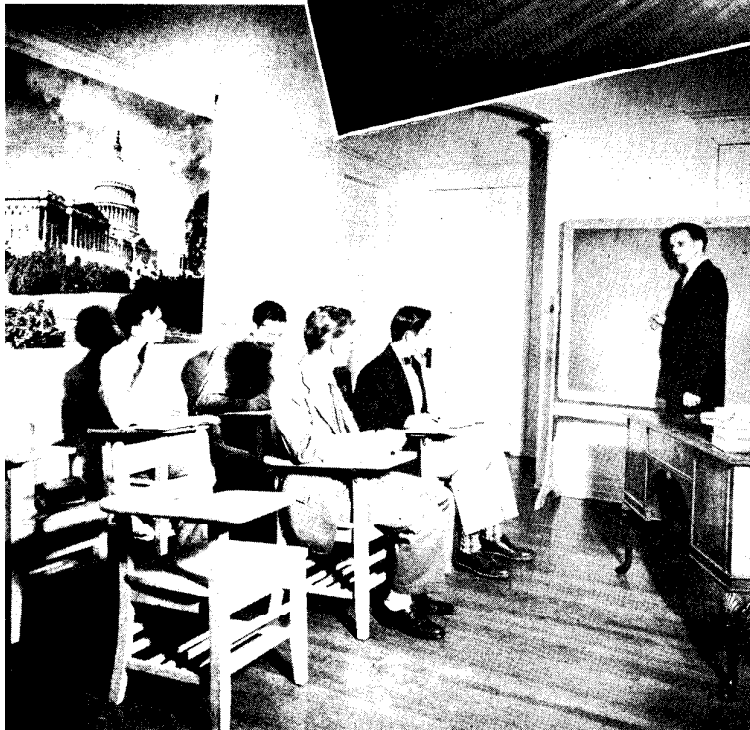
Here is one of Mr. Armstrong's classes in Bible and Theology. Two faculty members are also present, Mr. Haeh, left, and Mr. Elliott, first row, right. Notice the Texas boots!



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



Some classes are very small—almost private tutoring. Here is Prof. Elliott teaching mathematics. From left, Paul Smith, Lewis Johnson, George Meeker, Bob Seelig.



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we show you seven pictures of college in class. Below you see very fine faculty and student of our regular Tuesday mornings. The faculty and Mrs. (right) are seated in the Mr. Armstrong presiding.



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



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

ATTENTION!

Future Students

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

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

Those who are graduating from high school this spring, or have already graduated, are invited to write for the college catalog. It contains full and complete information about this fine and different college—its educational philosophy and

objectives, the courses offered, requirements, tuition, room and board, work opportunities—everything you will wish to know.

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

Plans are now being drawn up by the architect, in collaboration with the landscape architects, for the development of

the campus during the next five years. These plans contemplate erection of three new buildings and other changes, improvements and additions, which will provide Ambassador College with a truly fine and thoroughly adequate plant in every respect. Work is now proceeding on clearing and developing the new athletic field, adjoining the campus across Terrace Drive, to the east. We expect to have this in operation for softball by spring. The growth and development of Ambassador College during its four and a half short years is nothing short of miraculous.

Broadcast Studio: Radio Drama being recorded.



How *YOU* Can Have *FAITH* to Meet Life's Problems

By Herman L. Hoeb

WOULDNT you like to abolish every worry and doubt from your mind? And have instead perfect confidence in God that you will receive what He has promised you?

Then here is God's answer to show you how *you* can have that perfect faith which will overcome all the problems and sufferings of life.

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

What do you usually do then?

Try to *fight* these fears and worries with your human faith?

That is the method most people *think* the Bible wants them to use in acquiring faith. Faith is visualized as the struggle of human faith against doubt and worry. But is that the kind of faith God *wants* you to have?

Why You Lack Faith

The *living faith* that God wants you to have—the kind that overcomes the difficulties of life and endures suffering without worry or doubting—that kind of faith YOU WEREN'T BORN WITH! It is a *gift of God*.

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

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

It is at this point that almost everyone who has the Spirit of God expects to have *complete faith*. No more fears, no more doubts or worries! Just receiving the Holy Spirit, so many think, has given us all the faith we need! But is this

what you have found by experience? Certainly not.

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

Faith Must Grow

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

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

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

A Living Faith

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

Faith Alone Insufficient

Contrary to what most people believe, there *is* something that must be added to faith to make it alive and perfect! James tells us: "Faith, IF IT HATH NOT WORKS, is dead, BEING ALONE." "Faith WITHOUT WORKS is dead." James 2:17, 26.

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

When faith is tested we *learn* patience. We learn to endure suffering patiently. When the lesson of patience is learned, then we have had the *experi-*

ence of knowing that God will answer prayers, if we have had patience. This is how faith develops.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus by having faith planted in us,
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We Are What We Eat!

By Isabell Kunkel

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

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

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

Just this. It is much harder to exhibit the virtues of love, patience, and long-suffering if your body is constantly causing you to be irritable because of physical trouble. In I Cor. 9:25, Paul exhorts us to be "temperate in all things." It is in this mortal state that we must overcome our passions, and therefore we must employ every means at our disposal to aid us in this struggle.

We are living organisms and, as such, require living food to sustain us in health. But do we have to become "food fanatics" to conform to the laws of health? No. We have a reliable authority in the Bible and a diligent study of it will keep us from falling into fanaticism, since God is "he that teacheth man knowledge," Ps. 94:10. We are told to seek "knowledge," II Peter 1, verse 6. This knowledge is not limited to any one subject, but refers to knowledge in general—knowledge of foods, too!

Paul states in II Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but . . . of a sound mind." We can easily apply this phrase "spirit of fear" to food. Some people can't enjoy meals outside of their own homes because they are so fearful they might eat something "bad" for them. Food is not "bad" as a rule, but simply may not contain adequate nourishment. If we learn to eat what foods are most beneficial, we should not be "afraid" to eat what is *less* healthful occasionally.

As we learn in our classes at Ambassador, even science teaches that *life can come only from life*. Now, if the food we eat is lacking vitality, half-dead, we will also be half-dead and physically unable to control our natures so easily or to use to the fullest capacity the talents God has given us.

God had given man laws of health which man can learn no other way. Leviticus 11:1-23 and Deuteronomy 14:3-21 record for us the principles God

has given us by which we may judge what flesh is healthful and what flesh is unhealthful.

But there are other rules of health we can learn without special revelation.

Refined Foods

Only in comparatively recent times has it become the practice among *all the people of a nation* to eat refined foods. Formerly, *only the rich* could afford such fare.

Today everything is handled according to the scheme of mass production. Food-stuffs are not consumed in the immediate localities where they are produced, but processed in large centers, then distributed. Foods must be treated with various chemicals or otherwise so that they will not be ruined by weevils and other destroyers during the long time that intervenes between production and consumption. This benefits the distributor, but is it healthful for the consumer?

"The Staff of Life"

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

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

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

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

In the past cornmeal has been a de-

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

Sweeteners

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

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

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

Corn syrup is *as unacceptable as white sugar* because it also is devoid of natural minerals. It is usually recommended as an ingredient in infant milk formulas,

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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.

How do you derive the figure of 2520 years of punishment for Israel?

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

In this case, we should first understand that in Leviticus 26, God promised Israel great national blessings, including the promises of national greatness to Abraham (Verse 42), if they would obey Him. Then God *promised* that if they obstinately refused to obey Him, He would punish them for a period called *seven times*.

Now let us see how the Bible interprets the meaning of *times*. Turn to Revelation 12:6,14 and you will see by examination that the two periods of time mentioned in these verses are exactly the same in length. They amount to 3½ years in both cases. Therefore we know that in a prophetic sense the word *times* simply means years! ALSO, in verse 6 we see that the Bible *itself* shows that these years can be divided into 360 days each. Now multiplying these seven times or years of punishment by 360, we find that this gives us 2520 days.

But where do the years come in? Let us see God's prophetic definition of *days* when applied to the punishment of nations. In Numbers 14:34, God said Israel would bear their iniquities after the number of days they searched the land; forty days, *each day for a year*. This is the Bible definition of a day of punishment! God is consistent!

So we see that the *seven times* or years of Israel's punishment equals 2520 days (7×360), and that these *days*, according to scriptural interpretation, are actually 2520 years.

As a final conclusive piece of evidence, let us examine the well-known "seventy weeks" prophecy found in Daniel 11:21-27. Through the angel Gabriel,

God here revealed to Daniel that it would be 69 weeks from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem until the appearing of the Messiah, and that He would confirm the covenant with many for one week.

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

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

We Are What We Eat

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

Shortening

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

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

Leavening

The advisability of using baking powder seems to be a debatable subject. According to experiments conducted by one group of researchers, a moderate amount seems to inflict no harm to the body. The principal objection seems to be that in the process of its action, some

vitamins in the food are destroyed. If one has any doubt about the wholesomeness of the aluminum type of baking powder, use a tartrate type. Fine cakes may be made without leavening. The secret of their lightness is that they use more eggs and require a great deal of beating.

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

"Jello"

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

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

Fresh Vegetables

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

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

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

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

Nuts and Dried Fruits

The various nuts are good, especially almonds and filberts, as they contain a

high proportion of calcium. Nuts should not be blanched since the skin contains certain enzymes that aid digestion. Some may be lightly roasted, but others are better raw.

Dried fruits that are really good to use are prunes, black figs, and most raisins. Many dates are being treated with a chemical to prevent spoilage, and the sulphur dioxide used to preserve the light color of dried peaches, pears and apricots is said to destroy some of their vitamins. They are probably as satisfactory as bought canned fruits, but home-processed fruits are superior.

Salt

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

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

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

In this limited space I have endeavored to present adequate reasons for using *natural foods* and some good ways

in which they may be used. I welcome any comments or questions you may have on this subject.

How YOU Can Have FAITH

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

Doing What Is Right

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

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

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

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

Where's One's Heart Is

Not only is tithing a good test for faith, to see whether we will trust God to supply our every need, but it is also indicative of where our heart is; because where our treasure is, there will our

heart be also. (Mat. 6:19-21.) By giving our treasure to God, toward His Kingdom, we are seeking *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness. And the promise of Jesus, you remember, is that if we seek these *FIRST*, all the other things that we need in this life will be added. (Mat. 6:33.)

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

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

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

How To Be Saved

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

The man who does *what he thinks is right* may be committing a lot of sin!

God says: "There is a way that *seemeth right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH!" (Prov. 14:12 and 16:25.) Again, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." (Prov. 12:15), and "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes." (Prov. 16:2.) The world has been going the *WAY* that seems right to man for some 6000 years. But this *WAY* has brought only unhappiness, emptiness, discontent, poverty, inequality, fear, anguish, strife, suffering, sickness and disease, and finally, CHAOS and

DESPAIR all over the world! It has produced NOTHING GOOD!

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

The WAY of SALVATION

And there is THE WAY of Salvation! There is THE WAY to find GOD! SEEK HIM, by forsaking—WHAT? Forsaking YOUR WAY—*your thoughts*! The way you have THOUGHT to be right has been the way of sin, leading to DEATH! FORSAKE THAT WAY! You'll find GOD'S THOUGHTS—GOD'S WAY—in the Bible, expressed in the one word "LOVE"—in the two Great Commandments—in the TEN Commandments—and in turn magnified still further all thru the Bible! In the Bible you'll find the MIND of God—His way of thinking—His way for you to LIVE—HIS WILL!

The first step toward salvation is to REPENT—and that means forsake *your way*—the customs and traditions you have been following—the ways of men—the ways you have been living. Sin is the transgression of GOD'S LAW. His law is HIS WAY. You have not been living that way. FORSAKE YOUR WAY—turn to God's way—the way of HIS LAW! The way of HIS WILL! Yes, the WAY of peace, happiness, and joy—the WAY of success, achievement, doing good, of prosperity—the WAY of the full and ABUNDANT life—the WAY of ETERNAL LIFE!

Since the entire Bible contains the magnified explanation of GOD'S LAW, the Bible becomes OUR GUIDE FOR RIGHTEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING! That is why Jesus said man shall live by *every Word of GOD*! That is THE WAY—and the *only way*—to find and gain what *all people WANT*—success, happiness, eternal life. But people are seeking these things THE WRONG WAY. Therefore, FORSAKE THAT WRONG WAY!

The FIRST STEP toward being saved—toward receiving the gift of eternal life—is to REPENT! And the only kind of repentance that is prerequisite to the gift of eternal life is COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO GOD—to His will, which means to HIS LAW.

True repentance means you give your SELF to God. You become HIS, literally, and wholly, with no reservations! True, godly sorrow for the life you have lived *works* repentance, but that alone is not repentance. Repentance is a COMPLETE

CHANGE in your life—in your attitude toward life—your purpose in life—your thoughts and your actions.

It means you forsake the OLD LIFE as you have lived it, TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY, once and for all. It means forsaking some of your old friends and companions—if they are living the worldly life that seems right to MAN. It means turning from, forsaking worldly customs, interests, pleasures that are contrary to GOD'S WAYS.

It means total, unreserved CONSECRATION of your life to God—henceforth to STUDY THE BIBLE—not just carelessly read, but STUDY, to learn GOD'S WAYS, and to LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD! It means THE BIBLE becomes your guide to living—yes, to happy, abundant, gracious living, and SUCCESSFUL and righteous living, henceforth and forever—to live your life from now with GOD'S HELP, and BY HIS POWER, according to the spirit and principle, as well as the letter and precept, of His Commandments.

The FAITH That SAVES

Now ask yourself, candidly, HOW MANY people who profess salvation—who have "accepted Christ"—do you believe have REALLY COME TO THIS KIND OF REAL REPENTANCE? "Except ye REPENT," warned Jesus, "ye shall all likewise PERISH." And again, "He that SAITH, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:4.) Yes, MILLIONS ARE DECEIVED!

But if millions are deceived about the prior CONDITION of repentance, just as many millions are deceived as to the KIND of FAITH that SAVES!

Now think a moment! Use your reason. We are taught, and rightly, that we cannot EARN our salvation—it is the GIFT of God. It is of GRACE—and "grace" means undeserved pardon, or free gift. Yet, notice how inconsistent people are! They argue there must be NO WORKS—no obedience of the Commandments, or doing GOOD—because salvation comes by GRACE—God's free GIFT. And yet they seem to believe that somehow WE must supply the FAITH that brings salvation! If WE work up, or supply this FAITH by which we are saved, would not that in fact amount to our producing our own salvation by the very WORKS of supplying this FAITH?

So notice, briefly! Notice more CLOSELY than you did before! "For BY GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that (that FAITH) *not of yourselves*; it (this saving FAITH) is the gift of GOD." (Eph. 2:8.) The faith that really saves is GIVEN TO US by GOD—it is a GIFT from HIM! You don't supply it, or work it up.

Did you ever notice that before?

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

So it is not *your* faith—not your believing in Him—it is HIS faith placed within YOU, and thereafter working in you! FAITH is not something you generate or work up. You can't supply the kind of faith that saves. GOD GIVES IT to you, places it within you—it is not a human, but a divine faith! Faith is one of the GIFTS of God's Spirit—(read 1 Cor. 12:1-9).

SO PLEASE UNDERSTAND! Salvation is GOD'S GIFT. You do not, cannot, earn it. God GIVES it. *But*—and here is where people become mixed up, and stumble—God will GIVE it only *on condition*! Yes, there are terms and conditions! God has set these terms, and you can't alter them, and He won't change them!

First, you must REPENT! Secondly, you must BELIEVE the GOSPEL—the Message Christ preached—His Message about the coming world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD to rule all nations; and you must BELIEVE ON CHRIST, the divine Messenger who brought the Gospel Message! Those two conditions YOU must supply. That much BELIEVING *you* must do!

But those things *you* do are not the things that SAVE YOU. They are merely the TWO CONDITIONS God demands of you, to reconcile you to Him, so HE WILL SAVE YOU BY HIS GRACE.

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

Cut Off From GOD

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

Now salvation—eternal life—comes

from GOD. But your sins have cut you off from God. The connection is SEVERED. God will not GIVE you His gift of FAITH by which He also gives you eternal life until you are reconciled to Him!

But He SO LOVED you, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to DIE FOR YOU so that you need not perish—but, thru Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can GIVE you eternal life!

The PENALTY of transgressing His law is DEATH. Jesus paid that penalty in your stead. If, and when, you TRULY REPENT, as explained at length above, and BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour from sin and from sinning, then by and thru Him you gain access to GOD THE FATHER.

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

HOW to Be Saved

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

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

Being converted is not an initiation into a lodge or secret society! It is not a rite or ceremony! It is a matter of turning FROM the old life that was false, yet

may have seemed right to you—of turning TO a new and TRUE way of life in Christ Jesus, living by every Word of God, in and by the power of God's Holy Spirit! When you UNDERSTAND the real MEANING and the PURPOSE, you'll see that it is something that takes place down deep in your HEART and not a matter of THE PLACE OF THE SURROUNDINGS, or the presence of other people. What Jesus said about confessing, or denying Him before men did not refer to a rite, or ceremonial form of being converted. Being converted is the receiving of the Holy Spirit—the *very life—of God.*

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

Well, WHEN you come to this *parting of the ways* from the old life—when you come to the place of making this COMPLETE CHANGE—this total unconditional surrender to God—this complete consecration, GIVING your SELF to Him, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour—turning FROM your sins, and TO God's way of life as you'll find it in the Bible, you'll want to PRAY! Yes, you'll want to throw yourself completely on God's mercy, and ask Him thru Jesus Christ to FORGIVE YOU all your past sins and transgressions against Him.

It is not perhaps of great consequence *where* you do it—whether in a church meeting, or ALONE WITH GOD AT HOME! But the IMPORTANT thing is to

DO IT—and to DO IT NOW!—to not delay or put it off, and let the temptation to keep on putting it off finally rob you of your salvation altogether. The longer you put it off the harder it will become. WHY it should be difficult to just go and throw yourself on God's mercy, and ask His forgiveness, and give your SELF to Him, is hard to understand—yet something in the lower nature within you will keep tempting you to PUT IT OFF. That temptation is not of God, you may be sure.

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

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

Remember, God PROMISES to forgive *all* your sins, to GIVE YOU THE GIFT OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT, and to cleanse you from all sin! Write me and let me help you.

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