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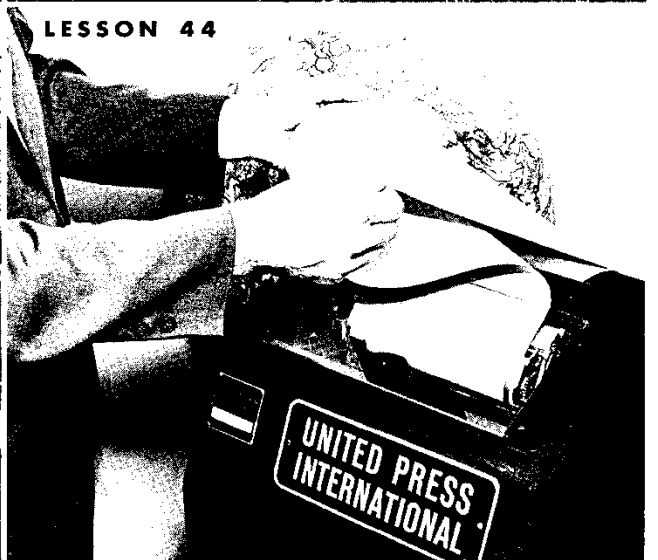
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TEST 11

an open letter from

THE EDITOR

A UNITED STATES Senator preached a sermon in a Methodist pulpit in Los Angeles. Of all things, imagine a well-known senator saying that *patriotism* is a false god to many people! And he is right.

"Love of country can transcend the love of God," he said, "and we must, in time of stress, avoid making patriotism a religion."

He said a number of other things I could have said myself. Among the idols professing Christians worship, he cited *prosperity, science, patriotism, peace*—and some people actually make an idol of the Bible, strange as that may sound. Some, he said, worship the Bible for *itself*, NOT as containing TRUTHS necessary for salvation; and, I add, as a GUIDE to a WAY OF LIFE.

What is *your* idol? What are YOU really dedicated to? Is it earning a living—making money? What absorbs your mind, your thoughts, your time—what are you really *devoted* to? Is it GOD—above all else? Or is it your hobby, your wife or husband, your children, your home, your sports—or amusements and entertainments? What do you keep your MIND on most of the time? What most occupies your INTEREST? Is it friends—society? Is it PEOPLE—or is it THINGS?

Is it GOD? If not, then it is an IDOL. You are breaking the first Commandment. You have this other god *before* Him.

Just WHAT IS RELIGION?

Is it merely an incidental interest, secondary to *many* other things, such as earning a living, your home, your family, your friends, hobbies, sports, entertainments? Possibly secondary to TV or movies?

Religion is your CONNECTION WITH GOD—your relationship with Him. Religion is realizing the PURPOSE of your life—the reason why God had you to be born—the reason you draw the breath of air and exist—the PURPOSE or end-GOAL of your life, and HOW to live that life so as to arrive there.

I have written of the *Seven Laws of SUCCESS*. They are really the seven laws of LIFE. They are the seven laws of RELIGION. Yet most people do not know, or practice or apply, a single one of them.

The first is to have the RIGHT GOAL.

That GOAL—God's PURPOSE for having put the breath of life in you—is that you be born

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Review each lesson and your own notes before you begin answering the questions. Each Correspondence Course Test is designed to teach as well as help you evaluate your progress. Now is the time to put to *practical use* the knowledge you have learned from the Bible!

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TEST NUMBER ELEVEN

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

You are now reading the instructions for answering the questions.

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.

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, make a pencil mark in the *margin* beside the correct answer to each question. Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous four lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then *refer to the lessons*. We expect you to do so!

Once you have finished going over the questions, *transfer* your marks from the margins of this question section onto the enclosed ANSWER CARD. You are to *SEND ONLY THE ANSWER CARD* in to us when filled out.

Be sure to handle your answer card carefully at all times. A *SMOOTH CARD* aids us in grading. It will then be *returned* to you.

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 obviously have to be dropped from the Course.

Notice that the questions are 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 mark the Answer Card.

Read the *first question* on 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!

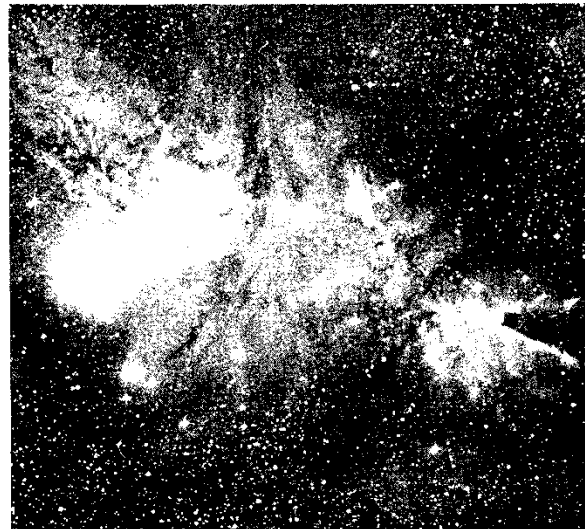
Here is the second example: Notice question

2 on this page. The correct answer is "**B**." Answer "**B**" is also marked correctly for you! That's all there is to it! It's very simple and fast.

The procedure for marking your answer card is *always* the same. Now continue with question **3** . . .

Lesson 41

STEP INTO ETERNITY...



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1. Can we know the destiny of man after the Millennium?
 - A. We can't know what eternity holds for mankind.
 - B. Man will remain earth-bound and rule only this planet.
 - C. Yes, God *reveals* that those who are born of God will inherit and rule the entire universe!
 - D. The Bible reveals that all really interesting and worthwhile accomplishment will be over by then.
2. When the Bible says God has set man over the works of His hands, it means
 - A. nothing more than that "all power in heaven and earth" was given to Jesus Christ after His resurrection.

- B.** man, after being born of God, will control everything God has ever created.
- C.** born-again man will control the earth, but not the starry heavens.
- D.** Jesus was the only man who was destined to receive authority over all of God's creation.
- 3.** God's throne
- A.** will be established on earth when the old earthly Jerusalem is *rebuilt*.
- B.** is presently in the temple of the heavenly Jerusalem.
- C.** will always remain in the great empty void of the far northern heavens.
- D.** is not now a center of great activity, or breathtakingly beautiful.
- 4.** When God's 7000-year plan of salvation is complete, the planet earth will
- A.** become the dwelling place of God the Father.
- B.** be consumed in the Lake of Fire and cease to exist.
- C.** become one vast desert.
- D.** no longer serve any useful purpose to God or those in His Kingdom.
- 5.** Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A.** "God is love" (I John 4:16), therefore God wants us to have and use everything He owns because *loving is sharing*.
- B.** The heavenly Jerusalem will always remain in heaven.
- C.** God invites us to make His heavenly City our eternal abode when it descends to earth.
- D.** The heavenly Jerusalem is a fabulously beautiful city.
- 6.** Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A.** God has designed the New Jerusalem to be an environment conducive to eternal creative work.
- B.** Abraham qualified to dwell in the New Jerusalem by merely *believing* that what God said is true.
- C.** Abraham never expected God's own City in heaven to ever be transported to earth.
- D.** We can't be sure whether Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — who actively yielded their lives to God — will be in the Kingdom of God.
- 7.** The Kingdom of God
- A.** is not the greatest goal we could endeavor to attain.
- B.** cannot be inherited.
- C.** will become the greatest of all things.
- D.** is already established in the *hearts* of "born-again" Christians.
- 8.** Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A.** Those yielded to God eagerly look forward to entering the glorious Kingdom of God.
- B.** The coming enlarged Kingdom of God will be a *permanent* Family of God's Sons for all eternity.
- C.** God's Kingdom is also a permanent, stable, everlasting system of government.
- D.** The New Jerusalem, after being established on earth, will not remain the everlasting center of universe rule.
- 9.** The "tares" of the parable in Matthew 13
- A.** do not represent those who imitate Satan the Devil.
- B.** picture the wilfully disobedient who will be burned in the Lake of Fire.
- C.** picture disobedient Christians who must *not* be uprooted—removed—from God's Church lest the good "wheat" also be uprooted.
- D.** represent only *weeds* that should be gathered and burned when they are found.
- 10.** What must we *do* to prepare for the Kingdom of God?
- A.** Yielding ourselves to a higher authority is not a prerequisite.
- B.** Yielding ourselves to *any* higher authority is sufficient.
- C.** It isn't at all important "*to whom*" we yield ourselves.
- D.** We must begin yielding ourselves to God by *burying* our old sinful way of life in the waters of baptism.
- 11.** The True Church of God
- A.** was planned and built by Jesus Christ.
- B.** began when a group of believers "saw the truth" and assembled themselves together.
- C.** is actually the Kingdom of God.
- D.** exists for purposes *other than* instructing and training future members of the ruling God Family—the Kingdom of God.
- 12.** Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A.** The living Christ continues to actively guide and rule His Church ever since He first established it in 31 A.D.
- B.** Christ appointed the apostle Peter as the *first* of a long succession of "popes" to head God's Church.
- C.** The True Church was founded on the day Christ rose from the dead.

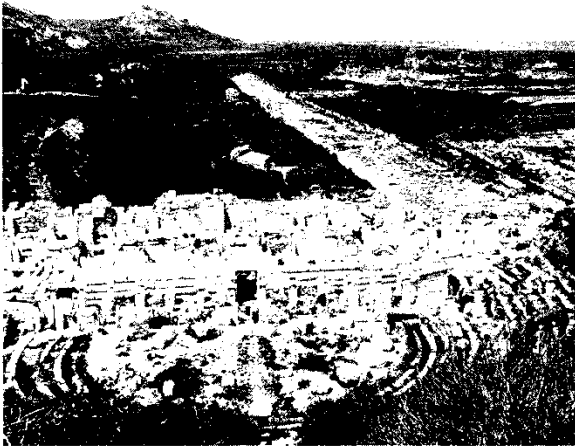
- D. While Christ is in heaven, His control of the policies and activities of God's Church is limited to instructions He inspired in the Bible.
13. Christ's command, "Feed my sheep,"
- was not actually directed to all His apostles.
 - was given to His apostles to make sure all the poor among early Christians would have enough to eat.
 - means that His Church is to send a warning witness to all nations before His Second Coming.
 - means that God's Church is to instruct its baptized members in *how to live* by God's Word.
14. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- God's True Church is founded upon the *teachings* of the apostles and prophets, as well as on the teachings of Jesus Christ who is the "chief corner stone."
 - Christ's *main* commission to His Church is to "feed" His flock.
 - Baptized members of God's Church must be *taught* how Christ wants them to live.
 - Christ prophesied God's Church would be characterized by different attitudes and different degrees of zeal during the different eras of its continued existence.
15. The seven Churches of God described in Revelation 2 and 3
- were seven congregations consecutively located on a long mail route during the apostolic age of the Church.
 - have existed *contemporaneously* from the apostolic era until now.
 - do not also prophetically represent *successive* periods, or stages, of the continued existence of God's one True Church.
 - are all prophesied to exist simultaneously in the end-time.
16. The first stage of the New Testament Church was located at
- Iconium.
 - Smyrna.
 - Ephesus.
 - Philadelphia.
17. The Philadelphia Era of the Church
- is prophesied to be the largest of the seven churches, numerically speaking.
 - was not prophesied to exist during any time of great worldwide persecution or trial.
 - will have to suffer severe tribulation.
 - has been granted "an open door" to magnify its power in preaching Christ's gospel.
18. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Christ promises to keep the Laodicean Era of the Church from the "hour of temptation."
 - The Laodicean Era of the Church will continue to broadcast the true gospel.
 - The Laodicean Era of the Church is the end of the mail route. It does not pass on the gospel—the "mail"—to anyone.
 - The Philadelphia Era of the Church does not faithfully deliver the entire gospel to the Laodiceans.
19. Jesus Christ went to heaven nearly 2000 years ago
- we do not know why.
 - to preside as High Priest over the work of fitting us into positions — offices — of authority that will endure throughout eternity.
 - to get a well-earned rest.
 - to avoid having to see all the suffering and pain He knew the earth would yet have to suffer.
20. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- We are accounted as spiritually alive in God's sight even if we haven't yielded our wills to God.
 - The Church must *grow* into a holy temple fit for God to dwell in.
 - One cannot grow spiritually unless he is fed spiritual food.
 - One's spiritual character will grow if he consistently puts doing God's will—seeking the Kingdom of God—*first*.
21. As long as there are over 400 different denominational churches, each with a different doctrine,
- all must be God's churches.
 - if any one of them is God's Church, then *none* of the rest can be.
 - none of them could be Satan's churches.
 - there is no reason for the Bible to condemn them for being daughters of the great whore, or "mother" church.
22. The New Jerusalem
- could never be on earth because its huge size would unbalance the planet and, besides, no one could live in its upper parts for lack of atmosphere.
 - will not be as beautiful as the Garden of Eden.
 - will be studded with precious and semi-

precious stones as liberally as ordinary building materials.

- D. must certainly have a few *occasionally* sad and unhappy people.

Lesson 42

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR ETERNITY?



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23. Man's future way of life as a Spirit Being
- is to slave and toil for all eternity.
 - is eternal retirement.
 - is to perform creative work.
 - is not revealed to us.
24. Jesus Christ and the Father
- live busy, active lives.
 - have rested since the end of Creation Week.
 - already have done everything worth doing long ago.
 - will not work so much once billions of other sons have been born to rule with them.
25. The "reward" Jesus Christ will bring with Him
- is the same as the "promise" made to Abraham.
 - is God's extremely generous payment for extra effort put forth by those being saved.
 - is eternal life.
 - is limited to punishment for the deeds of the wicked.
26. Eternal life
- is all that God has promised His sons.
 - is the natural result of keeping God's commandments.
 - is a prerequisite to receiving God's reward.
 - is not a gift, since we must qualify to receive it.
27. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- All seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 are promised the same reward.
 - Each of the seven churches will be given different, but equal rewards.
 - Every overcomer is promised an identical reward—eternal life.
 - Different eras of the True Church will be given different functions in the Kingdom of God as rewards.
28. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Different types of jobs will be apportioned as rewards according to the special type of training each church has received.
 - The Philadelphia overcomers will be especially fitted by experience to operate a "headquarters" work in the Kingdom of God.
 - The "pillars" are those whose job is so important that symbolically they hold up the entire "building."
 - Isolated Philadelphia members today lack the opportunity to receive training for the "headquarters" work that is to be carried out in the World Tomorrow.
29. The job of the Laodicean Church is
- to rule over Gentiles.
 - to rule Israelites only.
 - to assist Christ in the personal administration of His office.
 - to set policies for other churches to carry out.
30. The Thyatira Church qualified for her job
- by virtue of having the greatest number of members.
 - by having had specialized experience in dealing with pagan religion superstition and Gentile ignorance.
 - because they allowed "Jezebel" to influence them.
 - because God is obligated to give an extra special reward to those who suffered in the Inquisition.
31. The Sardis Church
- has existed since the later Middle Ages.
 - enrolled many zealous "live wires" among its members.

- C. has a unique reward promised it.
D. was always a unified, well-governed group.
32. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Neither the Ephesus, Smyrna nor Pergamos Church is promised a special *group* reward.
 - The Ephesus Church had to contend with men impersonating apostles, but who were actually engaged in building a counterfeit church.
 - The Pergamos Church was spiritually strong, unwilling to compromise with paganized "Christianity."
 - The Smyrna Church was composed of poor people persecuted by Satan's church.
33. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- There will be no rewards left for many of the saints.
 - Many of the individual saints will be given rulership over cities and other local governments.
 - Christ will also reward the smallest as well as the greatest.
 - It will take literally millions of different jobs to create civilization as it ought to be.
34. How will Christ determine who will receive which rewards?
- He will cast lots.
 - That is up to Him to decide, according to whom He likes best.
 - He will apportion responsibility according to each saint's spiritual ability.
 - It will be on the basis of filling all the best positions with those who lived earliest.
35. Spiritual ability
- cannot be increased by the individual.
 - that counts is that attained by the end of each saint's mortal life.
 - does not depend on how much one does with what one has been given.
 - is treated lightly in the parable of the talents.
36. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- How many times over one has increased his talents is not important.
 - None who were converted in the Sardis Era of the Church will receive as great a reward as the least one converted in the Philadelphia Era of the Church.
 - A ruler of a great city in the World Tomorrow could not rule over more than someone else who rules over a whole nation.
 - Those with limited natural ability who accomplish *more*, proportionately speaking, than those with greater natural ability will receive greater rewards.
37. If one would be content just to be a "doorkeeper," does he need to strive very hard now to overcome?
- Everyone *must* strive hard at first, and overcome to a certain level. Then he can slack off so long as he does not backslide.
 - No, because doorkeepers' jobs do not require special training.
 - Rewards will be given only to those found to be still growing and overcoming at the end of their allotted time.
 - God requires no more from those who have been converted longer than from those who have but a short time to grow.
38. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- If one is obedient only "when the chips are down"—that is all that is required.
 - If a person with little ability doubles his capability, he will obtain as great a reward as an Einstein who doubles his.
 - One who does not use his talents will see them all taken away from him, and even the gift of eternal life he thought he had.
 - Saul had the opportunity to qualify to rule over Israel in the Kingdom of God, but neglected it.
39. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Christ qualified to be a King by serving, not by lording it over others.
 - He who will be greatest must be the servant of others.
 - Kingship is a reward because it gives a greater opportunity to serve.
 - Being a servant has nothing to do with preparing us to be future kings.
40. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Little children cannot learn to rule by merely doing chores, or ruling over toys, inanimate objects or animals.
 - A "father" is one who serves and leads to show the way, like God, the greatest Father of all.
 - A woman ruling wisely over children has the same opportunity to learn to be a king as her husband has.
 - The Kingdom of God will need millions of "fathers"—scientists, advisers, inventors, specialists in every field.
41. Those who are given positions of rulership at the beginning of the Millennium will

- A. reign only to the end of the Millennium.
- B. reign only until there are no mortal beings left to reign over.
- C. not reign for ever and ever.
- D. acquire undreamed-of powers to make the earth a happy, productive, peaceful place.

Lesson 43

WHAT IT MEANS TO "LIVE BY FAITH"



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42. Why do we live in a faithless generation?
- A. Because few people today can "work up" faith.
 - B. Because it is impossible to live in this materialistic world and know God.
 - C. Because most people take God's existence for granted.
 - D. Because most people don't know what faith is.
43. What is the *only* way to please God?
- A. By merely believing that God exists.
 - B. By just accepting Jesus as our Savior.
 - C. By having active, *living* faith!—faith to *YIELD* to Him!
 - D. Living by faith has nothing to do with pleasing God.
44. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Faith is the "power of positive thinking."
 - B. The person who *trusts* in his *own* heart is wise.
 - C. Sanctimonious sentimentality, feelings and emotions are *evidence* of having faith.
 - D. Faith is a *spiritual* matter—not physical!
45. Faith
- A. does not come by hearing.
 - B. in itself is no evidence of anything.
 - C. is simply a trust in the invisible God to perform what mortal flesh cannot do.
 - D. is solely the result of "an act of the will" whenever we make up our minds to believe anything.
46. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. A Christian grows in spiritual character by progressing "from faith to faith."
 - B. Godly faith is impossible for most people because they do not know God's Word—the Bible.
 - C. Faith is based on the fact that things not seen are more real than temporary things that may be seen, felt or touched.
 - D. Faith is like magic—if you fully believe something, it will somehow come true *without* God's help.
47. Abraham's faith
- A. was tested only once.
 - B. grew without the need of trials or tests.
 - C. was accounted to him for righteousness.
 - D. was sufficient without any works.
48. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. Abraham believed that God would make a great nation of him and give him the Promised Land, but he died before either came to pass.
 - B. In his own heart and will, Abraham actually killed — completely gave up — his only son.
 - C. Abraham *knew* God was able even to raise up Isaac from the dead to fulfill His promise.
 - D. Abraham was not fully persuaded God was able to bring about *whatever* He promised.
49. Why is faith important?
- A. Because faith is all that is required for salvation.
 - B. It takes faith to *obey* God in difficult circumstances.
 - C. It isn't important—it's just an arbitrary system God has chosen to use in dispensing His blessings.
 - D. Just to show we are sons of Abraham—the "father of the faithful."

50. What does the experience of Noah teach us about faith?

- A. God always tests His people privately, without other people knowing.
- B. There was physical evidence in the earth or heavens to indicate a disastrous flood might occur.
- C. Tests of faith are soon over—they do not last long.
- D. Noah had to stand alone against the entire world in believing and obeying God—the “world” *perished!*

51. How far does God expect us to have faith in Him in order to obey Him?

- A. God always delivers us before we have to actually suffer.
- B. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not required to go to the brink of death in the fiery furnace.
- C. He would allow us to disobey if the *government* demanded it, because He tells us to be subject to the power of the state.
- D. It is never too late for God to act even after one has actually died.

52. Might God actually allow one to die who was faithfully trusting in Him?

- A. No, that could never happen. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were mistaken in thinking it could.
- B. With each trial God will always make a way of escape short of death.
- C. Yes, because one must love Jesus Christ and His ways more than physical life itself to be worthy of Him.
- D. God would be unfair to demand that we wait for the resurrection for deliverance or healing.

53. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?

- A. Jesus Christ actually gave up His life in *faith knowing* He would be resurrected.
- B. Jesus had the living faith to obey *all* God's Commandments, though of Himself He could do *nothing*.
- C. Most professing Christians have a *dead* faith—mere belief in the facts of Christ's existence and His sacrifice for the sins of mankind.
- D. We cannot have the same faith Jesus Christ had—*added to* our faith.

54. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

- A. *Our* faith is sufficient to believe in Christ and His sacrifice.
- B. *Our* faith is that which is accounted to us for righteousness.
- C. Christ never added to the faith which Abraham himself had.
- D. Christ's faith is not IN His True Church

today—nor He Himself actually living His life in each individual Christian.

55. The faith of Christ—Christ's faith—

- A. means belief in Christ.
- B. must be earned.
- C. is a gift imparted by the Holy Spirit.
- D. means Christ's religion.

56. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

- A. Our human faith is totally useless and must be completely replaced by Christ's faith.
- B. “Saving faith” is faith to do, “through Christ which strengtheneth,” *WHATEVER* is God's will.
- C. You will know when Christ puts His faith in you because it is imparted suddenly, fully grown and matured.
- D. Above all else, we should concentrate on *getting*—somehow “working up”—faith in order to be saved.

57. The way to *exercise* faith is

- A. to step out and put faith to work.
- B. to make a tentative move and then wait to see if God blesses you.
- C. to have faith that God heals today through the doctors.
- D. to have faith that God will heal directly and go to the doctor only as a last resort.

58. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?

- A. If God is really with you, you will not have any *serious* troubles.
- B. Appearances, circumstances, physical factors are no evidence at all in predicting performance of a miracle by God.
- C. The *way* in which God answers is usually totally unexpected.
- D. Ancient Israel lacked faith and disobeyed God because of not having the Holy Spirit.

59. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?

- A. Faith must always be linked with obedience because faith without works is dead.
- B. One can have *Christ's faith* in him and deliberately disobey.
- C. Faith was united with works when the ancient Israelites stepped down between towering walls of water into the Red Sea.
- D. No one can really believe God's ways are always best and deliberately disobey.

60. How can one *rejoice* in the midst of trials?

- A. By simply realizing the trial of our faith develops patience.

- B. By knowing they will not last long.
 - C. By gritting one's teeth and bearing it, realizing *everyone* has troubles.
 - D. By keeping our eye on the ultimate goal.
61. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. The doubter of God's promises is actually calling Him a liar.
 - B. We should *ask* God for more faith.
 - C. Most temptations come from God.
 - D. We must get in spiritual training—draw near to God in preparation for times when temptation comes on us suddenly.

Lesson 44

COUNTDOWN ON CIVILIZATION HAS BEGUN!



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62. World food supply
- A. is adequate, although shortages exist in local areas.
 - B. can be permanently increased by fertilizers and irrigation.
 - C. is inadequate over two thirds of the globe.
 - D. can continue to be made adequate by United States and Canadian surpluses.
63. World population
- A. has been increasing at a rate of two and one-half to three percent a year.
 - B. can be controlled by immediately instituting birth control programs.
 - C. will gradually level out at a sensible level in relation to food supply.
 - D. around the year 2000 will be about 7 billion people.
64. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Over most of the world during the past fifty years, the average person has been enjoying more and more of almost everything.
 - B. North America has a significant surplus of food.
 - C. Most of "Christianity" is expecting Jesus Christ to return shortly.
 - D. The Bible prophesies of mockers and scoffers as a sign the end of this age is near.
65. The end-time Tribulation
- A. will not come suddenly and unexpectedly on anyone.
 - B. is to be preceded by ominous signs of impending calamity.
 - C. is not prophesied to be warned of by human agents.
 - D. will not fall on those who have deliberately scoffed and rejected God's warnings.
66. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. The reason many prophecies seem to apply to the end-time is because they did not come to pass when they were meant to.
 - B. Jude did not write concerning the antichrists who would appear in our day.
 - C. Joel and other prophets were *in vision* translated into the end-time—they saw and wrote of end-time events today.
 - D. Presence of many antichrists—those teaching contrary to the doctrines of *Christ*—is a sign it will yet be much later before true Christianity pervades this world.
67. God's time plan
- A. is never compared to the work of a farmer who first plows, then prepares a seedbed, then sows and finally harvests.
 - B. is either ignored, or declared already complete, by most preachers.
 - C. could have allowed Jesus Christ to return at any moment during the last 150 years.
 - D. was fulfilled as soon as world wars and worldwide troubles began.

68. Worldwide famines
- are coming to a climax.
 - are not one of the "signs of the times" we were warned to watch for.
 - are solely the result of man's abuse of the soil.
 - could not come as a result of bad weather.
69. Can pestilence—disease—again bring death to multiple millions in this modern world?
- Wonder drugs and better medical practices make a recurrence of Middle Ages-type plagues impossible.
 - Vaccination and serum immunization have permanently eliminated most of the old diseases.
 - Yes, for smoke, smog, drugs and food additives weaken man's natural resistance, while helping to create strains of *super germs*.
 - Possibly, but if such epidemics were to start, the sick could quickly be isolated from all other people.
70. The Great Tribulation
- is God's wrath on this lawless world.
 - comes *before* the Day of the Lord.
 - has nothing to do with Satan's wrath.
 - does not include religious persecution.
71. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- Only those true Christians who receive special protection from God will escape Satan's wrath.
 - After the failure of another attempt to invade and conquer heaven, Satan's wrath against God's people will intensify.
 - Satan will seek by a great "flood" to pursue and destroy God's Church that has been taken to a place of safety.
 - Satan will cease persecution and give up, once God has removed the Philadelphia Church to safety.
72. The lukewarm Laodicean stage of God's Church
- cannot be awakened by the fierceness of the Tribulation.
 - will be exposed to a redoubled attempt by Satan to deceive and thus destroy them after the Philadelphia stage of God's Church is taken to a place of safety.
 - could never include those who neglect prayer and spiritual growth while thinking themselves Church of God overcomers.
 - will be concerned only with themselves while ignoring the steady countdown toward the coming of Christ.
73. Daniel actively sought God's salvation by
- ignoring the whole subject concerning *when* God would set up His kingdom.
 - diligently searching out the "times" with the idea of hiding himself at the right moment.
 - fasting and by prayer.
 - trying desperately to get King Nebuchadnezzar converted in order to turn that realm into the Kingdom of God.
74. Nebuchadnezzar
- was not warned by Daniel to repent.
 - was given over to a wild animal's mind because he refused to repent.
 - was never given an opportunity to rule the world as God's representative.
 - was not a type of Babylon and its "seven times" punishment of having wild animal-type minds inflicted on a succession of Babylonish Gentile world empires.
75. The seven "times" of the Gentiles
- are in prophetic fulfillment equal to 1260 years.
 - are equal to 2000 years.
 - ended at the birth of the Messiah.
 - will end when Christ returns to set up His Kingdom.
76. The "times of the Gentiles"
- are a time of blessings on the Gentile nations.
 - are certainly not a punishment like Nebuchadnezzar's punishment.
 - were never mentioned by Jesus.
 - are the time the Gentiles are cut off, because of disobedience, from the blessings of God.
77. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- At the very end, just before Christ appears, an "abomination of desolation" is to "stand in the holy place" in Jerusalem.
 - The "abomination of desolation" will be a false "god" set in the place of the true God.
 - Nothing is said in the Bible of the future appearance of a personage who would seat himself in God's Temple and claim to be God.
 - Christians in Palestine are warned to leave the area when they see Jerusalem encircled by armies.
78. What is the significance of the *sign* of armies around Jerusalem?
- The Jews will then be able to completely break free from the shackles of Gentile powers.

- B. It means the war will be confined to hand-to-hand combat between foot soldiers.
- C. It is the signal that the city is about to be taken captive and the women ravished.
- D. It shows that few people—all members of the military—will actually be killed.
79. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- A. Roughly one of every two human beings will die in the final war.
- B. World population will continue to increase right up to the outbreak of the final war.
- C. America and Britain will remain relatively untouched because of superior weapons and stored food supplies.
- D. About one seventh of all Israelites will survive the final war.
80. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- A. Some of those whom God has chosen out of symbolic "Jerusalem" will be *cast back into* the "fire."
- B. Satan would succeed in annihilating all of physical Israel if Michael would not stand up to deliver a *remnant*.
- C. There is no use in working to build up what may well be destroyed in less than ten years.
- D. God has planned to "cut short" the time allotted to this world whenever His purposes in it have been fulfilled.
81. The day of Christ's Second Coming
- A. can be accurately predicted by His Church.
- B. should be prepared for by closing our businesses, quitting work and waiting.
- C. will catch unawares those who devote themselves completely to pressing forward with the Work God has given them to do.
- D. can only be set by God the Father.

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TEST. Note that it has three holes punched at its margin. This is so you can *file it in your notebook* at the end of the last four lessons it covers.

REVIEW these questions now and then. Why? Because the review will give you the opportunity to impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind.

Also, a review of the three false answers given for each question will help you to realize more clearly some of the *false* ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the *truth* much better when it is presented to you in future lessons.

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of GOD, to share with Him the GLORY of creation, to inherit His divine NATURE, to be LIKE HIM — to do what He does, to accomplish what He accomplishes, enjoy what He ENJOYS — Peace, Happiness, Joy, Resplendent GLORY in LIFE EVERLASTING.

No other goal could be as great. It is superlative.

But what are *you, now?* Just a mass of matter, put together like a machine. Your present existence has to be constantly SUSTAINED. You have to keep drawing a breath of air into your lungs about every second. You have to eat food about three times every day. You have to take care of eliminating the impurities from food, and of bathing and cleansing. Maybe you don't *really* have to "brush your teeth after every meal" as a certain toothpaste TV commercial keeps repeating like a phonograph record that got stuck. But you *do* have to maintain and sustain your physical anatomy to keep on existing — and even then you are aging and degenerating every day and every year — and the most certain thing in this existence we call "life" is that this machine process is going to run down — YOU ARE GOING TO DIE.

Actually, we have to simply *keep pumping life into ourselves* constantly — daily — to continue existing — to continue consciousness.

Yet most people keep on, day after day, year after year, pumping that existence into themselves, with NO MORE PURPOSE than to try to be comfortable, free from pain, and to be pleasing the five senses — with their minds on the passing physical and material things of the moment — things that are not lasting, and are soon gone.

Unless God's own CHARACTER is formed and developed in your mind and your life, replacing the carnality that is there now, you will have missed your GOAL. God's PURPOSE is to CREATE within you, during this life, a new and perfect CHARACTER.

If you are converted — that is, if you do once establish actual *contact* with God — He supernaturally puts within you His HOLY SPIRIT. This impregnates you with His LIFE — begets you as His child, actually yet unborn. But it does put within you a NEW NATURE, entirely opposite to HUMAN NATURE with which you were first born. You are, as Scripture says, given "exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE

DIVINE NATURE" (II Pet. 1:4). Of course the old human nature *remains*; and *your mind* makes the continual decisions whether to yield to the downward pull and appetites and established habits of human nature, or to resist it by yielding to the new Divine nature — to BE LED BY GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

This, then, BECOMES *your very life!*

You can succeed only if your GOAL is kept constantly — continually — before your eyes. When you drive a car, if you take your eyes and attention off of what is in front of you (and sometimes coming from the side or behind) even for two or three seconds, you may find yourself "coming to" in a hospital, dying, and saying, "it all happened *so suddenly!*" Driving *carefully* means BEING ALERT — being DILIGENT every second — KEEPING YOUR EYE and your mind and attention on the matter of DRIVING — not conversation or other things.

In the same manner, if you let other interests, material pursuits, steal first place in your mind and heart and *interest*, even for a few days, you are endangering a SPIRITUAL SMASH-UP that will let you wake up being plunged into the LAKE OF FIRE, which will mean eternal DEATH.

That's why God doesn't want you to have these other gods BEFORE Him. For your own sake — in your own interest — you must keep Him enthroned and enshrined constantly ABOVE ALL. You must study HIS WORD in order to be *instructed* by Him.

Instructed in what? Instructed in true KNOWLEDGE — knowledge of God's PURPOSE for you — knowledge of and about GOD — and knowledge of HOW TO LIVE. Jesus Christ said you must actually LIVE BY the words of the Bible. It is your GUIDE TO LIVING — your INSTRUCTION BOOK the Maker sent along to instruct you in HOW to OPERATE this mechanism that is YOU.

More, you must study His Word — your BIBLE — to find what you now believe that is wrong, and what you are now DOING that is wrong — to be CORRECTED and reproved by it. You must study it to let it INSTRUCT you in the ways of God's RIGHTEOUSNESS — *His WAY OF LIFE*. And then you must *devote* yourself to LIVING IT!

Still, without regular and constant PRAYER, you cannot maintain CONTACT with God. And when that *contact* is broken, you are CUT OFF from Him — and His Spiritual LIFE, LOVE, and very NATURE ceases flowing into you. For, understand, these divine attributes of His Spirit DO FLOW! They are IN MOTION. They do not stagnate. You either GROW spiritually — in knowledge — in grace — in God's character



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Store-full of consumer goods. God wants us to prosper (III John 2). But our people idolize physical things. Isaiah cries out, "Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made" (Isaiah 2:8).

—or you deteriorate back toward becoming carnally minded, to die in ETERNAL PUNISHMENT in the lake of fire!

But if God, and the things of God—His revealed knowledge—His Law—His love—His way for you to live—are constantly *foremost* in your mind, your thoughts, your interest, then you are PRAYING ALWAYS—that is, in a constant SPIRIT OF PRAYER—a constant MENTAL ATTITUDE of prayer. The contact with God must be *perpetual!*

This kind of Christian life—the only kind that truly is Christian—requires, as the Bible emphasizes repeatedly, zealous DILIGENCE. You must CONCENTRATE on it. You must be DEDICATED to it. It requires utter CONSECRATION. It requires total EARNESTNESS.

Yes, it requires the application of the other six laws of SUCCESS—education, in which the Bible is the main textbook; good physical health; DRIVE, or concentrated DILIGENCE and EFFORT; resourcefulness; sticking to it—enduring; and continual contact with and the guidance, help, and power of God.

True spiritual-mindedness is *not* a sticky sentimentalism. It is *not* a certain emotional mood. It is *not* the use of a certain religious phraseology, saying constantly, "Praise the Lord," or, "Glory Hallelujah." I have known many people whose TALK is so very "spiritual"—but whose hearts were as far from God as the prophet Isaiah described.

Jesus Christ was a perfectly SPIRITUAL man. But He did not go about using such mushy language. He was *not* a girlish, effeminate, sentimental or emotional weakling. He was a strong, virile, masterful, yet kind and gentle MAN. He possessed LEADERSHIP, STRENGTH, PURPOSE, SUPREME STRONG WILL—and yet these masculine qualities of strength and power were perfectly blended with wisdom, judgment, knowledge, understanding, justice, and also patience, compassion and mercy. He was filled with PEACE, LOVE, FAITH. And His WILL, strong as it was, was totally yielded and obedient to GOD. All this was the character of God.

He is our PATTERN. We must imitate Him—copy Him.

Look at the men of God in the Old Testament. Abraham, Noah, Joseph, David, Daniel, Elijah. They were all different from Christ in one respect—in which you and I must also be different—they had human weaknesses, and all did sin, yet these men all repented and strove to overcome. But they were all men of

strong PURPOSE, strong WILL guided by God, all possessed leadership, but also love and faith and a consecrated OBEDIENCE to the will of GOD. But they were not effeminate, sentimental men indulging in an affected, put-on, religious-sounding way of talking.

Look at the apostles Peter and Paul. They were the same. You don't find any of this pseudo "spirituality" in them — yet they were the truly SPIRITUAL men, devoted to obeying God and serving the needs of the people.

But one thing to watch and guard against every second, in the way of attitude, is resentment, bitterness, hatred. Don't let ANYTHING, no matter how unjust, make you sour and bitter. That is the deadliest mental and spiritual POISON. We must LOVE even our enemies who perpetrate the greatest outrages — though we do not condone their evils.

If you ever think I'M wrong about anything, don't get sour or bitter about it — let God correct and punish me — vengeance is His, you know. Resentment against me won't either punish me or benefit you, but it could consign YOU to eternal punishment! Whether YOU believe it or not, I have come, by years of experience learning the HARD WAY, to have supreme faith that GOD will never neglect to correct or punish me whenever I deserve it! You may TRUST HIM to do it!

Remember what a GLORIOUS GOAL we have before us!

How GRATEFUL we ought to be! How our hearts ought to be FLOODED with love and gratitude to the Great God for His matchless LOVE toward us. I'm sure we don't grasp what a supreme price He paid to make it possible. He wants us to be CHANGED — to overcome and root out this debasing rotten carnality we all have in us — and to CROW into His righteousness, that we may SHARE His GLORY.

And, you know, I believe God wants and longs to share the supreme GLORY that He has with YOU! Make it your supreme overall life VOCATION, and WORK HARD AT IT!

The Japanese spy who stealthily and secretly obtained all the information the Japanese needed to bomb Pearl Harbor said that he was not a very brilliant man, and learning came hard to him. BUT HE WORKED HARD AT IT, relentlessly, with zeal, and with purpose, and with diligence. He SUCCEEDED — in terrible DESTRUCTION — in plunging the United States into World War II — and, finally, in the ignominious defeat of his own nation.

Let us work hard at our calling and mission of being real Christians. We shall succeed, with God's help — in final and eternal GLORY!

What our STUDENTS SAY

Opened Her Eyes

"The Ambassador College Bible Course has really opened my eyes to the wickedness of this world's churches. I was a member of one such church and thought that no matter what they believed and taught, it was better than no church at all. I was even teaching young people in this church and have now quit because I know that God will one day judge me for the things I did in His name. I have been so wrong in so many ways. I pray God will forgive me. I will not make these mistakes again."

—Woman, Moundville, West Virginia

Just Scratched the Surface

"I shall never be able to thank you enough for clearing up my misunderstanding of the Bible. Although I have no more than scratched the surface, I am amazed at how little understanding of the Bible I had, even though I'm a Council-

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man and Chairman of the Worship Committee in one of the leading churches in the area. I am also amazed at how little of the truth is preached from its pulpit. Why I put off enrolling in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course for so long, I'll never know. In just the first 4 lessons I've learned more than in 9 years of membership in a nice, new, beautiful church—with a watered-down gospel. This Course is without a doubt the most interesting endeavor yet undertaken by me."

—Man, North Easton, Massachusetts

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"Up until 18 months ago I still attended a local organized church with my wife and children. But after continuing my studies through your Bible Correspondence Course, I began to realize we were not receiving the truth concerning salvation and, of course, not getting any satisfactory answers as to why we existed in the first place. When I would confront someone with a verse from the Bible that contradicted the teaching of this particular church, he would either try to explain it away or evade the question entirely. As a matter of fact, our pastor gave a sermon on why we keep Sunday instead of the seventh day. He was so vague on the subject, I almost felt sorry for him. So, instead of staying in a rut, I simply quit going and shortly afterward my wife quit attending also."

—Mr. R. B., Glen Burnie, Maryland

Was Worth Waiting For!

"Thank you very much for our latest Bible Lesson—No. 43 on faith. It was certainly worth waiting for! I, for one, had been constantly praying that God would inspire His servants at Headquarters to write up this lesson, especially, in such a way so *all* of us may understand thoroughly this fruit of the Holy Spirit—FAITH. And the Eternal has again answered our prayers."

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"I do want to say this study is the greatest thing that can happen to anyone. Not only is

it the world's best Bible Course, you can keep up with world affairs and prophecy. I must admit that I never knew anything about the Bible. I just read it and never tried to understand. The Ambassador College Study is fantastic. I am not much in writing a speech, but I mean this from the heart. Of course we older people have really been left out by not knowing the Truth. I simply freeze when I think of what I have missed. I was born in 1898, so you see I have wasted many years."

—M. H., Memphis, Tennessee

Hopes Lessons Will Continue

"In the editorial of the first lesson you stated that this Course, if meeting good response, could go on indefinitely. I sincerely wish it would do just that. The greatest thing about your lessons is that they are the first I have taken that use the Bible as the only textbook. It is the book most authorized for a course in its own study."

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"I have started all over. I am almost through Lesson 2 and plan to continue until I meet myself at the other end. I find the material just as interesting and rewarding as it was the first time I studied it. My thanks again to Dr. Meredith and his staff for giving us such a fine taste of Ambassador College, here in our own homes."

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