



BIBLE COURSES

SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

OPENING DATE: February 20, 1956

Dear Brethren and friends of the Church of God,

The Home Missions Department has been moved from Los Angeles to the national headquarters office at Denver, Colorado. In conjunction with this, facilities for the operation of a national Bible Correspondence School have also been provided. A complete 27-lesson BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE is going on the shelf, after three years of research, and preparation. We want to see them going off the shelves into the hands of hundreds of people who are NOW interested in this gospel message.

BIBLE LESSONS READY - 1000 INTERESTED PEOPLE EXPECTED TO ENROLL NOW

We especially believe that we should do everything possible at this time to get them to the people who are actually waiting for them. We have received hundreds of names (close to 1,000) through our home field lay-member witnesses. The radio evangelism has hundreds more waiting, and names continue to come in from all of our ranks. (Note: We have means of reaching many more for enrollment; but we must start in a limited way and handle the most urgent calls which we can follow through to results).

THIS IS A SCHOOL for everybody. It is organized and arranged as a correspondence school, with qualified teacher supervision and grading. Best of all it is a DIRECT MISSIONARY SCHOOL. Enrollees are led step-by-step into God's holy truth. The lessons offered are in keeping with the Bible instructions for winning converts. It is a way of building up faith in God, in the Bible and then for the need of salvation. From there we take the prospect on into the very meat of God's word -- all of which is essential to one who is to become a STRONG CHRISTIAN.

No matter how we reach prospects or make contacts with interested persons -- through the ministry, through personal witnessing, through radio, through evangelism -- our work stands almost impotent without the right type of missionary literature and facilities to follow up on every person.

For every one who enrolls in the SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL there will be a cost of \$6.00 to carry that one person through the first 12-lesson section of the course. After that we must spend time, labor and expense in follow-up work and enlist him in the Bible Truth section of our Bible School, and eventually send in a personal contact from a field worker. This means that we need \$6000 on hand just to enroll the one-thousand WAITING PROSPECTS.

WHAT SHALL WE DO? We have \$300 on hand! A work of FAITH??? Indeed it is! Brethren, we are going to start with \$300, because we believe that you who love truth would wish us to trust in God and begin. But our faith needs to be matched by yours. We are sure that it will be.

1,000 PROSPECTS wanting Church of God literature and Bible studies immediately! \$6000 is needed for the coming months of operation of this school. We believe that you will come to our aid and see that these prospects are no longer kept waiting, and that they do not turn away in disappointment because of our lack of compassion.

Another thing that we need to say at this time, and we are sorry that we must say it: WE CANNOT ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENTS until we have taken care of all outside prospects. We will accept membership applications and will place them on a rotating list (in the order of arrival) and handle a small percent continually until everyone has the Bible lessons.

HERE IS THE REASON

why we must limit membership enrollments. First of all, membership applications may reach several hundred or a thousand in a few weeks, besides our present prospect list. When you don't have enough money you then need to place first things first. We believe that as a member you would say, "I certainly would want you to send these lessons to an interested prospect first, then send to me later." We believe that would be what you would say; so that is the reason for our procedure.

If you are a non-member receiving this letter, we can take your enrollment immediately. If you are a member, you may have several months to wait for enrollment, so we suggest that you place your name with us so that you may receive these Bible studies at an earlier date.

On the back of the next page of this letter, you will find application blanks. If you wish to place your (membership) enrollment on our rotation list, use one for yourself; on the other coupon, send the name of some one whom you know would be very interested in these Bible truths, and whom you feel should immediately receive them. (More enrollment coupons will be furnished you if you will write and request them). We do not want to limit prospect interest.

HOME MISSIONS STUDENTS MAY RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT

If you, as a member, have taken the Home Missions training and instruction course (MIC or C-W) please indicate this on your application coupon. There is a reason for this priority to the above persons. They are the ones who are being instructed to use these Bible Lesson studies in their missionary witnessing efforts. They are the lay-member volunteers. They are the ones who have furnished us most of our names in Home Missions.

We are sending a gift bulletin to all who write us this month. It is called the "PROSPECTUS." This is a bulletin published only for the use of our home missionaries who are engaging in personal witnessing. But we are making this first copy a GIFT to you, so that every member and friend may gain a more complete picture of the home missions activities as they are developing at this time. We know that it will be a thrill to you to learn what is taking place in our home fields. A real CHALLENGE is ahead!

Also at that time we will send to you a sample BIBLE LESSON from the SEARCHLIGHT COURSE, so that you may see what they are like. This will come to you inside the pages of the "PROSPECTUS." Watch for it later in the month, and be sure to write us in the enclosed envelope.

A SELF-SUPPORTING BIBLE SCHOOL

We expect the Bible Correspondence School to be self-supporting in the months to come, when it is expanding under full operation. Prospects who are interested in such studies are always willing to help with offerings if they are enjoying the studies. We will give them the opportunity to help on this project. But we must first launch it by our own sacrifices at this time. We must start by FAITH.

Partial list of lesson subjects:

Is there a God?

How can I find FAITH?

Is sin real?

How much of the Bible is true?

Is Paradise worth it?

God's Metal Man didn't lie!

Life on earth is NOT about to end!

World PEACE is just ahead.

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TRUTH YOU CAN TRUST

Proven by: test after test
centuries of experience
God's book -- The Bible

A BIBLE LESSON SERIES containing only

- Purity of the gospel*
- Authentic Bible teachings*
- Fundamental guidance to God*

ENROLLMENT BLANK

I am interested in the Bible studies which you offer. I wish to enroll in this FREE Bible course. I understand that I may proceed in these studies in my available time and according to my desires.

Name ----- Age -----

Street or box -----

City ----- Zone ----- State -----

LIST OTHER NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON SEPARATE SHEET

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We would appreciate it if you would send an offering for every name which you send in, so that we are not held back from accepting enrollments for lack of funds. We also need \$6,000 for the names already on our list. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Give as you are able and as God has prospered you. No one needs to rob himself of personal needs. If everyone could do his part at this time, there would be enough. But that means EVERYONE.

What of those who are NOT able to give right at this time? Then the rest of us must do a little more until they are able to help also. By all means, WE MUST NOT KEEP HONEST HEARTS, hungry for the truth, waiting to get it, if we are able to get it to them!

Remember that we are waiting here with thousands of copies of BIBLE LESSONS on the shelf, with HUNDREDS of waiting prospects, and \$300.00. We believe you will help us.

God's work keeps moving steadily forward in a REAL way. Every worker in our offices and in the field are GIVING.

It is urgent that we hear from you soon. We pray that God will send you many blessings.

PRAY FOR THIS WORK.

Yours for Christ and the Gospel,

"SEARCHLIGHT Bible Correspondence School"

DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS

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LESSON TITLES - Searchlight Bible Courses

MISSIONARY: (Part I)

1. Is There a God?
2. From God's Archives
3. Finding Your Faith
4. Destiny of Creation
5. Quest for Truth
6. Is Sin Real?
7. Star of Hope (Jesus)
8. God's Metal Man
9. Earth's Golden age
10. For All the King's Men
11. Doors to Paradise
12. The Prayer Wheel

BIBLE TRUTH (Part II - Searchlight Course)

1. God, the Creator
2. Verbal Bible Inspiration
3. The Son of God
4. The Unseen World (angels, devils)
5. Sin's Reward (what is death?)
6. Heaven and Hell
7. Complete Path to Redemption
8. God's Supernatural Power
9. Lawlessness - Enmity against God
10. New Testament Ordinances
11. Celebrating the Resurrection
12. God's Church in Heaven & Earth
13. True Forms of Worship
14. Discipleship Challenge (Christ's Call)
15. What Does God Promise YOU?

"How much will you give in exchange for TRUTH?" _____