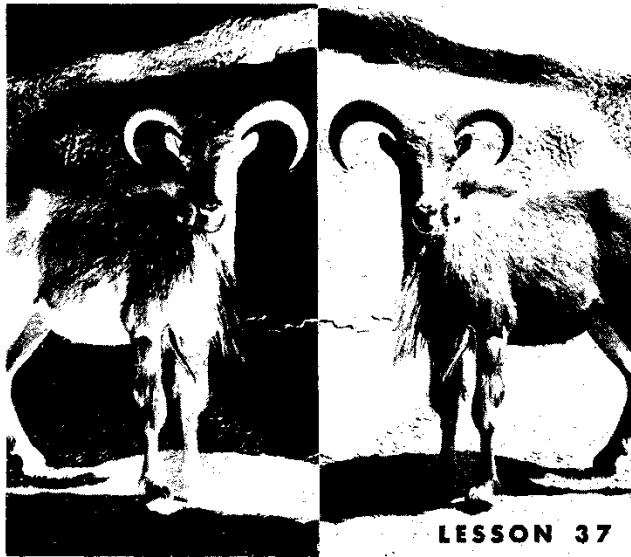


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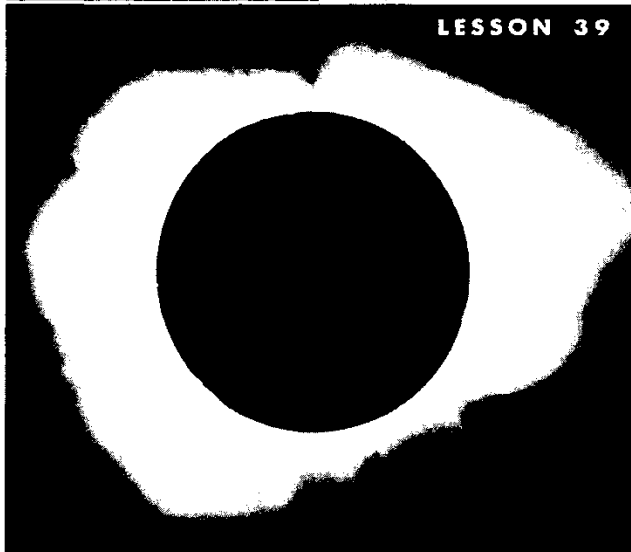
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an open letter from

THE EDITOR

HOW MANY times have you heard non-Christians, judging one who professes Christ, say in disgust, "Well if *that's* Christianity, I don't want any of it!"

How many judge GOD by the way professing Christians live? How many assume that one must live a *perfect* life before he can become a Christian?

How many say, "If I could give up smoking, I'd become a Christian."

How many think a Christian is supposed to be perfect, never doing anything wrong? Suppose you do see or hear about a Christian doing something **WRONG**. Does that mean he is a hypocrite—that he is *not* really a Christian, after all?

Is it possible for one to actually SIN, while he is a Christian, and *still remain* a truly converted Christian?

I suppose nearly everyone would reply in the negative. But here is a vital point *you need to UNDERSTAND!*

It's hard to believe—but **TRUE!** Few know just what *is* a Christian. Few know **HOW** one is converted—whether suddenly, all at once, or gradually. Does conversion happen *immediately*, or is it a **PROCESS?** **IT'S HIGH TIME WE UNDERSTAND!**

The **TRUTH** is that there is a sense in which true conversion *does* take place *at a definite time*—all at once. But it is also true that in another sense conversion is *worked out gradually*—a process of development and growth.

NOW NOTICE CAREFULLY!

WHEN does one really become a Christian? It is when he receives God's Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:9, we read that *unless* we have the Holy Spirit, we are not Christ's—not Christians.

There is a definite **TIME** when God's Spirit enters into one. At the *very moment* he receives the Holy Spirit, he is, in this first sense, *converted*. Yes, *all at once!* If he has Christ's Spirit, he is **CHRIST'S**—he is a Christian! He has been begotten as a child of God.

But does that mean his salvation is complete? Is he now fully and finally "saved"? Is that all there is to it? Is he now, suddenly, *perfect*? Is it now impossible for him to do **WRONG**?

NO! **FAR FROM IT!** But **WHY?** What's the answer? Why do so many **MISUNDERSTAND?**

Here is the **PLAIN TRUTH** you need to know.

First, there are **TWO conditions** to becoming a
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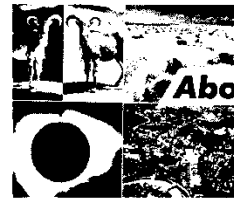
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Review each lesson and your own notes before you attempt to answer test questions.

Each Correspondence Course Test is designed to teach as well as test your progress. Now is the time for you to *draw conclusions* based upon what you have learned.

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TEST NUMBER TEN

THIS present examination is given to help you continue to *better understand* your Bible.

You are once again reading the eight-page QUESTION SECTION. It CONTAINS the INSTRUCTIONS and the QUESTIONS you will be asked. Note that there are 81 questions and that they are numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3 etc. Note also that there are four possible answers given under each question. These are labeled A, B, C, D. *ONLY ONE* of these four possible answers is the *RIGHT* one!—the other three are false UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

YOU ARE TO SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR POSSIBLE ANSWERS.

You are to repeat this process for each of the questions asked. This comprises your test. (Generally speaking, the *incorrect* answers are *false* ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

As you select the ONE right answer to each question, you must MARK THE ANSWER, which you selected, in the margin of this Question Section.

Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then refer to the lessons. We expect you to do so!

Now transfer your marks from the margin of this Question Section to the enclosed ANSWER CARD which accompanies this Question Section. You are to SEND *ONLY* THE ANSWER CARD in to us when filled out.

Those who do not send in answers to the tests, or those who show by a very low number of correct answers that they are not particularly interested, will naturally be dropped from the Course.

Notice that each question is divided into four parts—corresponding to the last four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question.

Here are two EXAMPLES to show you how to answer the questions:

Read the *first* question of this test. The right answer to select this time is "C." Now look at your answer card—observe the "X" in the square to the right of Question 1, and under C. It is already correctly marked for you!

Here is the second example: Notice question number 2. The correct answer is "B." Answer "B" is marked correctly for you! That is all there is to it! It is very simple and fast. The procedure for the other questions is the same. Now continue with question 3 in the same manner . . .

Lesson 37

AT-ONE-MENT WITH GOD

- Who is actually winning the battle for men's souls?
 - The "great controversy" has not yet been decided.
 - Satan, because so few are saved today.
 - There is no "running battle" for men's souls.
 - Christ, although He appears to be losing.
- Satan is
 - stronger than Jesus Christ.
 - doomed, and will be imprisoned at Christ's return.
 - not the ruler of this present evil world.
 - already defeated, deposed by Jesus Christ.
- Which *one* of these four statements is *false*? Satan has
 - had his part in causing worldwide misery.
 - invisibly swayed nations.
 - possessed mighty world leaders.
 - no responsibility for the plight of this world.
- God's last four annual Holy Days show
 - no relationship to the near future.
 - Christ's soon-coming intervention in world affairs.
 - God's plan of salvation will be complete when Christ returns.
 - that during the Millennium, Satan and the demons will be ruling this earth.

5. The reason for you to prepare to rule *now* is
- the saints will inherit heaven.
 - God alone will rule on earth.
 - Satan will rule the earth for another 1000 years.
 - spiritually reborn Sons of God will rule with Christ on earth.
6. The purpose of fasting on the Day of Atonement is
- to humble your human, fleshly mind to God's will and draw closer to Him.
 - simply to deny yourself food and water for 24 hours.
 - to bend Almighty God to your will by penance.
 - to increase your physical strength.
7. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*? The Bible speaks of three worlds; they are:
- "the world that then was" which perished in the Flood.
 - "this present evil world."
 - "the world to come."
 - "the world of Satan's desolation" during the 1000 years.
8. How will Satan be dealt with when Christ returns?
- Satan will be deposed and restrained—"bound" in the bottomless pit.
 - Satan will be destroyed.
 - Satan will be chained to a bleak and desolate earth for 1000 years.
 - Satan will wander over his domain—the earth—pondering his crimes.
9. After Satan is deposed,
- God will reveal himself in *power* to rebellious mankind.
 - Christ will take the saints to their reward in heaven.
 - man will fast and mourn for the end of the world.
 - all mankind will immediately turn and submit to Jesus Christ.
10. Why do God's people fast on the Day of Atonement?
- To mourn the coming *end* of this world.
 - To picture by fasting that they will be in heaven.
 - To observe a kind of Jewish "lent."
 - To humble themselves and repent before Almighty God.
11. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- The *tabernacle* which ancient Israel built was a type of God's house.
 - The sanctuary in heaven is dirty, and Christ must clean it out.
 - The *mercy seat* was a type of God's throne.
 - The Holy of Holies was a type of God's throne room.
12. The "Azazel" goat
- represented Jesus Christ, the scapegoat.
 - represented true Christians, the scapegoats.
 - represented Satan the Devil—worshiped by *most* people today.
 - has no meaning for us today.
13. Who did the High Priest represent on the Day of Atonement?
- The impure High Priest represented Satan.
 - The High Priest was a human type of Jesus Christ.
 - The High Priest was typical of the apostle Paul who spoke of the "works of the law."
 - The High Priest was significant only in Old Testament times.
14. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- The incense of the tabernacle is symbolic of the prayers of God's people.
 - The High Priest wore special garments to symbolize the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
 - The ritualistic blood pictured the bloody sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
 - The cloud of incense actually screened the High Priest from the glory of God.
15. Why was the Azazel goat removed from ancient Israel?
- To show Christ was cut off from among His people.
 - To show Satan must be removed from mankind.
 - To show Christ was removed to Heaven.
 - To show that Satan will be allowed to roam a desolate earth during the Millennium.
16. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*? The Day of Atonement foretells for this world
- the first step toward the Utopia man has long sought.
 - the deposing of Satan.
 - the restitution of God's absolute government on earth.
 - the promised cleansing of the heavens by Christ as High Priest.
17. Why is the Day of Atonement called ATONEMENT?
- Man will become at one with God in attitude.

- B. Satan alone will be left on the earth.
 C. Man will be at one with Christ in heaven.
 D. No such meaning as "at one" should be applied to the word "atone."
18. The Day of Atonement
- A. was faithfully kept by God's early New Testament Church.
 B. was not kept by the apostle Paul.
 C. is observed only by orthodox Jews today.
 D. was not mentioned by Luke when he wrote the history of Paul's life in the Book of Acts.
19. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
 Fasting on the Day of Atonement
- A. helps man to realize he is only flesh with no reason to become arrogant in God's sight.
 B. shows man's sincerity in sorrow and repentance for sin.
 C. shows in type that man realizes his sins have separated between him and God, and that an atoning sacrifice must be made and accepted for his reconciliation.
 D. shows God that man is already humble, repentant and sinless by nature.

Lesson 38

The WORLD TOMORROW

20. For nearly 2000 years
- A. Satan has been battling with God for control of the souls of men.
 B. God has desperately been trying to save the whole world.
 C. Christ has failed to wrest any of this world's millions from Satan's grasp.
 D. God has allowed Satan and his carnal human henchmen to dominate this world.
21. At the end of 6000 years
- A. Satan will be forcibly removed from his position of world rulership.
 B. Jesus Christ will rescue the faithful and take them to heaven.
 C. Christians who qualify will *not* be given authority over this earth.
 D. God will not set up His peaceful government on this earth.
22. God's early New Testament Church taught
- A. the meaning of the Millennium far and wide.
 B. man's destiny was hidden—a "mystery."
 C. God's plan for this world was complete when the Church was established.
 D. nothing regarding the final 1000 years of God's Master Plan.
23. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
 The Roman Catholic Church
- A. originally understood the Bible in part and acknowledged references to 1000 years of peace and prosperity on this earth.
 B. later rejected what little truth of God's Kingdom it had.
 C. today claims that the Bible doesn't mention Christ's 1000-year rule on earth.
 D. bases its doctrine of the Millennium on what the Bible plainly states.
24. Does the Bible mention *only* one "day" of salvation?
- A. Yes.
 B. No.
 C. Yes, but the one "day" of salvation is divided into a former and a latter "rain" of the Spirit.
 D. The number of eras of salvation cannot be determined by Scripture.
25. God's government
- A. is democratic.
 B. is ruled *from the top*—God the Father, through Jesus Christ—*down* to individuals.
 C. will be subject to overthrow by discontented subjects.
 D. will not be administered by men such as Abraham, David, and the apostle Paul.
26. When will "all Israel" be saved?
- A. After Christ's second coming.
 -B. Now before the end of this world.
 -C. Israel's chance for salvation is *lost*—they crucified the Saviour.
 -D. Scripture makes no clear statement on this subject.
27. Which *one* of these four statements is *not* a Bible requirement concerning God's Feast of Ingathering?
- A. It is a commanded assembly.
 B. It is to be held at specific, God-ordained locations.
 C. It is to be continually observed FOREVER by God's people.
 D. It is a time of sorrow, of afflicting the soul in fasting.
28. Why has God chosen a harvest cycle as a

- pattern for His Holy Days?
- A. They aptly describe the two spiritual harvests.
 - B. He wanted to get people together at the most convenient times.
 - C. He chose times when little work needs to be done.
 - D. He wanted to impress on man the need to work during the Holy Day seasons.
29. State the number of High Annual Sabbaths that occur during the Feast of Tabernacles:
- A. One.
 - B. Two.
 - C. Seven.
 - D. None, God doesn't require man to abstain from work on any of the days in the Feast of Tabernacles, because it is a harvest season.
30. Which *one* of these four is *not* a reason why Israel went into captivity?
- A. Israel broke God's seventh day Sabbath.
 - B. Israel refused to keep God's annual Sabbaths.
 - C. Israel rebelled against worshiping God in the way He prescribed.
 - D. Israel continually kept God's Holy Day Festivals.
31. Christ set an example for us by
- A. offering animal sacrifices.
 - B. keeping the Feast of Tabernacles.
 - C. condemning the Feast of Tabernacles as "Jewish."
 - D. forgetting the Feast of Tabernacles.
32. Christ's disciples
- A. never kept the Feast of Tabernacles.
 - B. knew that the Feast of Tabernacles pictured the coming Millennial reign of Christ on earth.
 - C. didn't teach the early New Testament Church to keep the Feast.
 - D. taught only Jews to keep the Feast.
33. During the Millennium people will
- A. worry about their physical needs alone.
 - B. struggle under the dictatorship of Jesus Christ.
 - C. worry about the ravages of ferocious wild animals.
 - D. be free of Satan's deceptions and the pressures of man's ungodly society in order that they may overcome their human nature.
34. Life in the Millennium will be a life
- A. of fear unless you are armed with weapons for protection.
 - B. difficult because of violent weather conditions.
 - C. primarily crowded in huge urban areas.
 - D. productive and peaceful when people will develop true spiritual character.
35. In the Millennium, all nations will
- A. experience fear of food shortages—famine!
 - B. go their own way unhindered by God's government.
 - C. live in terror instead of deep respect for God's laws.
 - D. send delegates to Jerusalem to learn God's peaceful way of life.
36. With whom will Jesus Christ make His marriage agreement?
- A. Christ will marry "spiritual" Israel—the reborn New Testament Church called out of all nations—which has "made herself ready."
 - B. Physical Israel.
 - C. All nations.
 - D. He will rule all nations but "marry" no one.
37. Under Jesus Christ, re-born Christians will
- A. loaf throughout eternity.
 - B. worship continually before God's throne, saying "Holy, Holy, Holy."
 - C. not reign as kings over nations and territories.
 - D. act as advisors, counselors and priests to help all peoples learn God's ways.
38. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*? God commanded Israel to live in booths to
- A. picture their complete dependence on God.
 - B. show in type their temporary sojourn in this evil world.
 - C. impress on them that even though in Palestine, they should look to a coming "promised land."
 - D. make life difficult for vacationing Israel.
39. When will the increase of God's Kingdom end?
- A. During the 1000 years.
 - B. Never.
 - C. After the 1000 years.
 - D. When God's Holy Day Master Plan is finished.
40. Should Christians today keep the Feast of Tabernacles?
- A. Yes, to learn more of God's ways from His ministers in seven days of special extra preaching services.
 - B. No, nothing is gained by living together at God's Festival in peace and harmony.
 - C. No, man does not need time to get away from this world and his weekly routines.
 - D. No, practicing God's laws doesn't instill righteous, godly character.

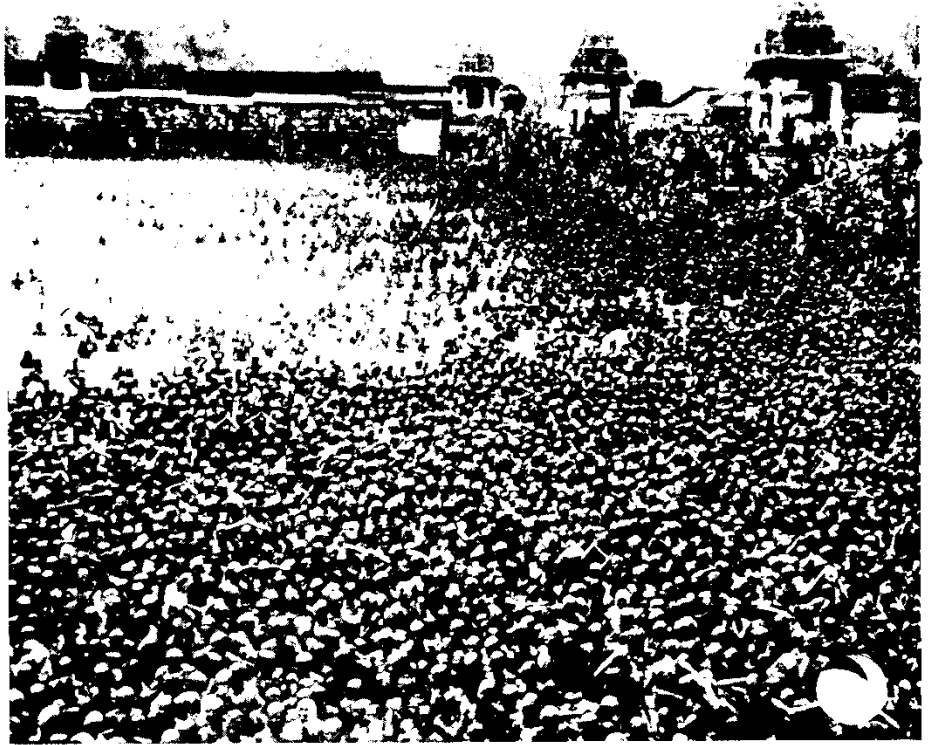
Lesson 39

The LAST JUDGMENT

41. Is this the only "day" of salvation?
- It is for those whom God calls TODAY!
 - The Bible does not reveal the answer.
 - Yes, the world's ministers say it is.
 - Yes, and God is desperately trying to save the world right now!
42. Are those who died never having heard the true Gospel, lost forever?
- Yes, for they have *no future* opportunity for salvation.
 - Only those under atheistic Communism are lost.
 - Only babies that die are lost forever.
 - No! God promises to give them a future chance for salvation.
43. The "last judgment" Holy Day
- pictures how unfair God really is.
 - pictures God's fairness to those who never had a *chance* for salvation.
 - does not picture the perfection and completion of God's Master Plan.
 - was not commanded to be kept *forever*.
44. The Last Great Day
- was never kept by Jesus Christ.
 - does not complete God's annual Holy Day cycle.
 - or "eight day"—immediately *follows* the Feast of Tabernacles.
 - is the *last* day of the Feast of Tabernacles since it is called the "great day of the feast" in the New Testament.
45. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- There are three annual God-ordained festival seasons.
 - Within the three festival seasons fall all of God's Holy Day Festivals.
 - The Last Great Day is the *final* festival and Holy Day.
 - True Christians *today* don't have to keep the Last Great Day.
46. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The first resurrection occurs *after* the Millennium.
 - The second resurrection occurs just *before* the Millennium.
 - Those who died in ignorance of God's Plan are resurrected at Christ's second coming.
 - Those who died without the knowledge of salvation will rise in the second resurrection—just *after* Christ's 1000-year reign on earth.
47. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The Last Great Day does not picture the "Great White Throne" judgment period.
 - Jesus never spoke of a time of judgment for those who died without the knowledge of salvation.
 - God will reveal His Plan of salvation to the billions resurrected to *mortal* life in the White Throne Judgment.
 - The billions who died not knowing God's Master Plan are dead forever.
48. Will those in the White Throne Judgment understand the Bible?
- No, understanding will be *closed* to them.
 - Yes, God will then give them His Holy Spirit of understanding.
 - They will *remain* ignorant of God's Word.
 - The Bible is not clear on this point.
49. How will people in the White Throne Judgment be judged?
- Before "God's great bar of justice."
 - According to their previous sinful lives.
 - By how well they follow the instructions of the Word of God—the Bible.
 - Certainly not by *how* they act on the knowledge God will give them.
50. How long will the White Throne Judgment last?
- The Bible does not say.
 - 1000 years.
 - 1100 years.
 - 100 years.
51. Those who have been judged for 100 years, yet remain stubbornly rebellious,
- will be born into God's Kingdom.
 - will *perish* in the Lake of Fire.
 - will be given another chance to repent.
 - will finally repent at the last moment.
52. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- The *third* resurrection occurs at the end of the 100-year judgment.
 - The incorrigibly wicked dead of all earth's ages will be resurrected to suffer the second death—eternal death—in the Lake of Fire.
 - The Lake of Fire will also consume the entire surface of the earth!
 - The Lake of Fire is not described in the Bible as a *literal* all-devouring flame of fire.
53. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

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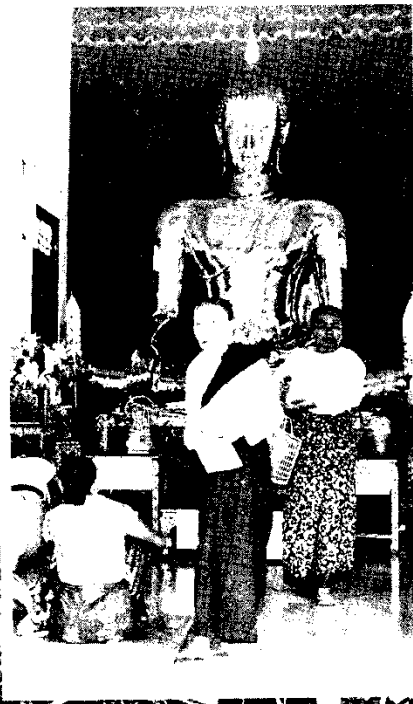
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BILLIONS WILL FORSAKE PAGANISM

Lessons 37, 38, 39 and 40—covered in this Test—tell of the wind-up of God's Plan as revealed in His Holy Days. Lesson 40 exposes the real origin of all false religions which have deceived BILLIONS. All peoples will yet have an opportunity for salvation. The last three of God's Holy Days reveal that His mercy will extend beyond this present evil world to everyone who has ever lived. Soon all earth's population will be keeping God's Holy Days and understand His Master Plan!



Worshipping Golden Buddha today—the deceived multitudes of Asia will soon keep God's Holy Day festivals. *Wide World Photo*



Ancient pagan religions of the Far East have more than ONE BILLION followers. *Magnum Photo*

- A. God takes pleasure in the death of the wicked.
- B. Since God is just, those who *refused* His way to eternal life will be sentenced to pay the penalty of *eternal death* with their *own* lives.
- C. Death in the Lake of Fire is *not* eternal.
- D. The Lake of Fire will cleanse the world of all man's defilement *before* God's plan of salvation is complete.
54. What occurs after the earth is thus "baptized" by fire?
- A. The Bible does not reveal.
- B. God will leave the earth a desolate smoking ruin.
- C. God will take the born again saints to heaven.
- D. God will create new heavens and a new earth.
55. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. The New Jerusalem will descend to earth from heaven to become the capital of the universe.
- B. God's spiritual sons will not share in His new creation.
- C. God the Father will never dwell on earth.
- D. The Last Great Day does *not* picture the restitution of all God's creation.
56. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. Jesus said God's true work in every age would spiritually feed His people.
- B. The knowledge of God's Master Plan is being made available to the world through only *one* source.
- C. Only God's one True Church—the Radio Church of God—is faithfully proclaiming the truth about God's plan of salvation.
- D. The Radio Church of God is *not* feeding God's people spiritual food in due season.
57. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. God's Master Plan is not patterned according to the seasons of spring, summer and autumn.
- B. God doesn't command His true ministers to preach His Plan to His Church during these annual seasons.
- C. God doesn't pronounce a *curse* on ministers who don't preach His marvelous plan in their seasons.
- D. Imbibing of professing "Christianity's" deadly poisonous teachings will end in your *eternal death!*
58. Why does God command Christians to "act out"—observe—His Master Plan annually?
- A. Because God knows that review through *repetition* is not the best way to remember His Plan.
- B. So they will be *reminded* of God's Plan each year and carry out their individual part in it.
- C. For no reason at all.
- D. Because acting out God's Plan yearly doesn't keep God's goal for you constantly in your mind.
59. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. You shouldn't make a *concerted effort* to attend God's annual High Sabbath Holy Days.
- B. The Apostolic Church always gathered at central meeting places to observe God's annual Festivals.
- C. All who have fully repented will want to attend the annual Festivals which picture God's Master Plan as He commands.
- D. If you have repented, you will earnestly desire to be baptized and to keep God's annual Holy Days, and will write immediately to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong for further information. (See inside front cover for the address of one of our offices closest to you. *Be sure to mention you have completed lesson 39.*)

Lesson 40

"IF BAAL BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM . . ."

60. Who *alone* has the authority to set aside certain days for worship—to make them HOLY?
- A. Certainly not the Creator God Almighty.
- B. God Almighty, the Creator, who *created* time and man.
- C. Man, who thinks he has the authority.
- D. No one at all can make time holy.
61. Is the desire to observe "religious" days a basic drive of human nature?
- A. No, mankind has never manifested this drive.
- B. No, God did not put this desire in mankind.
- C. Yes, that's why every tribe, nation and religion establishes certain times of their *own* for worship.
- D. No, but man naturally gravitates to ob-

servicing God's Holy Days after learning about His Master Plan.

62. Is it possible to actually worship God and venerate Christ's name in *vain*?
- It is not clearly revealed in Scripture.
 - All the world's churches teach that it is.
 - We can't really know.
 - That's what Christ said in the Bible.
63. Does the world's professing "Christianity" observe days which are commanded in the Bible?
- Yes, Jesus commanded all their days.
 - The world's holidays are *nowhere* commanded in the Bible.
 - Only their Christmas and Easter are commanded in the Bible.
 - Yes, the apostles commanded their days.
64. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Satan is not responsible for instituting this world's pagan holidays.
 - Satan's holidays are *counterfeits* of God's Holy Days.
 - The Devil has designed his days to *hide* God's Supreme Master Plan and plunge deceived mankind toward eternal death.
 - This world *assumes* its holidays are "Christian."
65. Does it make any difference which days we observe?
- Not at all.
 - The Bible does not say.
 - Yes, because it's a matter having to do with your eternal life or eternal death!
 - God says it doesn't make any difference.
66. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The Bible doesn't warn us of false ministers in our day.
 - Jesus warns us of false ministers that would deceive the many in our day.
 - The Devil's false ministers have not adopted the name of Christ as a cloak for their false doctrines.
 - Satan's ministers do not appear as the true ministers of Christ.
67. Who was Nimrod?
- A "mighty hunter" who followed God.
 - A man of God who taught submission to God's laws.
 - He was only a mythological figure.
 - The post-flood world's first great dictatorial despot who opposed God.
68. What was the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes—Nimrod's followers?
- They taught that Nimrod was the *false* "baal," or "lord."
 - They taught that none should follow "Nicolas'"—Nimrod's—teachings.
- C. They taught that it was wrong—cowardice—to submit to the God who sent the flood upon the world as a punishment for sin.
- D. They taught submission to God and His laws.
69. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- After the death of Nimrod, his followers continued their rebellion against God in secret.
 - After Nimrod's death, his followers developed an intricate pagan symbolism called the "mysteries."
 - Satan's pagan counterfeit religious system hinges on the careful re-naming of all phases of pagan worship to correspond as closely as possible with that of the true God—thus confusing and drawing away mankind from the true God.
 - The priests of Nimrod began calling their wicked customs by names which openly honored the devil in order to deceive the people.
70. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The worship of Nimrod and Semiramis had become widespread by the time of Moses.
 - Semiramis was not Nimrod's mother.
 - Semiramis never took the name of "Mother of God."
 - Ishtar—"Easter"—does not refer to Semiramis.
71. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Baal-Peor was another name for Nimrod.
 - The compound name Baal-Peor had no special significance to the Moabites who worshiped Nimrod as a child.
 - Today the "sacred child" is still worshiped.
 - The mother and child theme of Christmas is a cleverly disguised pagan "mystery" which dates back to Nimrod and his mother Semiramis.
72. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- God was not angered at Israel's observance of the religious rites of Baal.
 - God never warned Israel against adopting pagan holidays.
 - God specifically warned Israel against transferring pagan customs to the worship of the true God.
 - Israel never sacrificed children on pagan holidays.
73. What did God do to His people for practicing Baalism?
- He only warned them against it.

- B. Nothing, since God doesn't hate Baalism.
 C. God allowed Israel to continue doing whatever they pleased.
 D. He punished them severely with captivity.
74. The "queen of heaven"
 A. is none other than Ashtaroth, that is, Semiramis.
 B. could not be the "mother of God" worshiped in modern Christianity.
 C. is Christ's own mother who was "assumed" bodily into heaven.
 D. is not mentioned in the Bible.
75. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
 A. Modern "Christianity" has adopted Easter worship.
 B. Modern "Christianity" bakes cakes for the "queen of heaven" called "hot cross buns."
 C. The fertility symbols of this ancient pagan goddess are perpetuated today as Easter eggs "delivered" by rabbits.
 D. Modern "Christianity's" Easter customs do not really stem from ancient pagan worship of Semiramis—Ishtar, or "Easter."
76. Does God condemn Christmas tree "worship" in the Bible?
 A. This is one pagan custom God approves.
 B. Yes, in Jeremiah 10.
 C. The Bible is not specific on this point.
 D. God is not interested in whom or what man worships.
77. Why must God's people, modern Israel today, soon again suffer captivity?
 A. Because they still serve pagan customs on pagan holidays.
 B. Because they have neglected Easter sunrise services.
 C. Because Christmas—Christ's birthday—has become commercialized.
 D. The Bible does not foretell captivity for modern Israel.
78. What do this world's ministers preach today?
 A. The unadulterated truth of God's word.
 B. God says they proclaim *lies* in His name!
 C. They preach obedience to all of God's laws.
 D. They especially preach the necessity of observing God's Holy Days.
79. Which great false church *compromised directly* with the paganism of the ancient world and adopted it as "Christian"?
 A. The Church of God which Christ established.
 B. The Protestant Church.
 C. No great church ever compromised with paganism.
 D. The Roman Catholic Church.
80. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
 A. Many of modern "Christianity's" major holidays were *NOT borrowed from the festivals of ancient paganism!*
 B. This world's holidays—including *Sunday observance*—are inseparably linked to the worship of Nimrod. All have been inspired by Satan the Devil!
 C. This world's pagan doctrines are promulgated by the Roman Catholic Church and her "Protestant" daughter churches.
 D. God commands you to "come out" of this world's satanically inspired babylon of paganism in order to *escape* His wrath!
81. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
 A. History, archeology and the Bible *don't* conclusively prove that the very same pagan rites worshiped by this world are those which have been perpetuated since the time of Nimrod.
 B. The churches of this world shamelessly *admit* they have adopted pagan days.
 C. God commands you to "come out" of this world's satanically inspired babylon of paganism in order to *escape* His wrath.
 D. If the Lord God Almighty be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him (I Kings 18:21). *It's up to you!*

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Christian: REPENTANCE, and FAITH. These two we, ourselves, must perform. Yet no one can, of himself, say, "Oh, now I see—I must repent. All right, I hereby repent." One does not just decide casually, as a matter of routine, to repent. WHY?

Jesus Christ said that none can come to Him, except the Spirit of the Father draw him. God *grants* repentance. God calls one, and convicts the mind and conscience by His Spirit, working on the mind externally. Usually a real struggle goes on within. The person has been shaken to *know* he has done wrong—he has sinned. He is not only sorry—he abhors himself! He is brought

to real REPENTANCE, not only for what he has done, but for what he now sees that he *is*.

Yet he, himself, must make the decision. If he does repent, surrender to God, and in FAITH accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, then, upon performance of these two conditions, God *promises* to put within him the GIFT of the Holy Spirit. This is the very *life of God*—SPIRIT life. It imparts to him the very *divine nature!*

Then *what, at that stage, has happened?*

This new convert has only been *begotten* of God—not yet BORN. He has not received the full measure of God's Spirit Christ had—he is only a *spiritual babe* in Christ—he must now GROW spiritually, just as a newly conceived foetus in its mother's womb must grow physically large enough to be BORN as a human.

This new convert has now REPENTED, in his mind, from the depths of his heart. HE MEANS IT, too! In all sincerity, in his mind and heart he has *turned around to go the other way*—to live a different life. He is now a CHRISTIAN—he has received God's Holy Spirit. He really *wants* to do what is right—to obey God—to live GOD'S WAY.

YET HE FINDS HE DOES NOT DO THIS PERFECTLY! Many, at this stage, become discouraged. Some give up even trying to live a Christian life. And WHY? *Because of the false notion that a Christian is one who becomes PERFECT at one fell swoop*—or, that one cannot become a Christian until he has broken all wrong habits, and *made himself righteous.*

It's vital to UNDERSTAND how true Christianity REALLY WORKS!

The newly begotten Christian must grow up, spiritually. What would you think of a human baby, who became 6 feet tall *all at once*, without *growing up*? The growing up process requires TIME. There is an *instant* when a person receives the impregnating Holy Spirit of God—when he first becomes a Christian. But he is only a *spiritual infant*. He must *grow up* spiritually.

The newly converted person, *in his mind and heart*, sincerely has ABOUT-FACED! He has actually gained contact with GOD, and received God's Holy Spirit. God's own divine NATURE has now been conceived within him. BUT THAT'S ALL—it is *merely conceived*—not yet full grown! And his HUMAN NATURE is *still there*—it has not been killed or removed!

Understand this!

We were all born HUMAN. We all were born with HUMAN NATURE. Few seem to know what human nature is. It is a strong PULL—a tendency—and, like gravity, it is a *downward* pull. Like a strong magnet, it draws us in the way

OF SATAN—that is, a pull toward pride and vanity, selfishness and greed, a lack of outgoing concern for others—the spirit of competition, opposition, strife, effort to acquire, and to exalt the self. It is a pull toward self-gratification, and jealousy, envy and resentment toward others. It is the spirit of rebellion against authority, hostility toward God and the Law of God. THAT is human nature. YOU were born with it. It is still within you.

Originally God created the beautiful arch-angel Lucifer. He sealed up the sum of wisdom, knowledge and beauty. But one thing he lacked—the righteous CHARACTER to choose the right way, and resist the wrong—to discipline the *self* in the way he ought to go, instead of the way of self-desire.

God's PURPOSE in having created humanity—in having caused YOU to be born—is to reproduce Himself. And GOD, above all things, *is PERFECT, RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER!* God is able to create character within us—but it must be done as a result of our independent free choice. We, as individual separate entities, have our part in the process.

What *is* perfect character? It is the ability, in a separate entity, to come to the KNOWLEDGE of the right from the wrong—the true from the false—and to CHOOSE the right, and possess the WILL to enforce self-discipline to DO the right and resist the wrong.

Like muscle, character is developed, and grows by exercise. My name is Armstrong. I suppose I could make my arm stronger, and develop the muscle, by constantly bending it back and forth at the elbow. But if I pull, or push, against some heavy weight or resistance, the muscle will develop much faster. Therefore God purposely put within us this NATURE that exerts a heavy pull *against* that perfect righteous character—to give us something to *strive against*, for THE VERY PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING RIGHT CHARACTER!

God's CHARACTER travels in the direction of His Law—the way of LOVE. It is an outgoing CONCERN for others. GOD has that character! HE has an outgoing *concern* for you and for me. He GAVE His only begotten Son to reconcile us to Him, and make the JOYS of His character and everlasting life possible for us. He showers on us every good and precious gift. He even puts within us HIS DIVINE NATURE—when we repent and turn *from* the WRONG way of THIS WORLD, begin to *resist* it, and turn TO Him through faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour!

God's divine nature is the nature of love—of giving, serving, helping—of outgoing concern. It is the nature of humility.

Now when one is converted—has repented, and *turned from* Satan's and this world's false way—has *at once* received God's Holy Spirit—his HUMAN nature, as I said before, does not flee. It, too, remains. It *still* exerts a pull. We still live in THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD, and *it* exerts a pull. God still allows Satan to be around—and HE exerts a pull.

So we now have THREE PULLS to RESIST—to OVERCOME! We must now *overcome* these three—Satan, this world, and our own SELVES. We have to battle against these three, in order to develop and strengthen RIGHT CHARACTER within us. God says plainly it is THE OVERCOMERS who shall be saved—who shall REIGN with Christ!

No human being is strong enough to do this BY HIMSELF! He must seek, and IN FAITH receive, the help and power of GOD. Even with God's power he will not overcome such forces easily, or all at once. IT IS NOT EASY! Christ plainly said the way to ultimate salvation is hard, difficult. It's a constant BATTLE—a struggle against self, the world, and the devil. The creation of CHARACTER comes through EXPERIENCE—it takes TIME!

THIS development is a PROCESS. It is a matter of GROWTH—DEVELOPMENT. It requires, to become PERFECT, full and right KNOWLEDGE of the very Word of God—because Jesus taught that we must *live by* EVERY WORD OF GOD.

The natural, unconverted mind cannot fully and rightly UNDERSTAND the Scriptures of God. The acquisition of this KNOWLEDGE, in itself, is a procedure requiring TIME. It is the DOERS of this Word, not hearers only, who shall be saved.

But can any man do, immediately and all at once, this new way he now learns about? Can any man, all at once, break all HABITS he now sees are wrong? No, he finds he has a FIGHT against acquired former habits.

He still has this PULL of human nature to overcome. This nature is A LAW working within him. The Apostle Paul calls it the law of sin and death.

Paul was *converted*. Paul was a real Christian. He had repented, accepted Christ, and received the Holy Spirit. With his MIND, he wanted with all his heart, and in real intense sincerity, to DO God's WAY! But did Paul do it perfectly?

Let him tell. LISTEN!

"For we know that the Law is spiritual," he wrote. "but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not, but what I hate, that I do. . . . Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." He is speaking of human nature within him. He continues, ". . . for to

WILL is present with me: but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. . . . O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? . . ." Then he thanks God—that GOD WILL—through Jesus Christ, and by the power of His HOLY SPIRIT. BUT IT TAKES TIME!

The truly converted Christian will find that he often stumbles, *under temptation*, and falls down—even as a physical child, learning to walk, often falls down. But the year-old child does not get discouraged and give up. He gets up and starts out again.

THE TRULY CONVERTED CHRISTIAN IS NOT YET PERFECT!

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART—the inner MOTIVE—the real *intent*! If he is trying—if he gets up whenever he falls down, and in repentance asks God's forgiveness, and sets out to do his very best NOT TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN—and to persevere with renewed effort to OVERCOME, God is rich in mercy toward that man in his striving to overcome.

Speaking to CONVERTED CHRISTIANS, John writes, "These things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And *if any man sin* [even though he ought not], we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for OUR sins . . ." Yes, for the SINS of converted CHRISTIANS. Such people often are under heavier temptation than before conversion. They are STRIVING against sin—STRIVING to overcome. But they are not yet perfect. Sometimes they are caught off guard. They may actually sin. Then they WAKE UP, as it were, and realize what they have done. They REPENT. They are filled with remorse—*truly sorry*—disgusted with themselves. They go to GOD, and CRY OUT for HELP—for more power and strength from God to OVERCOME!

This is the WAY of the Christian!

It is the way of a constant BATTLE—a striving against SIN—a seeking God in earnest prayer for help and spiritual power to overcome. They are constantly GAINING GROUND. They are constantly GROWING in God's KNOWLEDGE, from the BIBLE. They are constantly rooting out wrong habits, driving themselves into RIGHT habits. They are constantly growing closer to God through Bible study and prayer. They are constantly growing in CHARACTER, *toward* perfection, even though not yet perfect.

With Paul, they say, ". . . Not as though I had already attained, or were already perfect: but I FOLLOW AFTER . . . Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this one thing*

I do, FORGETTING those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS!"

But, someone may ask, what if one's life is cut off, and he dies *before* he has attained this perfection? Is he saved, or lost? The answer is that we shall never obtain absolute perfection in *this* life.

I said, earlier, that a person who is converted does receive the Holy Spirit at a *definite time—all at once!* Not the full measure Christ had—he is not at once full grown spiritually—only a spiritual babe in Christ. Yet he is then a changed, converted man—changed in mind, in attitude, in the *direction* he has set himself to strive to travel. Even though he has not yet reached perfection—even though he may have stumbled under temptation, and taken a spiritual fall—as long as, in his mind and heart, he is earnestly striving to travel GOD'S WAY, to overcome and grow spiritually—as long as God's Spirit is in him—as long as he is being LED BY the Spirit of God, he is a begotten SON of God.

If, anywhere along this life's journey, that life is cut short, such a man will be resurrected.

It is only the one who deliberately QUILTS and GIVES UP—who REJECTS God, and God's WAY, and rejects Christ as his Saviour—who turns FROM this direction of GOD'S WAY, in his mind and heart—in his inner INTENT—who deliberately and intentionally in his mind TURNS FROM Christ—who is lost. If, once having been converted, having received God's Spirit, and TASTED of the joys of God's WAY, one deliberately rejects that way; makes the DECISION, not under stress of temptation, but deliberately and finally, NOT to go God's way, then God says it is IMPOSSIBLE to renew such a one to repentance. He would have to REPENT of that decision. But if he WILFULLY made it, not in a time of temptation, but calmly, deliberately, wilfully, then he just WILL NOT ever repent of it.

But anyone who FEARS he may have committed the "unpardonable sin"—is perhaps worried about it, and HOPES he *has not* committed it, and still WANTS to have God's salvation—no such has committed it—such a one MAY repent, and go right on to salvation IF HE WANTS TO!

If YOU have stumbled and fallen down, DON'T BE DISCOURAGED! Get up and press on ahead!

If you see a Christian do something wrong, DON'T SIT IN JUDGMENT AND CONDEMN—that's God's business to judge, not yours! Let's have compassion and mercy—we don't know the inner heart of others—only GOD does!

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