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This is Canton, China, where The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast is now being heard. See page 2.

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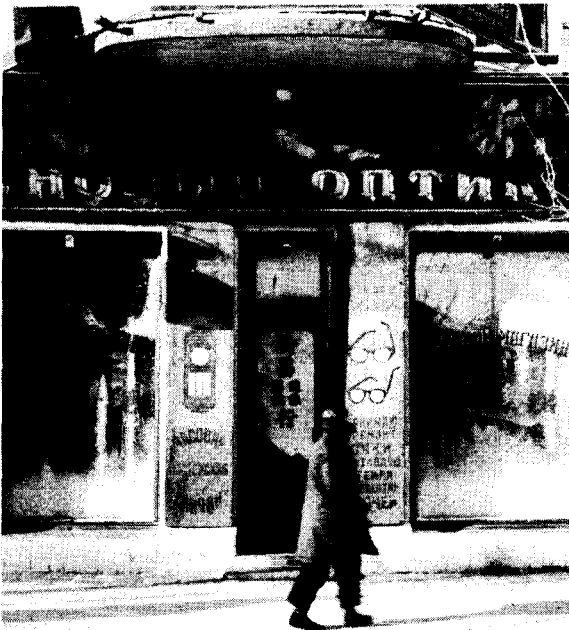
When the Bamboo Curtain fell around China, her more than 400,000,000 people were effectively sealed off from the saving knowledge of the Gospel of Christ. But Christ GAVE His Church a commission—(Mark 16:15) and a promise. He promised to open a door that NO ONE could close. HE HAS FULFILLED THAT PROMISE!

Not long ago The WORLD TOMORROW Program was offered time on Radio Formosa, the Voice of Nationalist China. God had opened the door—now we could get the gospel into the ancient land behind the Bamboo Curtain to reach the minds and to change the hearts of the teeming millions of Chinese living in abject poverty and in slavery.

This once proud race lies shackled, crushed under the communist heel. They are slaves, yes, but Christ said—"you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Every week, on Wednesdays, people like the ones that you see in these pictures gather around their radio sets to hear Mr. Armstrong teach the very same Gospel that Christ taught. They may have to hide from the police, but where there is a desire to know the truth, Christ will make it available to those who hunger and thirst.

With these pictures, The PLAIN TRUTH scoops the world to bring its readers scenes from behind the Bamboo Curtain now penetrated by the Word of God.



Left: Harbin, Manchuria. Notice the gray, grime-encrusted streets, and the Russian signs which share equal prominence with Chinese characters. Here you see a lone passerby, with up-turned collar because of the bitter, cold weather.

—Wide World Photo

Lower left: Large modern office buildings in Peiping, China's capital. The lone car is part of a foreign sightseeing tour.

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Here you see the primitive methods being employed by Red Chinese workmen as they resurface a road 70 miles from Peiping.

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Volunteer workers, mostly women, are shown here carrying rocks and stones to be used in the construction of the approach to the Han River bridge at Hankow, China.

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WHY Delinquency Begins in the Home

This is the second in a series of three vitally important articles on the problem of child rearing

by Garner Ted Armstrong

AMERICA is faced with a generation of youthful criminals! Vicious attacks, robberies, rapes and murders are being committed by juveniles even 15 years of age and younger! President Eisenhower legislated federal aid to help the individual states combat their teen-age crime problems.

Authorities want *more juvenile institutions, more psychiatrists and larger police forces.*

Information published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows the startling rise in crime among mere youths—a rise causing much public concern today. Newspapers repeatedly relate accounts of horrible crimes being perpetrated by mere boys and girls—some of them *not even in their teens.* Just since the publication of the May PLAIN TRUTH, many more shocking accounts of youthful violence have been in the news, with the particularly heart-wrenching news of an 11-year-old boy in Connecticut coldly and deliberately shooting to death his 14-year-old brother, his mother and father in a planned and purposefully executed murder plot!

Parents Ask Why?

What is wrong? Anxious parents accompany their children to school, or to juvenile court, or to the sheriff's office, and ask, "But WHY? . . . *why would my child do such a thing?*"

In the majority of cases, juvenile delinquents are products of broken homes, or homes where immorality and parental strife is the rule. However, there are *hidden pressures* in most modern homes which are not even *suspected* by most parents. These pressures cause reactions in children which lead them into crime and violence.

The modern method of child rearing, guided by the minds of psychologists and psychiatrists, *has been directly re-*

sponsible for juvenile delinquency in many cases!

Stop and think!

Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Hideki Tojo and other so-called "international gangsters,"—yes, and all the "bums" on skid row, the failures, the drifters who come to your back door for a hand-out, the arch-criminals and the petty offenders, and the sex fiends who have committed horrifying atrocities—**ALL OF THEM—WERE LITTLE BABIES ONCE!**

Criminal Behavior is LEARNED Behaviour

Did the mothers of "Pretty-boy Floyd," John Dillinger and Al Capone, including the other infamous gangsters of the 20's and 30's know *their* children would develop into some of the most vicious criminals of their day? Did the parents of the 11-year-old boy in Connecticut ever for *one moment* begin to visualize their own son turning on them in hatred with a .22 rifle, killing them?

OF COURSE NOT!

Where, then, and when, do criminals learn that kind of behaviour, and what are the causes behind criminal acts by mere youths?

Police Commissioner Gibbons of Philadelphia, said, "Throughout the country there is a general *disregard for constituted authority.* I think that goes for the adults and is reflected in the thinking of the juvenile." When questioned further about some of the causes behind juvenile delinquency, Commissioner Gibbon said, "I think the change has been going on over a number of years in the attitude of older people toward constituted authority."

There are many and varied pressures exerted by society which lead the youngster toward crime and violence, but perhaps the greatest single contributing

factor is learning to disrespect authority—in short, learning the *habit of disobedience!*

Remember, criminal behaviour is **LEARNED** behaviour—human beings are creatures of **HABIT!** The child who is confronted with parental strife, upset conditions within the home, neglect and diffidence from his own parents, will develop accordingly!

Modern Child-Rearing Methods

Countless volumes have been written about child rearing. Probably there has never been a time in history when such a prodigious amount of literature has been circulated among the public telling how to rear a child. And yet, in the face of the mountain of advice from psychologists and social workers, the crime problem mounts, and parents have been known to shove their children through the doors of the police station and say, "Here, you handle them. We can't do anything with them."

In San Francisco, California, a worried father called policemen to help him subdue his teen-age son, who had threatened to strike him if the father carried out a threat of punishment. In Detroit Juvenile Court, Judge Nathan Kaufman declared, "It is shocking to see parents surrender to their own children. But that is what many of them do. They give up. I've had parents whose youngsters 14 and 15 years old go out on drinking parties in the woods until 2 and 3 in the morning, and the parents come in and say, 'We can't do a thing about it. We just can't handle them.'"

Judge Kaufman went on to say, "That is what happens when the child becomes boss of the home. Once the child is boss, the home is lost."

Modern child-rearing methods have taken the *backbone* from parental authority, and substituted instead a wishy-

washy kind of psychology totally lacking in authority which leads children directly into total disrespect for their parents, and later for *all constituted authority!*

The earliest form of government the child comes to know is the government in the *home!* The Creator of heaven and earth ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT in the home! But mankind has sought to overthrow God's kind of government and replace it with his own kind. What about the results of this teaching?

Ask the children themselves! What do *they* say about it?

A group of teen-agers in Lincoln Park, Michigan, just south of Detroit, were questioned about parental authority. Their remarks are very revealing:

"The trouble today is your Ma says you can't do something and the next minute she changes her mind and lets you do it," one boy said.

"... no kid can look up to a father who's got a lot of mush where his backbone should be," answered another. One grinning boy said, "If they let us walk all over 'em we're going to. Why shouldn't we?"

ASK THE CHILDREN YOURSELF—and you'll find that even though they may ENJOY wrapping their parents around their little fingers—if they can get away with it—they actually yearn for, and desperately NEED parents who are *authoritative and stable!*

What Do the Psychologists Say?

The following are excerpts from a book entitled *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, written by 25 leading specialists, including both men and women doctors, psychologists and child authorities.

The learned doctors write, "It has already been pointed out that a child between the ages of eighteen months and three years tends to say "no" to every suggestion. *If he is not constantly being given directions and commands, he has less chance to build up this habit of balkiness.*"

The assumption made by these "experts" on child rearing is that a child, being just "naturally" rebellious, is going to balk at every order and command from its parents. Since this is true, the solution, then, *is for the parents not to give orders to the child!*

Such "wisdom," such "knowledge" being disseminated today to parents and schoolteachers is to a great extent responsible for the terrible blight of juvenile delinquency and disrespect for authority in our nation!

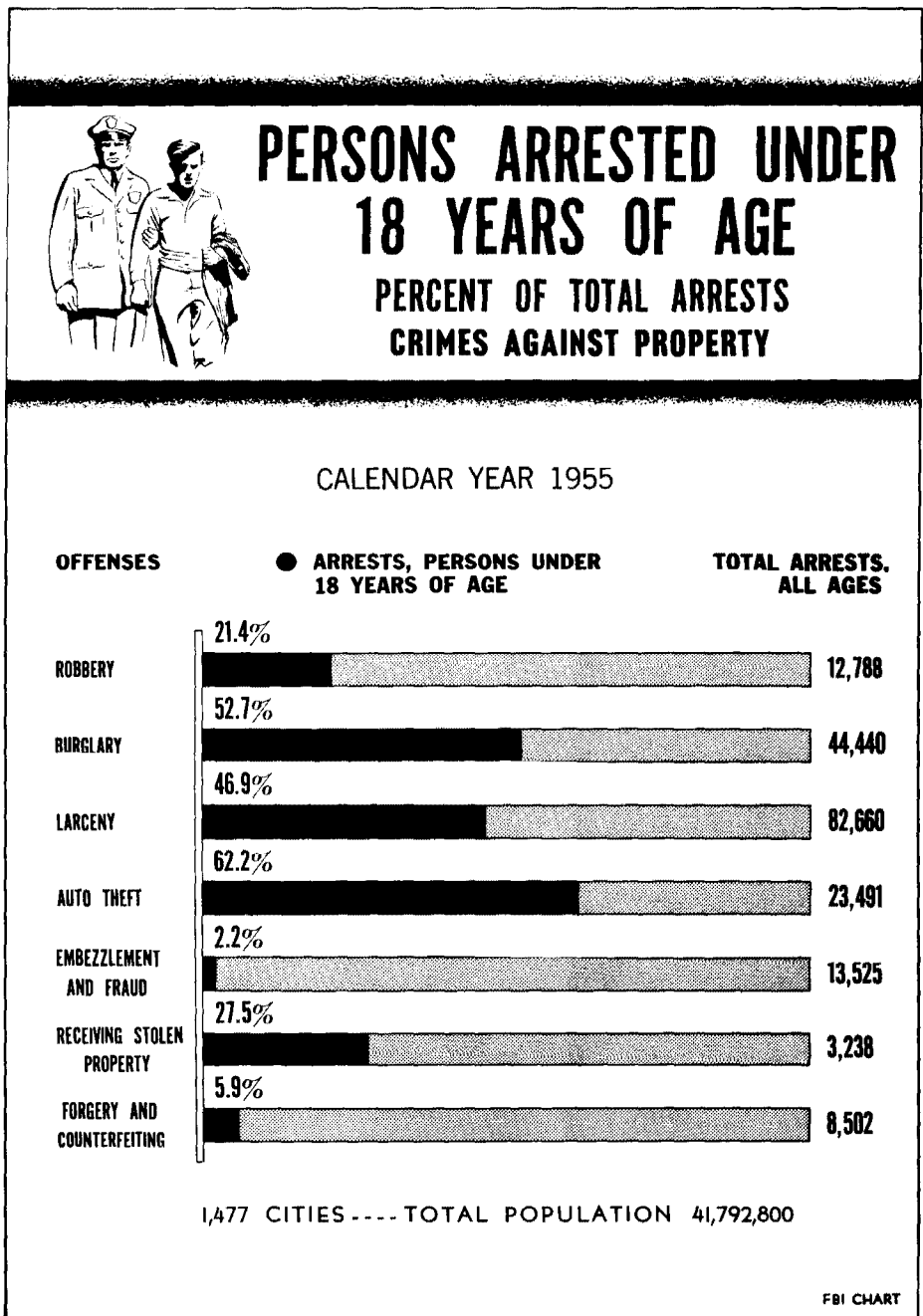
This book continues, "A child *drains off* his resentment if he is allowed to *express* it."

This concept advanced by child psychologists is that children store up resentment much the same as you might compress air into a bottle. If you are constantly giving your children orders, their resentment toward you is supposedly compressed more and more, and they

"store up" expressions of hatred. "If he is made to feel *guilty* over these natural reactions, if he has to suppress them or be punished, his feelings may be in a turmoil," say the writers of "Mothercraft."

Notice—"But if his parents can say to his expressions of hate, 'Of course you feel that way. I used to, too, when someone made me do something,' HE DOESN'T STORE UP GUILT OVER HIS CONFLICTING FEELINGS about his mother and father."

THINK! A child filled with hatred, kicking and screaming, throwing him-
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Events to SHAKE THIS WORLD!

Eminent California seismologist warns of shocking threat to civilization—a world-wide earthquake. When will it happen?

by Kenneth C. Herrmann

HERE IS a dire warning! Dr. Perry Byerly, University of California seismologist, states: "There is something of a world-wide nature going on. *We don't know what.* But GREAT FORCES are at work in relative patterns, *trying to pull our continents in one direction or another.* This is due to something below, a *great strain* that is accumulating and is creating a drift of two inches every year. We don't know *where* it [the next earthquake] will hit; we don't know *when* . . . the further you are from the last big earthquake *the nearer you are to the next!*" (*L.A. Times*, U.P. release).

What Causes Earthquakes?

What or WHO is the cause of these freaks of "nature"? Aristotle, Greek philosopher of the fourth century B.C., believed that winds blowing in subterranean caverns caused the earth to be shaken.

But Aristotle was wrong!

A possible cause of earthquakes is the drift of our continents as previously pointed out. "Rock, which makes up the material of the earth, is elastic and is known to yield to stresses by slow creep over extended periods of time. Measurements across the great San Andreas fault in California, for example, show that the block of the east side of that fault is moving southward with respect to the west block at a rate of about 2 inches per year. When the elastic limit of the rock material is exceeded at any point or friction along an old fault surface is overcome, an abrupt movement . . . may take place." *Mineral Information Service*, April 1, 1956.

The movement at the fault takes place at *unpredictable intervals* when

sufficient tension has been built up. Displacements of up to 20 feet took place in the earthquake which destroyed San Francisco in 1906. Yet the damage done by an earthquake is due to the recurrent shock waves traveling through the earth's crust rather than the total distance of displacement. The actual shaking of the solid earth by these damaging shock waves is generally measured in fractions of an inch and becomes disastrous when approaching a full inch.

The immediate cause of earthquakes, we might be safe in saying, is the earth's adjusting itself and releasing tensions in its surface zone. The cause for these tensions is assumed to be the cooling and shrinking of the interior of the earth coupled with the tidal pull from the moon and sun. This may be partly true *but it is not the whole answer!*

Earthquakes to Come!

War, famine, pestilence and earthquakes are *signs to precede the arrival of Christ as World Ruler.* Each war, each famine, each earthquake, then, is a waymark in the path the world must follow before it can have peace. Our acceptance of these signs ought to be with understanding, not with fear.

The heathen, Jeremiah says, are dismayed at the signs in the heavens, (Jer. 10:2) but *not God's people.* To us, earthquakes, flying saucers, rumors of war are the signs of an approaching event, one which we await with joy, not fear.

Christians should be asking: "*Thy kingdom come.* Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). Yet many foolishly believe they are to go to that kingdom.

Certainly this world-ruling kingdom

must appear soon to save man from self-annihilation.

Earthquakes are a sign that the time for Christ's intervention is drawing near. They are to become more numerous and increasingly severe. "There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:7, 8). In Luke it is recorded that "*great earthquakes shall be in divers places*" (Luke 21:11).

Seismic sea waves caused by faults under the sea are forecast in Luke 21:5—"upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, *the sea and the waves roaring.*"

Lisbon, Portugal, felt the effects of such a tidal wave in 1755. "The greater part of it was *reduced almost in an instant to a heap of ruins* (by the earthquake). A tidal wave at the same time broke over the quays and wrecked the shipping . . . fire broke out . . . between 10,000 and 20,000 persons lost their lives." From the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* article on Lisbon.

The sea withdrew immediately following the earthquake stranding ships in the harbor. Then waves estimated at 30 to 60 feet higher than the highest tide spilled across the destroyed city sweeping everything in their path.

The True Significance of Earthquakes

These preliminary earthquakes are a warning from God to turn from evil! Notice the prophecy of Isaiah (chapter 5) for *our time* and for *our people.*

"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil (v. 20), that draw . . . sin as it were with a cart rope (v. 18)," *that ridicule the idea of a law-giving God by saying,* "Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see

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it . . . let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! (v. 19) . . . *Because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts . . . therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and smitten them: and the hills did tremble.*"

Numerous Bible incidents show the direct connection of God with these earth movements.

Israel's departure from Egypt is an example: God sent earthquakes, "the depths also were troubled (the sea retreated and returned again), lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook. . . Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron" (Psalms 77).

Forty years later as they were about to enter Palestine, God intervened again. "The sea fled . . . Jordan was driven back . . . the mountains skipped like rams" (Psalms 114:1-4). Archaeological evidence shows that the walls of Jericho collapsed when a properly timed shock occurred.

God's anger is frequently expressed by shaking the earth with its inhabitants. Lebanon and Sirion (Hermon) of Palestine are made to tremble at His commands (Psalms 29:6). *The Scriptures reveal God as the One responsible for the solid earth trembling beneath our feet. It's a punishment for our sins.*

To those of you who have yet to

turn from the ways of this evil world, these signs are a warning of trouble ahead. A warning to forsake idols and religious practices which have their origin in paganism. To forsake these heathen ways and turn to your Creator for His protection. To become His Son by receiving His Spirit so that you also may call Him your Father and trust in Him.

Why Should Christians Fear?

Knowing that it is *God who shakes the earth, what right have you to fear for your safety?* You call God your Father and He is, providing of course, that you are obedient to Him (Matt. 12:50).

In a *purely physical sense* all people are God's created children, being descendant from Adam who was God's son (Luke 3:38), a created son. But in the *spiritual sense*, only those who *obey* God, who have repented of former disobedience and have received His Spirit are His sons and *only these* have the promise of safety.

Then you may believe, as David did, that "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked" (Psa. 91:7, 8).

An Event That Will Shake This World

An astonishing account of an event in the near future lies between the lines of the 14th chapter of Zechariah.

As Christ returns to this earth, to the very same place He left it (Acts 1:9-12), His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, approximately 5 miles east of Jerusalem, and, "the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof

toward the east and toward the west" (Zech. 14:4). This Mount will become two mountains and a valley will separate them (v. 4, 5). How are we to understand this? Will an open chasm be formed between these two mountains and if so how could it be termed a valley?

Another section of Palestine seems to give an answer that fits like the last piece of a jigsaw puzzle. The Jordan

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Valley as a whole is a wedge-shaped block up to 10 miles wide which has dropped down from its original position as much as 5000 feet in places. Some time in the earth's history a movement in the earth's crust tended to pull the land of Palestine into two sections. Instead of a chasm forming in the gap between, this wedge shaped segment DROPPED into its present position forming the Jordan Valley.

Here is the explanation. At Christ's return the Mount of Olives will split along an east-west line and a valley will form between the two mountains as the middle section lowers itself to form the floor of the valley. Zechariah 14:5 implies an accompanying earthquake by referring to a typical one in the time of King Uzziah of Judah.

Earth's Most Terrible Quake!

Earthquakes, perhaps less severe, to precede this final one are prophesied in Isaiah 29:6 as a punishment and warning to those in Jerusalem who refuse to turn to Him.

The appearance of Christ will certainly shake this world and the accompanying earthquake to form a valley across Palestine might well do the same. Notice how His return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords is described in Rev. 16:15-20. "Behold I come as a thief . . . he gathered them [the human armies planning war against Him] into a place called . . . Armageddon . . . *the seventh angel poured out his vial . . . There was a great earthquake SUCH AS WAS NOT SINCE MEN WERE ON THE EARTH SO MIGHTY AN EARTHQUAKE AND SO GREAT . . . the cities of the nations fell . . . EVERY island fled away and the mountains were not found.*"

Just how great will this quake be? The greatest recorded destruction in recent history was in 1897 in Assam, India. 9000 square miles were totally destroyed! The quake was felt over an area of 1¾ million square miles!

At Yakutat Bay, Alaska, a vertical movement of 47½ feet took place in 1899. Contrast this with *the disappearance of mountains* thousands of feet high.

Horizontal slipping of 20 feet took place in the great California earthquake



—WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Fifty years ago a terrifying earthquake struck San Francisco, destroying 60,000 buildings, making 265,000 homeless. Above, you see the city's famed Market Street in flames—a vivid example of what one earthquake can do. Below, the same street now rebuilt.



of 1906. Lesser amounts were detected along the San Andreas fault for 275 miles. San Francisco was destroyed. But in this earthquake to come *islands* shall move out of their places, the *cities* of the world *shall fall*.

Objects have been thrown upward into the air, waves have been seen to travel across the surface of the ground, mountains have been seen to disappear behind others and reappeared as the earth trembled in "minor" disturbances. But what will this final quake do?

This most terrible earthquake is more precisely described in Isaiah 2:10-22. "The lofty looks of man shall be

humbled, and the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day . . . the day of the LORD shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty . . . the cedars of Lebanon . . . the oaks of Bashan . . . all the high mountains . . . all the hills that are lifted up . . . every high tower . . . every fenced wall . . . the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day . . . idols shall he utterly abolish."

Mountains shall disappear, *islands* shall move, *trees* shall be uprooted and broken to splinters, the *kings* of this earth shall be *brought down in this*

mightiest of all earthquakes. Even "great Babylon shall come in remembrance before God" (Rev. 16:19).

The LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. Men "shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isaiah 2:19). They will no longer attribute to "nature" that which originates with God!

But why should the Prince of Peace come in such a manner?

Peace on Earth at Last

This may seem to be a strange way to bring mankind peace, but it is God's way. 6000 years of preaching will have brought only a small fraction of the world's inhabitants to repentance and salvation.

Years of less drastic measures will have failed. Nations will be armed with terrible weapons ready to annihilate life from the earth. At this *last moment in the history of man's miserable attempt to rule his fellowman*, a God of Love and Mercy will step in and shake this earth till *all the works of men fall*.

Then and only then will men turn from their ways to accept the God of Israel. "Many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for OUT OF ZION SHALL GO FORTH THE LAW, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge strong nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:3,4.)

Peace at last!

Our Part in Time of Danger

While our safety is assured, we do have a part to play in it. We are told to watch and pray that we may escape all these things (Luke 21:36). Yes, earthquakes (v. 11), as well as famine, pestilence, and persecution are mentioned as a thing which we are to watch for and be protected from. We must put our life in God's hands to preserve or take as He should choose.

In addition to watchfulness and prayer, action may also be our duty. Note that when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies, those Christians in Judaea (v. 21) are to flee to the mountains. We often have to do that which is in our power to assure our safety.

Here are a few simple rules God expects you to follow when a severe earthquake occurs:

(1) If in a large building *do not run into the streets*. Injury from falling brick and stone is much more likely than the remote chance of the whole building collapsing.

(2) A doorway is a safer place than the middle of the room. Falling plaster or light fixtures can cause painful injuries.

(3) Leave broken electric lines, or buildings in danger of collapse to those who are qualified to deal with them.

This much it is reasonable that God expects you to do. Leave the rest with Him. He knows about the earthquake; He knows where you are and has a guardian angel beside you. Yes, Christ gave us a promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20).

Injury, sickness, persecution, suffering and even death may come upon you but not without His knowledge and express consent. Consider the case of Job. Could you say the words he did, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him:?" (Job 13:15).



—WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

San Francisco's Nob Hill in ruins after the 1906 earthquake and fire. In the top photo the Fairmont Hotel stands amid ruined mansions. Below, the city as it looks today. Here you see a vivid picture of what an earthquake can do to your city IN SECONDS!



Was Jesus a JEW?

Is it a SIN to be a JEW? This article dares to expose the hate-the-Jew campaign cleverly masquerading as a patriotic "Christian" crusade!

by Herman L. Hoeh

ADOLF HITLER once said: "Tell a lie BIG enough and *often* and the people will believe it!"

With diabolical cleverness, Hitler's "Big Lie" has been rearing its ugly head *here in America!* And thousands are *believing* it!

Today, it is fashionable to hate the evils of atheistic communism, which is plotting to enslave the whole world and destroy Christianity. But while the world fights the onslaughts of communism, the sinister doctrines of fascism—the very doctrines of anti-Christ—are being revived and preached under the guise of an anti-communist, patriotic, "Christian" crusade.

Never in the history of Christianity has a more vicious doctrine been propagated than the "Big Lie" about the Jew. This lie strikes at the very nature and office of Jesus Christ!

It is time we had the *truth*. It is time we examine the PROOF.

Your salvation is at stake—for *if* Jesus were *not* a Jew, THEN HE WAS AN IMPOSTOR and *you have no Saviour!*

Who Is a JEW?

Before we can prove whether Jesus was a Jew, *we must first know what is a Jew.*

The anti-Semitic smear campaign—which appeals to the emotions and not to sound reason—is spreading the doctrine that Jews are *not* really Jews. (Remember Hitler's technique?—the "Big Lie." It is the same as saying that Germans are not really Germans.)

Therefore it is further contended that Jesus was *not* a Jew.

Here is how many peddlers of this hate-the-Jew doctrine reason.

The argument begins with the propaganda that Jews are really not Jews at all, but Asiatic Gentiles—from Russia. Here is how the October 15, 1951

issue of the fascist New Jersey newspaper mis-named "Common Sense" attempts to explain it:

"Americans are NOT told that of the total 'Jewish' population of the world more than 88% are the direct lineal descendants of the *Asiatic, Mongoloid . . . barbarian* tribal nation [the Khazars] which was converted to 'Judaism' in the 7th Century."

Of course most Americans are NOT told this presumed fact—*because it is not true!*

Notice that the technique of this anti-Semitic and anti-Christian propaganda is to imply that you haven't been told the truth. The statement I quoted does not PROVE that over 88% of Jews are really Asiatic barbarians—it merely *implies* it. It sounds convincing, but it is *not* true. It is a "BIG LIE"—if I may borrow one of their own expressions.

The Devil's Technique

The true facts—which you can verify in any reputable history—are that the Jews, long after they were driven into captivity from Palestine, migrated throughout the Roman Empire. Following later medieval religious persecution they migrated en masse to *Russia from Central Europe*. The Jews are *not* the native Mongoloid Khazar Gentiles of Southern Russia, which were converted to Judaism in the 7th century. Those Gentiles were conquered by Russia, *lost* their adopted Judaic religion under Russian Orthodox oppression, and still dwell around the Black Sea today! See the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, article "Khazars."

Let me give you one more quotation.

The article continues by blatantly stating: "Christian Americans are NOT told that less than 4% of the 'Jewish' population of the world are legitimately 'Semites.' Christian Americans are NOT

told that 96% of the 'Jewish' population of the world never at any time in their history had a racial or historic connection with the 'Semites' in Palestine. HISTORY PROVES THAT."

History proves no such accusation. These statements are deliberate falsehoods.

Notice again the deceptive plot to use the "BIG LIE"—to use percentages that seem accurate, but have no basis whatsoever in fact. This is the same technique that the serpent used on Eve in the garden of Eden—saying "Yea, God did NOT tell you that 'you shall not surely die.'" Satan didn't prove anything to Eve. He appealed to emotion and used the clever deception of the BIG LIE—and Eve believed it! And thousands fall for the same lying propaganda today.

Communism Is NOT Jewish

There is a subtle reason for implying that almost all Jews are barbarians from Russia masquerading as Jews. It is an attempt of fascists to *direct attention away from themselves* by pinning the label of communism on all Jews. Since Communism is associated with Russia, the technique is to associate the Jews with Russia. That implies that Jews are Communists.

The flaw in this reasoning is that communists constitute a *political party*, not a race. Of course there are Jewish communists—so are there German communists, French communists, Italian, English and American communists, and Chinese communists. Communism is a *world-wide* conspiracy to enslave man to the communist party. It is not a racial or Jewish conspiracy.

The best proof you can find *against* the accusation that communism is Jewish is that RUSSIAN COMMUNISM STANDS OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZIONIST JEWISH STATE IN PALES-

TINE. Yet, strange to say, fascists claim that Zionism is a willing tool of atheistic communism! What deception!

To proceed with the argument:

Bible Defines a "Jew"

It is further taught that the word "Jew" was coined in the 17th century in the English language—and that therefore Jesus was *not* a Jew because He lived about 16 centuries before the word "Jew" was formed by English-speaking people!

Yet these same anti-Semites claim that the "JEWS" killed Christ!

Let's understand the truth.

The word "Jew" is merely a late English form, and a shortened form, of

an older English word "Judean." The word "Judean" means a man descended from the patriarch Judah or one descended nationally from the House of Judah of Kingdom of Judah. Christ descended from Judah. He was a Judean. HE WAS THEREFORE A JEW! Nothing could be plainer.

Notice John 7:1:

"And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for He would not walk in Judaea, because the JEWS sought to kill Him."

Notice that the Jews were in Judaea, in Palestine, during the time of Christ. They sought to kill Him. The original inspired Greek word translated "Jews" in this verse is *Ioudaioi*, meaning "men

of Judah." A Jew is one descended from the House of Judah. That is the exact meaning of the shortened English word "Jew."

Now let us notice the simple proof that Jesus descended from Judah—that Jesus was a Jew.

Jesus Was a JEW!

Turn quickly to Hebrews 7:14: "For it is evident that *our Lord hath sprung out of Judah.*"

In Revelation 5:5 Jesus Christ, who gave His life as a lamb, is called the "Lion of the tribe of Judah"—for He is returning as a lion to conquer the nations. Jesus is of the tribe of Judah, a Jew.

Jesus "came unto *His own* '—Judah, the Jews—' and His own received Him not" (John 1:11).

Christ is the Prince of Peace or Chief Ruler. Notice: "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him [Judah] came he that is the Prince"—or "Chief Ruler"—Christ (1 Chronicles 5:2).

Turn next to Genesis 49:10: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah . . ." The sceptre is the promise of Salvation and of a kingly line. It was not to depart from Judah. Either Christ is of Judah—hence a Jew—or He is not the Messiah or King of the Jews descended from David. If He is not the Jewish Messiah, you have no salvation!

According to the genealogy recorded by the inspired historian Luke, Jesus descended from Judah and from David through His mother Mary (Luke 3:31, 33).

Compare this with Matthew's record: "A genealogy of Jesus Christ, David's Son, Abraham's Son" (Mat. 1:1). If you continue reading Matthew's record you find that David descended from Judah, the first Jew; and since Christ descended from David, He was also a Jew.

Jesus recognized that He was a Jew. Notice carefully:

In His conversation with the woman at Samaria, Jesus said to her: "Ye"—the Samaritans—"worship ye know not what"—they were ignorant of the true God. But observe how Jesus continues: "We"—speaking of Judah, the Jews—"We worship what we know; for salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).

Notice Jesus used the personal pro-

The newspaper and pamphlets you see in this photograph typify the campaign now being waged against the Jews. Jews are usually declared "Christ-killers," while Christ is falsely declared not to be a Jew! Beware of this literature.





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New homes in Jewish Palestine being built by Jews. The common story circulated by anti-Semites that Jews don't work with their hands for a living is absolutely false.

noun "we," by which He included Himself among the Jews. What stronger proof do we need that Jesus knew He was a Jew?

Jesus Inherited Jewish Traits

Jesus does not look like the pictures you see of Him in paintings and on crucifixes. He did not have long hair. The so-called picture of Jesus is merely a continuation of the ancient picture of Tammuz, the false Gentile Messiah, the illegitimate son of Semiramis (or Ish-tar).

Observe that the Jews could not distinguish Jesus from any other Jew. His neighbors thought He was the son of Joseph and Mary (Mat. 13:54-56 and Luke 4:22). [This fact, by the way, proves that Jesus was *not* a Negro—a view held by numerous colored people. The verse in the Song of Solomon (1:5) is *not* referring to Solomon. The black woman of this verse may have been the Queen of Sheba!]

Pilate thought Jesus was a Jew when he looked at Him. "Thy nation"—the Jews—"delivered Thee to me," he said (John 18:35). Judas had to kiss Jesus in order to point Him out among His disciples during that fateful evening of the Passover full moon. If Jesus were not a Jew, the Jews could easily have distinguished Him from the disciples.

Jesus Had Jewish Blood

Where did Jesus obtain His Jewish traits? from Mary.

Notice what Peter said of David, Christ's ancestor: "God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins he would set One upon his throne"—Christ (Acts 2:30). Christ was of the fruit of David's loins—He inherited Jewish flesh and blood characteristics from His mother Mary.

Jesus was human, as you and I are. His human nature came from His Jewish ancestry. He came in *sinful* human flesh, subject to all its temptations, but never once succumbed to them. Notice: "God, sending His own Son in LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" (Rom. 8:3). It is the doctrine of anti-Christ that Jesus did not come in the

human flesh as you and I are (I John 4:2).

But notice further. It is the doctrine of some that Jesus received His body from Mary, but His blood from the Father only. This is an attempt to deny that Jesus had Jewish blood. Notice the inspired answer to this damnable heresy: "Since the children are sharers in FLESH AND BLOOD, Himself also IN LIKE MANNER PARTOOK OF THE SAME"—partook of flesh *and* blood—the same flesh and blood common to man (Heb. 2:14). The only way He could have received blood common to human beings is to have inherited it from Mary, just as we all inherit half our characteristics from our mother.

It is a biological deception to teach that the blood comes only from the father of a child. All blood in the body is manufactured by cells within the body and those cells developed from an original cell resulting from the union of a sperm from the father and the ovum or egg from the mother.

In the case of Jesus, the Logos was transformed into a physical sperm from the Father in Heaven and was united with the ovum in the womb of the Jewess Mary. Therefore Jesus partook of the human nature of the tribe of Judah—Jewish flesh and blood.

Jesus Also Looked Like God

Jesus possessed characteristics both of Mary's ancestry and the characteristics of the Father in Heaven. Jesus looked like other Jews, yet He had the

Here is a large modern factory, the Argaman Textile Plant, in Palestine. Jews are at work at its giant looms, building the nation's economy.
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express facial resemblance of the Father Almighty—"Who hath seen Me," said Jesus, "hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). The Jews, then, more than any other race, must resemble the dominant personality of the Heavenly Father. God is *Supreme Ruler*. Judah prevailed above his brethren and the Prince or *Chief Ruler* was prophesied to come through him. Judah must have had special physical qualities for rulership. Anti-Semites ought to tremble when they malign the "Jewish countenance," lest they be found blaspheming the Almighty Himself.

The most important truth about this whole question, however, is not the flesh. "The flesh profiteth nothing" (John 6:63). What is important is what we *do* with our lives. Through the sacrifice of Christ we can all—no matter of what race—become begotten members of the family or kingdom of God—the NEW MAN, as Paul expressed it, where there is no division—"no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond, free; but Christ is all, and *in all*" (Col. 3:11).

What are we like if Christ lives *in us all*? "For HE IS A JEW, which is one INWARDLY" (Rom. 2:29).

Christ lived the life of a *perfect Jew*. He was a *perfect Jew*. Remember, God's standard of perfection was revealed to the Jews in the Bible (Rom. 3:1-3). And Jesus Christ will live the same kind of life in our minds and bodies if we surrender our self-wills to Him and begin to obey Him. We can all become like Jesus, who set us an example that we should follow. If we are ever to gain eternal life, we must follow His pattern for living and become *perfect Jews inwardly*, not following the human customs of the Jews which they have foolishly copied from the Gentiles.

Those who deny Jesus was a Jew are the same as those who *refuse to do His will*—they are anti-Christ!

Yes, Jesus IS the *Jewish Messiah*, sent from Heaven to be the Saviour of all races of men, and *to make us all Jews according to the heart*.

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions*. While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

Should You Join a Church?

A listener writes: "I have been listening to your program on the air for about two years. I have been converted since I first heard you. When I was converted I joined the (—a popular denomination —) church. I am like you; I don't believe in denominations, but I felt I had to join someplace so that I could have someplace to go to church. Do you think I should keep my membership there?"

ANSWER: While we are instructed, in Heb. 10:23-25: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"—yet, notice carefully we are not instructed to assemble with blinded, deceived people in the denominations—the instruction is not to forsake the assembling of *ourselves* together—that is, true Christians who have the TRUTH, who are filled with God's Holy Spirit, truly converted, and WALKING IN THE LIGHT, living by every Word of God.

The fallen "woman" of Rev. 17 is clearly identified as the great false Church, which ruled over the kings of the Roman Empire from 554 until 1814. Her doctrines and practise, falsely called by Christian names, are actually the same identical "Chaldean mysteries" of the ancient Babylonian Baal worship, denounced in the Bible as the most idolatrous of all false worship.

Notice, Rev. 17:5, she is called "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HAR-

LOTS." She is a MOTHER church. She has *daughter churches*. She calls the Protestant denominations her wayward daughters. They came out of her, *in protest*, calling themselves "Protestant." They, like their mother church, participate in the governments and politics and affairs of this world. Thus they reject the Government of God! This (verse 2), is the cause of her fall from grace. All Protestant denominations contain a certain mixture of false Roman doctrines which have been handed down from the ancient Babylonian idolatry. It is an ORGANIZED SYSTEM, even tho divided into hundreds of sectarian organizations. Shall the true Christian JOIN, and thus become a *part* of this apostate system?

Notice, "the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." (V. 2) They are spiritually drunk on her false doctrines, until they are unable to see clearly Bible TRUTH—their spiritual eyesight is blurred. They are spiritually BLIND.

The truth is, GOD DID NOT PLANT THESE CHURCHES. And Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. *Let them alone*: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Mat. 15:13-14).

This listener feels, and rightly, he should HAVE FELLOWSHIP with Christians—meet with them, study with them, worship with them. But the point is, we must be sure it is with those who are CHRISTIANS—those *in the Truth*—those living by the directions in the Bible—
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The Mystery of MELCHIZEDEK Solved!

Mr. Armstrong's series of broadcasts on Hebrews produced thousands of requests for this intriguing article.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

FEW MYSTERIES of the Bible have attracted more interest than the mystery of the identity of Melchizedek. *Who is he?*

You will read in Hebrews 6:19-20 that Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, is High Priest "after the order of Melchizedek." The plainer English of the Moffatt translation words it: "... with the *rank* of"—that is, equal status with—"Melchizedek."

Melchizedek Was God's Priest

First, notice from both Old and New testaments that the man of mystery, Melchizedek, was a priest of the Most High God. Turn now to the account in Genesis 14. During the war between a number of ancient city-states in Palestine and Mesopotamia, Abraham's nephew Lot had been captured. He and his family and goods were carted off.

One of their number escaped and brought the news to Abraham, who armed 318 of his own servants and pursued the invaders to Dan and beyond. Abraham rescued Lot and his family and returned them safely to the Canaanite cities in Palestine. On Abraham's return a man of mystery bursts upon the scene. Abraham was ministered to by Melchizedek.

Here is the account:

"And Melchizedek, king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was *priest of God the Most High*. And he [Melchizedek] blessed him [Abraham], and said: 'Blessed be Abraham of God Most High, Maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God the Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he Abraham gave him Melchizedek a *tenth* of all"—that is, a tithe of all; for a tithe means a tenth (Genesis 14:18-20).

Notice that Melchizedek was king of

Salem. That is the city of Jerusalem. In Hebrew, names have meaning. "Salem" means "PEACE." That would make Melchizedek the "King of Peace" (Heb. 7:2). The name Melchizedek itself, when translated into English, means "King of Righteousness" (Heb. 7:2).

The same individual is mentioned again in Psalm 110:4. Speaking prophetically of Christ, David stated: "The Eternal hath sworn, and will not repent, 'Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'" This verse is quoted again in Hebrews 5:6, 10.

Before we turn to Hebrews for the *identification* of Melchizedek, remember that this mystery figure is a mystery only to us. Abraham and the King of wicked Sodom knew exactly who he was. They must have seen him before. He could not have been a Canaanite, for they were steeped in pagan customs. And furthermore Canaan was a descendant of Ham, whereas God chose the descendants of Shem to accomplish His work. When Judah *did* place Canaanites in the house of the LORD, God said He would cause them not to serve in it (Zech. 14:21).

Then who is the mystery man Melchizedek?

One other hint before we proceed. Palestine from ancient time, before the days of Moses, was known among the Gentiles as "The DIVINE Land"—"the HOLY Land"—"the Land of the place of WORSHIP!" Why? Was there someone in Palestine who was *divine, holy, worthy of worship*?

The Mystery Clears

Coming to Hebrews 7, we find Melchizedek identified:

"For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter

of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham divided a tenth of all (being first, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is King of PEACE . . ." (Heb. 7:1-2).

Since God names individuals what they *are*, that, then is what this man *is*: "KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Think of it! KING of Righteousness.

Jesus Himself said: "There is none good, but One, that is, God" (Luke 18:19). Human self-righteousness is, before God, as filthy rags. None can be Righteous but God—or one *made* righteous by God's power—Christ *in* a person! And certainly none but One of the Godhead—the divine Kingdom of God—could be KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Such an expression, applied to any but God, would be blasphemous. Why?

Righteousness is obedience to God's Law. Since God made all laws (James 4:12), He is Supreme Ruler or King. He determines what righteousness is. "All Thy COMMANDMENTS are RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Psalm 119:172). When speaking of one of the points of that Law, Jesus placed himself *superior* to it—He is LORD of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28). No man is Lord or King over God's law. Only God could be! *All* human beings have sinned and broken that Law of Righteousness.

To continue with Hebrews 7. Note, too, that this man was King of PEACE. Salem—from which Jeru-SALEM was named—means "Peace." And remember, Jesus is called the Prince of *peace*! No human being could be *King* of Peace. Men know not the way of peace. Read Romans 3:10 and 17: "None is righteous, no, not one . . . And the way of peace have they not known."

Observe further: Melchizedek was

"without mother, without father, without descent," or as the Panin Numeric translation renders it: "fatherless, motherless, pedigreeless." He was not born as human beings are. He was without father and mother. This does not mean that Melchizedek's records of physical birth were lost. Without such records human priests could not serve (Ezra 2:62). But here Melchizedek had no genealogy—He must *not* have been an ordinary mortal. He had no descent or pedigree *from* another, but was self-existent—notice Paul's own inspired interpretation of this fact: "having *neither beginning of days nor end of life*" (Heb. 7:3). Therefore He has always existed—from eternity! He was not even *created*, like angels. But is now eternally self-existing. And that is true only of GOD—deity, not humanity!

Not the Father Nor the Holy Spirit

Yet Melchizedek cannot be God the Father. He was the "*priest* of the Most High God." Scripture says no man has ever seen the Father, but Abraham saw Melchizedek. He *cannot* be God the Father, but rather, "*made like unto the SON of God, abideth a priest continually*" (Heb. 7:3).

And there it is! In the days of Abraham, He was *not* the Son of God, for He had not yet been BORN of the virgin Mary—but He was made *like unto the SON of God* in His manifestation to the ancients.

Notice again: Melchizedek, this Scripture reveals, ABIDES—that is, remains permanently, continually, a PRIEST. God the Father is not the Priest of God, but Christ the Son *is*! Yet, in the days when the apostle Paul lived and wrote, shortly after Jesus ascended to heaven as High Priest, the Scripture states that even *then* Melchizedek "*abideth*"—which means does *now* abide—"a priest continually." The Moffatt translation states it: "*continues to be priest permanently*"—even while Jesus Christ is High Priest!

And notice that the *order* of Christ's Priesthood is named after Melchizedek. It is the High Priest's name that is placed upon an Order—just as Aaron's name was upon the Aaronic priesthood. Thus Melchizedek was then High Priest, in Paul's day, and even now, and He will be forever! And at the same time

CHRIST was, is today, and shall be forever High Priest!

Are there *two* High Priests? No! IMPOSSIBLE! The conclusion is inescapable. Contrary to many cherished man-thought-out ideas, Melchizedek and Christ are ONE AND THE SAME!

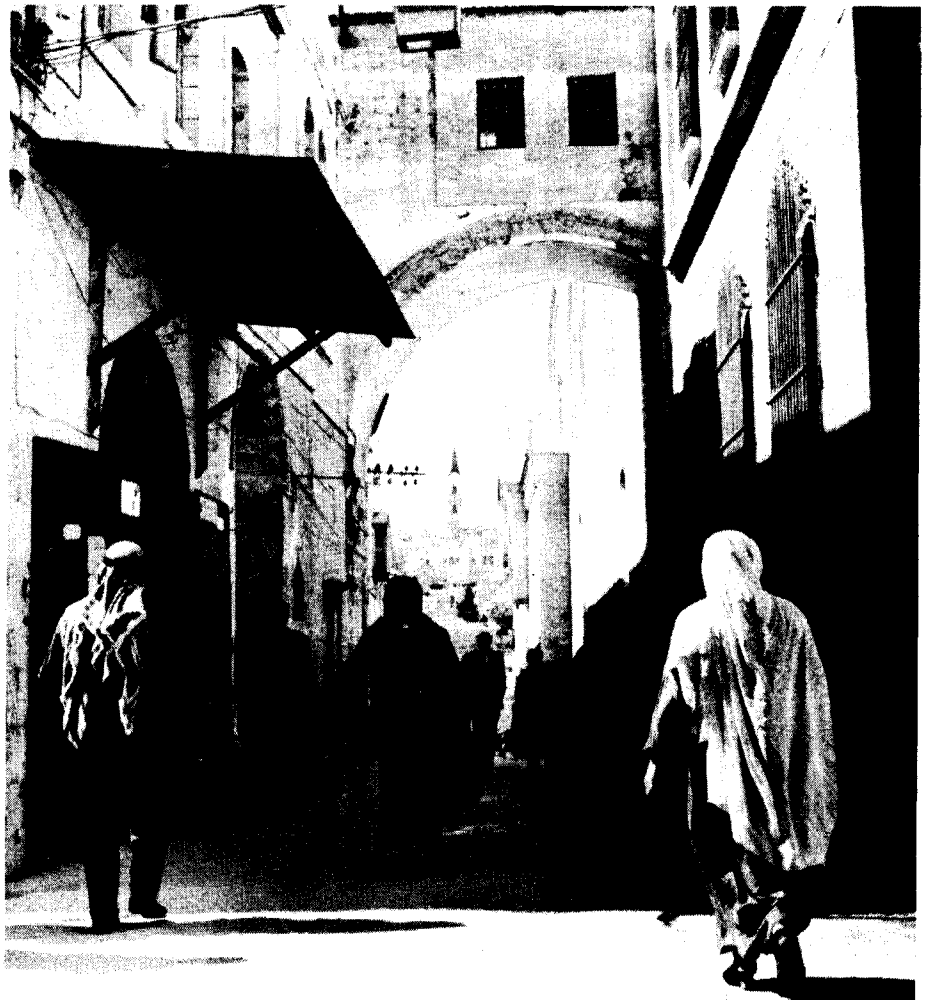
Some people have stumbled on the statement that Melchizedek has no "end of life." They contend that since Christ died, He had an end of life! If that be true then Christ is still dead! But Christ is NOT dead. He is alive. It was not possible for Christ to be held of death (Acts. 2:24). Melchizedek would never have fulfilled His office of High Priest if He had not died for the sins of the people and rose again. It is the function of the High Priest to lead the way to salvation.

Melchizedek Was Worshipped

Continue verse 4 of Hebrews 7: "Now

The city of Melchizedek—Jerusalem. Through this narrow passage-way, Christ—who is Melchizedek—walked to His crucifixion. To this war-torn city He will come again to enforce peace among the nations.

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consider HOW GREAT THIS MAN WAS."

These words constitute WORSHIP! Notice a Bible definition of worship in Rev. 13:4—how men worship the "beast"—the Roman Empire—by saying, "Who is like unto the Roman Empire? Who is able to make war with it?" Such words constitute worship—"and they worshipped the beast."

But in Hebrews 7, inspired by the Holy Spirit in Scripture, we find this exaltation—this WORSHIP—accorded Melchizedek! Such language could be used in Scripture only of one of the Godhead. Christ is worthy of WORSHIP—even the angels worship Him! But neither angels nor archangels may be worshipped. So Melchizedek is greater than an archangel—He is of the same rank, or station, as Christ!

Yes, of course! For He and Christ are One and the same Person!

The Antichrist is Here!

The lid is off the shocking story of WHO and WHAT the mysterious "Antichrist" really is. You need to open your mind to understand this vital TRUTH—here made plain for the first time.

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHY can't you worship God just as *you please*? Or *can you*? Does it make any difference?

The existence of over *four hundred* religious denominations and sects in the United States alone SEEMS to testify that men can worship God in *many different ways* and still have His blessing.

What about this? Can you worship God just *any way*? Where did this idea come from? What does *God* say about it?

A Doctrine of Antichrist

The common attitude of most people in our society is that each man is free to choose the religion that suits *him* the best and that it doesn't make too much difference anyway. "Go to the church of *your choice*," the wayside signs read.

In other words, *you* are left free by God to worship Him *as it pleases you*. This is a doctrine of antichrist!

Many people are so determined to have *this* kind of religious "freedom" that they even *refuse* to carry on an objective discussion of their religious beliefs. They seem actually AFRAID to submit their beliefs to any scrutiny lest they be found in *error* on some point.

A dear friend and I were once discussing some new spiritual truth that I had found but when I turned to ask about some of her religious beliefs, she replied almost fearfully, "Oh, I don't even talk about my faith in God. My beliefs are too sacred to me to discuss."

Her beliefs were too "sacred" to *HER* to discuss!

If this poor, mixed up woman had known much of God's TRUTH, she would have realized that God *commands* us to give an answer to those who ask us the reason of the hope that is in us (I Pet. 3:15). She should also have known that nothing can really be "sacred" unless *God has made it sacred*. And God has made NOTHING *too sacred* to even talk about!

But what about *you*? Haven't you evolved *your* ideas of what is "sacred"? Are *you* afraid to talk about them—to *examine* them?

God Directs True Worship

God says: "*Prove* all things; hold fast that which is *good*" (I Thes. 5:21).

You had better realize that it makes *very little difference* whether or not your religious ideas *please you*. The real *question* is whether or not they please GOD.

God *is* GOD! *He* tells you *how* to worship Him. Although He *permits* it during this age, you are NOT really free to worship God as it pleases *you*—but as it pleases *Him*.

Jesus Christ warned: "*In VAIN* do they *worship* me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the *tradition of men*" (Mark 7:7-8).

Yes, you can worship God and Christ *in VAIN*.

How? By following the TRADITIONS of *men*—the doctrines of antichrist!

It's just that simple. Men are pretty easily mixed up. *Groups* and *churches* and *denominations* of men also get *mixed up*. They get in a *rut*. They get *away* from the Bible in the political atmosphere of church councils and church board meetings. They get to following the *traditions of men*.

In fact, if the plain statements of Jesus Christ and the apostles mean at all what they say—then we should *expect* to find that most of the large churches and denominations of men would be in *gross error*. We should expect that only a scattered *few* would have retained the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Jesus clearly stated: "Enter ye in at the *strait* gate: for *wide* is the gate, and *broad* is the way, that leadeth to *destruction*, and MANY there be which go in thereat [following antichrist]: Because *strait* is the gate, and *narrow* is the way,

which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it" (Mat. 7:13-14).

Did Jesus *mean* what He said? He must have, because He said the same thing in *many different ways*.

Yet *very few* professing Christians realize that Jesus' true followers were to be *small* in number, *scattered*, *persecuted*, *despised* by the world. This truth has been *buried* by the professing Christian world.

Where Are Christ's Disciples?

Most of the preachers and psychologists in this modern world try to tell us "how to win friends and influence people." They tell us how to be well-liked and "accepted" by *this* world.

But Jesus said the *exact* OPPOSITE!

He said: "*Blessed* are ye, when men shall HATE you, and when they shall *separate* you from their company, and shall *reproach* you, and cast out your name for *evil*, for the Son of man's sake" (Luke 6:22).

Then Jesus warned: "WOE unto you when all men shall speak *well* of you! for so did their fathers to the *false* prophets" (verse 26).

It doesn't sound like Jesus' true followers would be popular with the business and social sets of *this world's society*, does it?

Later, Jesus called His disciples the "little flock" (Luke 12:32), and told them, "If the world HATE you, you know that it hated me before it hated you . . . If they have persecuted me, *they* WILL also PERSECUTE YOU" (John 16:18-20).

And Christ's chief apostles, Peter and Paul, were both inspired by God to foretell the same things concerning Jesus' true followers. The inspired Paul warned in his last letter to Timothy: "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn

away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3-4).

In his last letter before his martyrdom, the apostle Peter warned future Christians: "But there were false prophets among the people (of Israel), even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And *many* shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (II Pet. 2:1-2).

All of these plain, clear scriptures ought to make us realize that God knew and prophesied that the truth revealed through Jesus Christ His Son would be undermined and subverted by false teachers—teaching the doctrines of antichrist—misleading many who had started out to be followers of Jesus Christ.

The situation was so bad when Jude wrote his epistle that he had to exhort the Christians to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In other words, they had to *strive* or *fight* to get back to the faith which Christ brought but which had already become perverted at this early date.

Why Apostasy?

The mixed-up, confused situation of the so-called "Christendom" of today—and of the early church soon after the time of the apostles—can only be understood by realizing that God Himself foreknew and permitted false teachers to creep into and subvert many congregations in the early church and develop through human reason a *professing* "Christianity" which actually rejected the message Jesus Christ brought.

In explaining that Jesus was not to return to this earth for some time, the apostle Paul wrote the Thessalonian Christians: "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" (II Thes. 2:3). He said: "For the mystery of iniquity (the original Greek means LAWLESSNESS) doth already work" (verse 7).

Thus we know that even in Paul's day the *falling away* from the truth had already begun, and disobedience to God's law (or LAWLESSNESS) in a professing

"Christianity" was becoming popular. The doctrines of antichrist were developing!

The truth as we can well see from all these prophecies is that God is permitting mankind to go his own way during this age, rejecting Christ's true message, persecuting those who remain faithful to the truth, and substituting in its stead a religion labeled "Christianity" but actually based on the "traditions of men" which Jesus *condemned*.

Where is the Truth?

This brings us up to the present time when men in this chaotic, confused, war-torn world are seeking to find the way out of their troubles and many are seeking at last to find the true God.

As we look about over the hundreds of diverse, disagreeing, and conflicting denominations and religious sects, it seems difficult indeed for one to determine whether each or any of these is actually preaching and teaching Christ's message and being used of God as His church.

We know Jesus promised: "I will build my church" (Mat. 16:18). We know that the Holy Spirit was given to His church on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). We know that the Holy Spirit is given upon the conditions of *repentance* and *baptism* (Acts 2:38). It is given to those that OBEY God (Acts 5:32).

Jesus told His disciples: "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, *He will guide you into all truth*" (John 16:13). Every Christian must have been begotten by God's Spirit (Rom. 8:14), and that Spirit is actually God's *character* implanted within us—His *power* for self-mastery, His *love* to enable us to obey Him and serve others, and His *mind*, a sound mind to give us proper wisdom to look at everything from God's point of view (II Tim. 1:7).

But how can we *know* and *test* whether any idea, doctrine, or Bible interpretation is really of God's Spirit or of some evil spirit? Does God Himself reveal such a test?

This amazing, heretofore misunderstood test is found in I John 4:1-6. God inspired John to instruct us: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into

the world." John here tells us to test any ideas or supposed revelations, and you will notice that they primarily come through false *prophets* or *preachers*.

Remember that this text is *not* to show us how to determine whether a person is *demon-possessed*—but how to know whether a preacher or prophet is being guided by God's Spirit or by the spirit of Antichrist, the spirit and influence of *Satan* himself.

A *wicked spirit* will often verbally confess belief in Jesus Christ. After all, demons are *lying* spirits, as Satan himself is called "the father of lies" (John 8:44).

John continues: "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and THIS is that spirit of ANTICHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and *even now already* is it in the world.

The Antichrist Revealed

This text describes what the antichrist really is. Many mistakenly *assume* that antichrist is just another name for the prophesied "beast" or "false prophet," who are already in Europe and soon to manifest themselves! This assumption is NOT true! In the book of Revelation there is not a single direct reference to the antichrist as a single "superman."

Notice! John did not write that an antichrist *WOULD* come hundreds of years later. He wrote that this wicked, devilish spirit is "even NOW"—about 90 A.D. when John wrote—"in the world."

This same thing is brought out in II John 7, "For many deceivers *are gone forth* into the world: they that confess not Jesus Christ *coming in the flesh*. This is the deceiver and the antichrist." John said *MANY* deceivers, or antichrists—*not* just *one* great false prophet, but *MANY* antichrists—*ARE* already gone forth into the world. And this was *before* the end of the first century!

The real answer to the question of who is an *antichrist* is found in a proper understanding of the original Greek text in which John wrote. The proper translation of I John 4:2 ought to read: "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ (Please continue on page 19)

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self on the floor, shouting "I HATE YOU" to his own parents; and the modern "experts" advise you to say, "Why NATURALLY, you hate me—I used to HATE MY PARENTS TOO, when they told me to do something!" The psychologists tell us to be "understanding" in such situations and to handle them in this manner!

In this book on child rearing, a group of twenty-five leading specialists advocate rearing your children IN EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE MANNER from the direct commands of God in His word!

The concept is that resentment, hatred, anger and maliciousness is "stored up" in the child's mind much the same as air compressed in a bottle. If the air is allowed to escape when the pressure becomes too great, this gives a lessening of the pressure remaining within the bottle.

"Parents," say the doctors, "are sometimes afraid a young child who is allowed to talk back when he is angry will form the habit of doing this. Actually, being allowed while very young to *let off steam* this way, without reproach, may prevent the forming of worse habits of sulkiness and obstinacy."

Anger and hatred, according to the modern proponents of child psychology, have intrinsic value. That is, they have properties much the same as any physical object. To illustrate: put marbles into a sack, and label them "hate." As you subtract each marble from the sack, there is just that much less "hate" contained within the sack!

The doctors readily admit, as you read, the possibility of a child "forming habits" of DISOBEDIENCE—BUT NEVER ONCE DO THEY MENTION FORMING THE HABIT OF OBEDIENCE!

Every human being is a creature of *habit*. We don't have instinct to guide us as the animals do—we must form certain basic habits of life. Remember, every child is only the PRODUCT of heredity and environment—that is, he is the sum total of the EXPERIENCES and the influential personalities that have shaped and moulded his character.

Anger, hatred, love, malice, tenderness, any of the emotions DO NOT HAVE INTRINSIC VALUE! These are human EMOTIONS—not marbles in a sack!

Little children learn much more rapidly than many parents realize! A little child *begins* learning the very day he is born! A child learns by forming HABITS. The child who is allowed to express feelings of malice, yes—feelings of HATRED toward his own parents is forming the HABIT of DISRESPECT FOR AUTHORITY, of anger, hatred and uncontrollable emotional quirks within his character!

Rather than "draining off" resentment—with each expression of resentment that is unchecked, unhampered by parental authority and control, the child strengthens and increases a HABIT OF DISOBEDIENCE—a *habit of emotional uncontrol!*

Words fail the occasion of describing the impudent and deliberate IGNORANCE of so-called "scientific" men whose knowledge of human nature, and whose knowledge of the basic LAWS of life that *govern* and *guide* human emotions is so completely warped that they promulgate such false doctrines to the parents of today! The child psychologists don't like to retain GOD in their knowledge! The principles of God in His word, the very living WAY to all that is desired, all that is hoped for by everyone—the peace, happiness, abundance and prosperity—are totally REJECTED by a false system of education that is based on the principles of DISOBEDIENCE, of DISREGARD FOR AUTHORITY!

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools!" (Romans 1:22). Yes, those who issue pronouncements of worldly wisdom with confidence in their own knowledge have FORGOTTEN the only fountain-source of TRUE KNOWLEDGE! (Hos. 4:6).

Notice what God says about the worldly teachers through the Apostle Paul, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient, being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness . . . spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS." (Rom. 1:28-30).

God shows that the wisdom of this present evil world leads to DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS!

Authority Shunned

The very beginning of a child's life is the beginning of his pattern of behaviour. Since he begins learning from the day he is born, certain impressions and examples set for him from that day forward become a *part of him*, a basis on which his character is built.

This world has totally gotten away from the pattern in the home that God intends! The basic lack of respect for authority is shown in the home between the parents themselves, and is evidenced in the attitudes of parents towards law-enforcement agencies, toward governmental officials, and toward others in positions of authority!

God set the man as the HEAD of the household. (Eph. 5:23). Whenever God's purpose is not carried out, a basic LAW is being broken—and every broken law demands a *penalty*. The penalty is always unhappiness, misery and woe when God's laws are ignored. Because the basic authority of the home itself has in a great extent been demolished by the modern teaching, the child is forced to grow up in an environment of indecision, of *lack* of authoritative government!

The word "authority" to most people today, and especially to children, has become a "naughty" word—something akin to "discipline," which to most children is a harsh and detestable term.

In an attempt to become "buddies" with their children, instead of parents in authority *over* them, modern-day parents have lowered themselves in the eyes of their children. Children need "buddies" all right—but they need buddies their own age. They also need parents. Parents who are not trembling in fear before the awesome responsibilities

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of parenthood, and who realize the great need of their children to learn the proper attitude of respect for authority.

Remember what Judge Kaufman said? ". . . Once the child is boss, the home is lost." Parents who have shunned the responsibility God placed upon them have fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, "As for my people, *children are their oppressors*, and women rule over them." (Isa. 3:12).

A case worker at the Washington Institute of Mental Hygiene said, "Some parents treat the child as though he were the authority in the home. They react to his every whim soon giving the child the idea that he is a dictator."

When asked why so many parents do not like to accept the responsibility of parental authority, Director Samuel Whitman of the Cleveland Mental Health Association said, "Because the exercise of authority takes work, it takes responsibility, and it takes strain. To build parental authority upon a base of affection, a parent must make a real effort."

How can parents who themselves never learned respect for authority begin to administer the proper *kind* of authority over their children?

Authority Without Love?

The book on "Mothercraft," in a section dealing with discipline, explains:

"In the long run, discipline is effective, NOT when it is dependent on *punishment*, BUT when it is based on *love and affection*!

Herein lies the key to a mountain of modern misunderstanding! This world cannot seem to visualize LOVE AND PUNISHMENT COMING FROM THE SAME SOURCE!

Because of this concept of spineless authority—this world's churches have lost sight of the AUTHORITY of God, the world and its society has lost sight of the RULE of God, and the pulsating crescendo of modern living has cast aside God's method of child rearing and substituted a false system which is ending in complete and disgusting FAILURE!

Most people cannot visualize punishment coming from the same source as love. Since the majority of modern parents only utilize punishment in ANGER and only after they have been *driven* to such a means by their own emotional

uncontrol and instability, they shun punishment as if it were the end result of uncontrollable emotions.

"Corporal punishment isn't the answer!" shout the psychologists and doctors. "It usually is the end step in a long course of happenings that has carried both parents and children away from positive feelings of love and understanding." (*Mothercraft*).

And in many cases today *this is true!*
WHY?

Because instead of accepting the responsibility of parents, and punishing the children accordingly, the modern parents punish in harsh *anger* only after their children have become so obnoxious as to drive them to this method! Punishment administered in anger is every bit as ineffective as no punishment at all.

The doctors add, "The best that can be said for spanking is that it sometimes clears the air, but it isn't worth the price, and it usually doesn't work."

But it will work if properly applied.

Parent-Child Relationship

Our relationship with God is the same as a child to his parent. God is called our "Heavenly Father." Notice, Jesus Christ showed He came as the Son of God, and prayed to His FATHER in Heaven, setting us an example. Jesus Christ was the FIRSTBORN of MANY SONS. (Col. 1:18; Heb. 2:10).

God makes us His sons by a *begettal* with His Holy Spirit, through which we become partakers of His very Divine nature, His *character* (II Pet. 1:4). God shows His great LOVE toward us in that we may be called His very SONS (I John 3:1-2) and we enter into a father-son relationship with God Himself!

God then begins to deal with us as any loving father *should* deal with his children! (Heb. 12:6). *God punishes us whenever we need it—constantly if necessary.*

Why?

Because God wishes above all else that we may GROW UP in the correct manner (Eph. 4:13-15) through His loving *guidance and authority*.

Jesus Christ came proclaiming the Father as RULER of Heaven and earth! The message Christ brought was a message of AUTHORITY, of RULERSHIP from God the Father through the Son and on down to the least member of His

Church. But that message was not the warped, twisted message of the TOTAL LACK OF GOVERNMENT as conceived by most moderns today—it was a message of AUTHORITY—and it was a message of LOVE!

God intends every parent to understand the great principles of child rearing from this very relationship—the man-to-God relationship! Because this present world has FORGOTTEN its Maker, and even the worldly messages of religion have been stripped of any AUTHORITY, the world is reeling from the false doctrines that have drugged its perception, made it *spiritually drunk*! With the false basis of LOVE AND AUTHORITY being separated, being looked upon as *two separate ideas*, the modern parent has set about to find a method of child rearing without proper authority, which has ended in the tremendous chaos and confusion of juvenile crime and violence that literally *fills our nations* today!

God set AUTHORITY in His Church, and tells us a minister must be "one that RULETH WELL HIS OWN HOUSE, *having his children in subjection with all gravity*, (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD?)" (I Timothy 3:4-5).

Upside Down

Society has been turned upside down! It is founded on *lies*! The home, the basic element of all society, has also been turned upside down! The laws governing happiness have been neglected, and the real loving, kind authority of the home has been substituted for a spineless doctrine of trying to be an "equal" with your children, trying to put yourselves on their level, trying to let them "have their say" in the government of the home.

God sternly warns us, "As for my people, CHILDREN ARE THEIR OPPRESSORS (we have the biggest child-crime problem on the face of the earth) and women rule over them." (Isa. 3:12).

The only proper approach to the problem of child rearing is found by going to God and His *revealed knowledge* which has been discarded by the world. The answers can't be found in this world! The countless volumes of books, the lectures, the editorials, the magazine and newspaper articles, the shouts of perplexed

parents at PTA meetings, HAVE NOT SOLVED THE PROBLEM!

The experts advise more institutions for *correcting delinquents*, more *social workers*, more *policemen*, and more intensive measures on the part of civil institutions to combat child crime and disobedience!

GOD COMMANDS PARENTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND WILL HOLD THE PARENTS RESPONSIBLE—not the law enforcement agencies of the civil community!

Where to Begin

It is with a gasp of amazement that many people discover God says in His word He *punishes* those whom he LOVES!

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him; *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth*, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Heb. 12:5-6).

And yet—"GOD IS LOVE" (I John 4:8).

Since God *is love*, and God punishes all those He LOVES, then it follows that a part of God's *very character and nature* is the administering of *just and loving punishment!*

God gives us the perfect example of authority WITH love, of punishment MOTIVATED BY LOVE!

A child begins to learn at birth. When should *child training* begin?

AT BIRTH!

Concrete answers on HOW to train children from GOD'S POINT OF VIEW will be given in the final article on this series in the next issue of The PLAIN TRUTH Magazine. *Don't miss it!*

THE ANTICHRIST

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is coming in the flesh is of God." As is explained in the *Critical and Experimental Commentary* by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown, this passage is in the equivalent of our present progressive tense, denoting continued action now.

In other words, Jesus Christ is coming *in the flesh* right now by living His life in His people, His church. Actually, the whole context of this passage explains this very truth when read carefully. Just a few verses back in I John 3:22 we read: "And whatsoever we ask,

we receive of Him, BECAUSE *we keep His commandments*, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." Then verse 24 explains: "And he that keepeth His commandments *dwelleth* in Him (Christ), and He (dwells) in him. And hereby we know that *He abideth in us*, by the Spirit which He hath given us." Notice! Christ abides or lives in us *through His Spirit*.

The doctrine of antichrists, then, is that Christ does *not* literally dwell within and live His life within His people today. It is the teaching and the false idea that "Christians" today can live a *different* kind of life from what Jesus lived and still be His true followers. It often includes the idea that Christ was righteous in our stead, therefore we don't have to be. We just accept Him and His righteousness is imputed to us—thus God "kicks Himself" and pretends that we are really righteous when we actually are NOT!

This doctrine is a damnable LIE!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). He will live the same kind of life in you and me today that He did live 1900 years ago when He trod this earth in the human flesh. At that time, He continually taught *obedience* to all of God's commandments (Mat. 5:19). When a young man asked Him how to inherit eternal life, Jesus replied: "*Keep the commandments*" (Mat. 19:17). Near the end of his physical life, He instructed His disciples: "If you *keep my commandments* you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15:10).

A Deceived World

There are many, many false ministers abroad today teaching this doctrine of Antichrist, this doctrine of *disobedience* to God's commandments, a doctrine of "no works." The apostle Paul spoke of false ministers in II Corinthians 11:13-15. He said: "For such are FALSE APOSTLES, deceitful workers, *transforming* themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his (Satan's) ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be *according to their works*." You will notice here that Satan

has ministers. They *appear* to be righteous ministers. But their *end*—their final reward—shall be according to their *works*—the very thing they seek to deny.

God intends His people to *obey* His commandments, to do *good works*, and to live by *every* word of God. Once you get this principle straight and clearly understand the spirit of Antichrist and how to test whether any idea or doctrine is of God, then by a diligent study of God's word and by constant prayer you may come to a deeper understanding of the real purpose of your life and experience a closer contact with the living God than you may have heretofore dreamed possible.

God has always had His church, His work, which has faithfully proclaimed the true message He sent through Jesus Christ. In this end time, that message of obedience to God's kingdom and rule is to be preached by His church as a witness to all nations (Mat. 24:14). You are reading this very message this instant!

In Revelation 12:17 the true church of God is described as a woman persecuted by the devil. This church is a remnant "which *keep the commandments of God*, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." The true saints of God are described in like manner in Revelation 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that *keep the commandments of God*, and the faith of Jesus."

Yes, Jesus Christ is to live and dwell within His people today through His Spirit. Their lives will be lives of *full* and *complete obedience* just as Jesus' life was in the flesh and is now being lived through them. Their *customs*, their *traditions*, their *way of life* will be the same in every way as His was, because *He does not change*.

The true Christian can say with the apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Examine yourself honestly. Have you really understood Christianity before? Is Christ really living *His life* in you? Do you have the spiritual "backbone" to act on the knowledge you have just received?

What Is the HOLY SPIRIT?

WHY do you need the Holy Spirit? HOW do you receive it? How do you KNOW that you have received it?

by Herman L. Hoeh

DID YOU know that five out of six ministers and theological students *believe* that God acts upon or operates in human lives through the Holy Spirit?

Yet *almost none* of them agrees about what the Holy Spirit *is!* They disagree about *why* we need it—about *how* we receive it—about how we *know* that we have received it!

WHY?

This striking paradox was revealed in the famous LOOK magazine series on religions of America. It is time we understood the TRUTH about this vital subject.

Preaching a Counterfeit Spirit

Are you aware of Paul's WARNING that there would be MANY different denominations preaching *different doctrines* about the Holy Spirit—*deceiving the many* into receiving spirits different from the Holy Spirit revealed in Scripture. Notice:

"But I *fear*"—Paul was *frightened*, he knew what was coming—"lest somehow, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, YOUR THOUGHTS should be CORRUPTED from the simplicity and the purity that is toward the Christ"—Christ's doctrine is *simple*, when we understand it—it is *not* a theological mystery.

Continuing with II Cor. 11:3-4: "For if he"—any false minister masquerading in the name of Christ, pretending to be a preacher of righteousness—"who cometh preacheth *ANOTHER* JESUS"—the world is filled with the preaching of a DIFFERENT Jesus who was born, who died and rose at a DIFFERENT time than the true Messiah, a different Jesus who dared to abolish His Father's immutable laws—"whom we did not preach"—says Paul—"or ye receive a DIFFERENT SPIRIT, which ye did not

receive"—from the preaching of the apostles. Notice that Paul warns about receiving a DIFFERENT SPIRIT and "a DIFFERENT GOSPEL."

THIS PROPHETIC WARNING HAS ALREADY BEEN FULFILLED!

Professing Christianity is split asunder by hundreds of different denominations preaching different doctrines from those of the inspired Apostles of Jesus Christ.

This apostasy from the truth began *in apostolic days!* By the time Paul wrote this second letter to the Corinthians, such false ministers had already arisen—"ye bear well with him," the false minister who came to Corinth. They listened and entertained the deceiver—and the vast majority of professing Christians have been doing the same ever since that day. Little wonder that we have such DECEPTION.

Confusion as to the nature and work of the Holy Spirit spread throughout the apostatizing churches in post-apostolic days. The TRUTH was buried under a rubbish heap of superstition and ignorance. To end this condition, Emperor Constantine called the Nicaean Council in 325 A.D. to force the churches to agree to whatever the majority decided. By majority decision—men voting upon the doctrine of God—it was decreed that God was a trinity and that the Holy Spirit was a Person of the trinity. But the real purpose WHY we need the Holy Spirit was not discussed.

It is time we faced facts squarely and look into the Bible to see what God reveals about HIS Holy Spirit.

HOW to Receive the Holy Spirit

There is only ONE Holy Spirit. It comes from God. We need it or we will never gain eternal life.

How do we receive it?

Open your Bible to Luke 11:13. Here

are Jesus' own words: "If ye therefore, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more shall the Father who is from heaven *give* the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Observe that the Holy Spirit is a GIFT. It is called that in Acts 10:45 and 11:17. Then it is not something we were born with, nor is it anything we earn. It is something *we need*, but which we receive as a GIFT upon *asking* God for it.

But how do we know that God *bears* us when we ask Him in prayer? Here is the answer: "Whatever we ask we receive of him, because we *keep His commandments* and DO the things pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, that we should *believe* on the name of the Son Jesus Christ, and LOVE one another, even as He gave us commandment" (I John 3:22-23).

Notice that we must *not only* believe in Jesus Christ, but we must *also* do the Father's commandments—that is what LOVE IS. "This is the LOVE of God, that we keep His commandments" (I John 5:3). If we perform these *conditions*, God will answer us. We can receive His Holy Spirit. Observe how this is again explained in Acts 2:38:

"And Peter said unto them: REPENT and be baptized each of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the GIFT of the Holy Spirit."

That is how! You begin to keep the commandments by REPENTING—by turning away from your past sins and by directing yourself to lead a new life in conformity with God's revealed Word, the Bible. Then, if you believe and are baptized (immersed), you are unconditionally promised the Holy Spirit. God has bound Himself to perform His part if you first perform yours.

To continue: In Acts 5:32 you read:

"And we"—the apostles are speaking—"are witnesses of these sayings; also the Holy Spirit, which God hath *given* to them that OBEY Him."

God Demands OBEDIENCE

Notice the stress placed upon OBEDIENCE, upon submission to the Will of God, to the Law of God. Since God expects a submissive, obedient attitude *before* we receive the Holy Spirit, how plain it is that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of submission and obedience to the Father. It is the spirit of LOVE—a *law-abiding* spirit.

Now notice the *fruit* of the Spirit. Jesus said: "Surely then by their *fruits* you shall know them" (Mat. 7:20). *You can know* if you received the Holy Spirit. You know by the fruits—not by outward appearances and manifestations. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is *invisible*. Its presence is known only by the attitude and *action* it produces in a visible human body. That attitude and action we call the *fruit*.

What kind of fruit must we expect? The same kind of fruit that God would produce—because the Holy Spirit comes from God. You know a tree by its fruits. Something is wrong if a tree does not bear its proper fruit. It is undoubtedly a different tree-stock than it *appears* to be.

What kind of fruits would God produce? Would He bear the wild "manifestations" you hear about in many evangelistic rallies? Of course not!

Then what is the fruit of the Spirit—the *fruit that God is bearing through us?*

God Bears Fruit in Us

Here is the answer: "The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, SELF-CONTROL; against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22).

The first fruit is LOVE. "The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit given us," says Paul in Romans 5:5. What is the love of God? "LOVE is fulfillment of law" is Paul's answer in Romans 13:10. Love is *obedience*—obedience to God's law. If you *love* God you will keep *all* His commandments—all *ten* of them as they are magnified in Scripture. That is what we have read in John's writing, isn't it? It is the teaching of the entire Bible.

Man must learn to OBEY his Maker!

No one who continues to break God's law has received the Spirit of God. That means that professing Christians who do not keep *all the ten commandments* have never received the Spirit of God—they are still UNCONVERTED—and they never will be converted *until* they conform to God's spiritual law of LOVE.

The other fruits of the Spirit, mentioned by Paul, amplify the attitude of love. Obedience to God is not harsh and cruel and unyielding—it is a joy, it is peaceable and gentle, it is SELF-CONTROL.

I know that this is hard to believe. You have probably been taught that you cannot receive the Holy Spirit until you REJECT God's law. That deceptive teaching results from preaching a perverted gospel—a different gospel than Jesus preached. That is the way of Cain who hated his brother Abel. God's law of love has been His message from the beginning of time (I John 3:11-12). But men have *refused* it!

WHY Do We Need the Holy Spirit?

Man was born without the vital spark that will enable him to live forever. Man is mortal. Man is subject to death.

Notice: "But if any hath not Christ's Spirit he is none of His. And *if Christ is in you*"—living the same life in us now by the Holy Spirit, as He lived by the Holy Spirit while He was personally on earth—"your body is indeed dead because of sin; but the Spirit is LIFE because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him"—the Father—"that raised Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead *shall make alive your MORTAL* bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:10-11).

How plain. The Holy Spirit imparts the beginning of eternal life. We inherited mortal life through Adam. We become heirs of eternal life—heirs of God—by the Holy Spirit, *which is the LIFE of God*. "And the witness is this, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son"—not in an immortal soul. Who hath the Son hath the life; who hath not the Son of God hath not the life. These things have I written you," says John, that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (I John 5:11-12).

Eternal life is a *gift* of God. It is an

attribute of the Holy Spirit. It is not the "immortality of the soul." "For the wages of sin is death; but the free *gift* of God is eternal life"—if we already had it, it would not be a gift; it would be inherited—(Romans 6:23).

But the Holy Spirit does more than impart to us the possibility of eternal life. It imparts to us the characteristics of God the Father. That portion of the Holy Spirit, which each person receives, may be compared to the germ or sperm of physical life. It transmits His mental and spiritual attributes to us. It elevates us from the plain of human understanding to divine understanding. *When* we receive the Holy Spirit we can comprehend the thoughts of God—thoughts which we cannot fully grasp otherwise. That is why most people do not know that they are *not* converted—they cannot grasp what it means to *be* converted.

The MIND of God

Conversion starts with *repentance*. Conversion means change. Repentance means a change, from the wrong to the right. It is a change of mind. But that change is not enough. We must have the Spirit of God added in order for that change to be *permanent*. Our minds need to be *developed* to become like God's mind. "Have this *mind* in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). We must have the mind or mental attitude of Jesus Christ. Such an attitude comes only by the addition of spirit—the Holy Spirit—to the natural or soulish mind with which we were born. Here is why:

"The mind of the flesh"—with which you were born—"is death"—it produces death, it cannot think clearly; "but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace"—a human mind united with and controlled by spirit from God produces eternal life and peace. But "the mind of the flesh is enmity unto God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be" (Rom. 8:6-7). To put it plainly, *we are not fully SANE* until we obtain God's mind. Until we receive it we are on a mental plane but little better than brute animals who go by instinct. *Few grasp how GREAT the mind of God is—and how GREAT his kindness is in making it possible for us to have His MIND!*

Now that we understand that the Holy

Spirit imparts eternal life and spiritual characteristics of God, we can better understand the NATURE and attributes of the Spirit.

The Germ of Eternal Life

First, notice that the Holy Spirit—the germ by which we are begotten—comes from the Father. God has masculine characteristics. That is why we call Him Father. If He is a Father then He begets us. We are called the “begotten children of God” (I John 3:1). God has the powers of *reproduction*. He begets us “by His Spirit.” Each portion of the Spirit we receive is like a germ or sperm. Peter tells us we are “*begotten again*,” not of corruptible SEED, but of incorruptible, through God’s word, which liveth and abideth” (I Peter 1:23). Jesus completes this by saying we must finally be *born* again—at the resurrection—when we shall *be* spirit. Now we are only flesh with the Spiritual *germ of eternal life* in us.

Second, notice that an attribute of God’s Spirit is *perfect character*. The germ of eternal life transmits that attribute into us. It is the spirit of obedience—of perfection.

Any begotten child of God may sin if Christ is not fully living His life in us through the Holy Spirit. But if Christ abides in us through the Holy Spirit, we have the power to resist practicing sin.

When one is born of God, he becomes perfect (I John 3:9-10). Christ is the only human being thus far born of God. He *is* perfect. If He, so to speak, lives His life in us by means of the Holy Spirit—that is the same as saying we are to live by every WORD of God, for Christ is the WORD personified—*Christ is the Bible in action*—we have the power of complete SELF-CONTROL—if we *yield* to His Spirit. We have the power to become like God!

Of course! If we are God’s children we are to grow up to become LIKE Him. That is true of all nature. It is equally true of *Spirit* as it is of *matter*. Notice: “For His invisible attributes since the world’s creation are clearly seen, being perceived through the things made, both His everlasting power and *divinity*” (Rom. 1:20). The physical creation reveals the divine attribute of God to reproduce. Nature reproduces—therefore it reveals that God is a Father.

And if He is our Father, if we are begotten of His Seed, the Holy Spirit, we shall become like Him. *That is what the world does NOT know!*

The Family of God

Since there is a Heavenly Father, and we are His begotten children, then God must be a FAMILY! And the Church of God must be composed of the begotten Family of God. It is the Holy Spirit that makes us alike, that gives the Family and the Church *unity*.

Notice the family relationship in Galatians 4:6-7: “God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba,” meaning “the Father.” It is the same Spirit by which we are placed or immersed into the Church. “For in one Spirit also were we all baptized into one body”—the Church (I Cor. 12:13).

In Hebrews 12:9, the Almighty is called “the Father of spirits.” We are ultimately to be composed of spirit—spirit beings on the plane of God, members of the Divine Family (John 3:6).

In the resurrection the mortal bodies we now have will “be raised *spiritual* bodies” (I Cor. 15:42). Notice how often in Scripture we are declared to be heirs of the DIVINE NATURE—of immortal, incorruptible, perfect, all-powerful SPIRIT, possessing the very MIND of God. We are to be full partakers of the “divine nature” (II Peter 1:4).

Whenever we become members of God’s begotten Family, we receive a *portion*—a seed or germ—of the Father’s Holy Spirit. “On the nations also was *poured out* the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 10:45). This gift the apostle John called a *seed*. These divine life-giving seeds are *poured out* from the Father in heaven and, like physical life-giving germs or sperms, unite with our minds. Each human mind is like the nucleus of an egg to which the Holy Spirit or seed unites.

Just as the egg in a mother’s womb must be nourished with life-giving food through the placenta, so we must be nourished by the WORDS of God and prayer. “The words that I have spoken,” said Jesus, “ARE SPIRIT AND ARE LIFE” (John 6:63). Those words *are* the Bible. That is why man must live *by every word of God*. Just as the physical life-giving nutriment circulate in the mother’s uterus, so must the life of God

circulate through our minds. We drink in the life-giving words of God from the Bible through reading and studying and meditating. Then, just as the physical poisons are carried through the umbilicus by the bloodstream away from a foetus in the womb, so must we allow our sins to pass from us by asking forgiveness through prayer to God, *the shed blood of Christ* figuratively bearing our sins away. That is how our spirit-begotten minds *grow* until we are ready to be born into a new world—The WORLD TOMORROW—at the resurrection!

Now do you see the importance of Bible study and prayer?

Christ’s Spirit FLOWS THROUGH Our Minds

Not only must the *words* of God flow into our minds through Bible study, *but SPIRIT must flow through our minds*.

Notice that each converted Christian receives a *seed*—composed of spirit, not matter—which unites with each separate repentant human mind. That is what begets us. But that spiritual germ must *grow* like the foetus in a mother’s womb. Let “Christ be *formed* in you,” said Paul in Gal. 4:19. And, “we must *grow up* in everything”—in spiritual-mindedness (Eph. 4:15).

How is that seed, now united with our minds, going to grow?

By the *addition of more spirit*—by the “supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:19). Then added to the *germ* which proceeds from the Father there must be a continual supply of Spirit sent from Jesus Christ so that our minds *grow spiritually*—till our minds become more and more spiritual and less and less carnal—till we grow to a mature spiritual mind.

A foetus in a mother’s womb must have physical substance added to the original ovum (egg) and sperm if that new physical life is to develop. So we must be *FILLED WITH SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT*—“filled with the Spirit” so that our minds grow. The expression “Filled with the spirit” (Eph. 5:18) does *not* mean to be filled with emotional manifestations (which come from the flesh and not from Spirit). It means that our minds are filled with Spirit from heaven administered through Jesus Christ in His office as

High Priest. Some of that Spirit of Christ, flowing through our minds, unites with our Spirit-begotten minds.

Notice how Paul explains this in Romans 8:8-9: "But ye are not in the flesh"—we are not motivated by fleshly passions—"but in the Spirit"—motivated and guided by Spirit—"if so be that GOD'S Spirit dwelleth in you." That is the Holy Spirit in the form of a seed from the Father transmitting His characteristics. But notice what Paul adds: "But if any hath not CHRIST'S Spirit he is none of His." That is the Holy Spirit proceeding from Jesus Christ, flowing through our minds so that we may grow spiritually. This is the Holy Spirit *in another form*, different from the seed from the Father. THIS DIFFERENCE IN MANIFESTATION MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD.

The Holy Spirit from Christ is like a current of electricity flowing through a light bulb. We are that bulb. But there could be no light without a filament inside of the bulb. That filament is like the spiritual seed from the Father.

NEVER Begotten Before Pentecost, 31 A.D.

Only since Pentecost, in 31 A.D., when the Holy Spirit promised from the Father was sent (Acts 2), has anyone (except Christ) been *begotten* of the Father. *No one* (except Christ) *was ever begotten of the Father* from the days of Adam to 31 A.D. Being begotten of the Father so that spirit is *united* with our minds is something entirely *new*. It is "a new and *living way*" made possible by Christ's sacrifice (Heb. 10:19,20). For the first time we pray to the Father. In the Old Testament no one prayed to the Father. No one addressed God as Father. Christ came to declare Who the Father is—to declare that we may be begotten of Him: "God no one hath ever seen; an only begotten"—Christ—"himself God, who is [ascended] unto the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18, Panin trans.).

What Spirit was in the prophets? "The Spirit of Christ" (I Peter 1:11). Christ is one of the members of the God-Kingdom. He was the one who administered the Spirit to Moses, to Abel and to all the faithful of old. His Spirit flowed through them and filled their minds. But that Spirit *could not unite with their minds* because they were not begotten

with seed from the Father. "And these all, witnessed through their faith, received not the promise, God having foreseen *something better* concerning us, that apart from us they be not made perfect" (Heb. 11:39-40). We have "the earnest of the Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13). We have a minute portion of Spirit united with our minds—just a token of the Spirit with which we will be composed at the resurrection.

To be made suddenly immortal at the resurrection we must not only have had Christ's Spirit flowing through us, but we must also have been begotten of the Father. At the resurrection, the Father must beget the prophets and saints of old, whose minds are sleeping in their graves. They will also be made immortal in the twinkling of an eye, since they did have Christ's Spirit flowing through their minds.

God expects more of us today because we have Spirit-begotten minds. Under the Old Testament, polygamy was permitted, for example, because the patriarchs often lacked the physical powers of self-control possible only to begotten children of God. Today, we have God's life and power as a very part of our being, enabling us to overcome and master our human nature.

The NATURE of Spirit

Spiritual qualities and entities seem so unreal to most people. And no wonder. Spiritual things are invisible, not discerned by the senses until revealed IN WRITING in the Bible!

When we speak of the Holy Spirit, many cannot picture in their minds what it is. Yet the Bible makes clear the nature of the Holy Spirit.

Spirit may be compared to matter in many ways, as we already noted in Romans 1:20. Matter exists in three states—solid, liquid, gas. In a similar way, spirit apparently exists in three states.

Notice, "God is spirit" (John 4:24). The God-family is composed of spirit. The Father and the Son, who are already composed of spirit, have definite shape. Whatever holds its shape we call solid. From one end of the Bible to the other we are told about the shape and the parts of each member in the God-family. The Father and the Son each have a head, hair, eyes, nose, mouth,

arms, fingers, a torso, legs, feet, plus inward parts. Man is in the *image* of God. Man is matter, but God is spirit. Both matter and spirit exist in various forms and with different appearances. Living matter reproduces itself—so does spirit. That is why God is reproducing after HIS kind.

Spirit, unlike living matter, is immortal—it cannot be cut to pieces or broken so as to be destroyed. It is also capable of infinite work—never running down because of friction and dissipation. We can be like that, too, if we yield to God.

In another state, spirit is said to be *poured out*—like droplets of water—and to join with each individual separate mind upon repentance and a total change of heart. Spirit also *flows* through the mind, back and forth from heaven to earth, and out from us in good works.

Creative Spirit

Even though the Father and the Son are in definite locations with respect to each other, hence comparable to solid matter, spirit proceeds from them and fills the entire universe much like the breath of air fills everything on earth. Note David's words that God's Spirit permeates *everything* (Pslam 139:7-11). Spirit is God's life; air contains the life-giving oxygen of man. Notice how similar the comparison is. This spirit of the God-family serves a different function than the spirit germs or seed that beget us as members of God's Family. The divine Spirit that fills the entire universe is the channel by which the Father and the Son *create*. The Spirit of God transformed the creative energy of Father and Son into the physical world we see around us. Man has no such attribute or power born into him. But man may *form tools* which transform man's physical energy into visible objects, light, heat, and numerous other physical manifestations.

Man is put here on earth to learn to develop tools for limited creative work—to train himself for the ETERNAL GOAL—becoming part of the God-family, *which means control of the creative Spirit of God*.

That is what it means to become converted and to be put into the Church of God by receiving His Spirit. Certainly *all* the difficulties of life are worth

it—when you compare the tremendous reward of responsibility that awaits us!

God Not a Trinity

How plain that God is a Family—a Kingdom, not a limited trinity. The doctrine of the trinity was foisted upon the world beginning with the council of Nicaea. It is merely a continuation of the pagan Babylonish trinity of father, mother and child, except that in this instance the apostate churches substituted the Holy Spirit for the mother (Semi-ramis) and called it a "person."

The verse in I John 5:7: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one"—this verse is NOT INSPIRED—it was not written by the apostle John! It is *not* found in any of the old manuscripts of the inspired Greek, and was not found in the manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate until the eighth century after Christ. You can find this proved in any of the *Commentaries*. This verse is a deliberate hoax, foisted upon a deceived world by a devil-inspired writer centuries after the inspired John wrote the book. This verse is left out in ALL translations today.

The verse in Matthew 28:19 is often misinterpreted to refer to a trinity. Notice that disciples are to be baptized "into"—the inspired original Greek is "into," not "in"—"the NAME of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Does this verse say that all three are Persons? NO! Don't we give names to many things that are *not* persons? Of course we do. Everything, whether person, place or thing, bears a *name*.

What is the NAME *into* which converts are to be baptized? What is the name all converts bear as a result of being baptized in water in the name or by the authority of Jesus Christ, and as a result of being begotten by the Holy Spirit? The name is GOD. We are called the "sons of God" or God's-sons, just as human beings bear the names Johnson, Robertson, and Jackson, meaning originally the sons of John, Robert and of Jack. GOD is the *family name* of the divine Kingdom. It is the Father "from whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is NAMED" (Eph. 3:15). The Father's name is GOD in English. Notice: "I manifested Thy name to the men," said Jesus to the disciples. "Holy Father, keep them in thy name" (John 17:6, 11). What is the NAME of the Church, which is made up of the disciples of Jesus? "The Church of GOD" (I Cor. 1:2, and many other places). Jesus is called God in John 1:1 and in other texts. And since the Holy Spirit is that of which the Father and Son are composed, it too is GOD. It is not angelic spirit, but divine or *God* Spirit.

Instead of teaching the trinity, Matthew 28:19 teaches that God is a *growing* Family into which we may be baptized or immersed or placed. God is a Family, a Kingdom, not a trinity. The Father in Heaven wants you to become a member of His divine Family. You can be His Son if you surrender your whole life to Him, believe all that is in The Bible, and believe Christ is your Saviour and obey Him. This knowledge has now reached *you*. What are you going to do about it?

QUESTION BOX

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those keeping God's Commandments—*those filled with His Spirit*, those in whom Christ is living *His* life. Not those merely *professing* to be Christians; professing to know God, *but in works denying Him* (Titus 1:6), being abominable.

If you are converted and made righteous by the Spirit of God, "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14).

No, God commands us, "Have NO FELLOWSHIP with the unfruitful works of darkness." (Eph. 5:11). If God has opened your understanding to His TRUTH, it is precious beyond price. "If there come any to you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeak; for he that biddeth him Godspeak is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 10).

When the disciples asked Jesus if MANY were being saved, he explained that the many turn into the broad way that leads to destruction—but FEW find the straight and narrow way that leads to everlasting life. Those in His true fellowship He called the "*Little Flock*."

Remember, our fellowship is WITH THE FATHER, AND WITH JESUS CHRIST first of all, and with one another *only in and thru Christ* (I John 1:1-7). You can have communion and fellowship with Him wherever you are. Withdraw at once from all other fellowship, except that of CHRIST, and those who are IN CHRIST, and Christ IN THEM.

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