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This Is the Story of You, Me and Those Called Into God's Church

By Herbert W. Armstrong

THERE CAME A TIME when the living God needed to raise up a human leader, with many others solidly behind him, in His Church for a very SPECIAL commission in these LAST DAYS of the present world.

It is undoubtedly the MOST IMPORTANT thing the Mighty GOD has done on earth in 1,900 years. It is of SUPREME IMPORTANCE to HIM — and it should be to YOU and me.

How the world got this way

Here we are in the very LAST DAYS of the evil world. NEVER BEFORE was there such a world as we have been born into. How did it get that way?

To UNDERSTAND, I say again it is like tuning in on a 2½-hour movie when it is near the end. Not having seen what went before — what led up to it — one cannot understand what he sees now. So please read again, as I try BRIEFLY to hit the high spots of what led up from the beginning to the need and reason why YOU were called into God's Church and Work today. We need to have this FRESHLY in mind.

At the time of the creation of man, God had driven the first Adam out from the Garden of Eden and supernaturally barred entrance of mankind, lest he take of the tree of life (the Holy Spirit) and gain immortality in sin. Had man been allowed to acquire immortality in sin, it would have imposed on mankind an eternity of suffering, anguish, indescribable defeat.

The former Lucifer, now Satan, and his demons already had imposed such a fate on themselves.

God did not want humanity, made in His own image, potentially members of His own GOD FAMILY, to inherit any such total eternal condemnation.

So, God cut all mankind off from access to Him, or His Spirit (which would impart eternal life). EXCEPT such infinitesimal few as He would call into His service preparing for the KINGDOM OF GOD (to appear after 6,000 years).

Why?

The archangel and mighty Lucifer had been placed on the THRONE OF THE EARTH to administer the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the earth then populated with angels. Lucifer had been PERFECT in all his ways from his creation UNTIL iniquity (lawlessness, rebellion, evil) had developed in him by his own choice. Lucifer became Satan — mighty, powerful next to God Himself, immortal, imbued with rebellion,

Many have never understood how God came to predestinate and call YOU, me and other members to various functions, offices and administrations in HIS CHURCH in our time. This will be an eye-opener to some who have not fully understood before.

self-centeredness, vanity, lust and greed, jealousy, envy, resentment, bitterness, hatred, spirit of competition and strife, destruction, evil and TOTAL unhappiness.

It is God's law of His GOVERNMENT that one placed on the throne of that government must remain on it UNTIL a successor qualifies and is seated on that throne.

God's fail-safe plan

God had provided a FAIL-SAFE plan — as in a jet plane (if one system fails, another has been installed instantly to take over). God had provided that IF Lucifer disqualified and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD ceased to be administered by him, God would reproduce Himself through MAN. If the first man, Adam, failed to qualify by rejecting SATAN'S WAY, and chose OBEDIENCE and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, that Adam could have succeeded the disqualified Satan and been put on the throne of the earth administer-

ing the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all the earth — over all mankind that would descend from him.

If this first Adam failed, then the Eternal WORD (who was with God and who was also God from eternity — John 1:1-3) would divest Himself of His immortal power and glory, come to be born HUMAN of a human mother (sired by God), would QUALIFY by rejecting and OVERCOMING Satan and his way, choose GOD and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, with its way of divine LOVE.

Then being now human for the purpose of death, He would submit to death (though He never sinned, taking on Him the penalty of human sins, paying it by His shed blood for the sins of all humans who will repent of Satan's way of "GET," turn to GOD'S WAY of outflowing LOVE (the way of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD).

God had called to Him righteous Abel, Enoch, Noah. He called Abraham, who became "father of the faithful," to whom

both national, material and spiritual PROMISES were made). Four hundred thirty years later He called Abraham's descendants — then about two or three million people — as HIS nation the Kingdom of ISRAEL.

But they, except their prophets, were still cut off from the HOLY SPIRIT.

God promised them, and under the Old Covenant in their day, only material and national rewards. But in their carnal human minds, cut off from God's Spirit, they never accepted the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, but rebelled as had Lucifer and his angels.

Jesus Christ came, the only begotten Son of God, in human flesh. His people Judah did not accept Him. He was despised, humiliated, persecuted, rejected. Only 120 chose GOD'S WAY and followed Jesus, among them His chosen 12 apostles. He sent them into the world declaring and announcing the future KINGDOM OF GOD. It shall administer the GOVERNMENT OF

GOD, after Satan shall be deposed and put away.

God's Church raised up

Now God began to call people for HIS CHURCH. Every individual called by God had been called to a special service. Israel had been called to have GOD and HIS WAY revealed to them, but not to spiritual salvation.

But now God called HIS CHURCH, to REPENT of Satan's way of "GET" and accept the way of God's law, "GIVE" or outflowing LOVE. God gave them HIS HOLY SPIRIT, which is the LOVE OF GOD, "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Some in the Church were called to specific special duties, for God's CHURCH is a spiritual ORGANISM, well organized. In its work, God established many different operations and administrations. For this He set in His Church first APOSTLES, then evangelists (there are no prophets today), pastors, elders — some of whom were preaching ministers, some local spiritual elders, nonpreaching.

Others, the majority, the "laity," are called to TAKE THEIR PART in the WORK of the Church — not as officers in specific duties or departments but by actively and loyally standing back of the apostles and other specific administrators with their constant PRAYERS, tithes and offerings and constant loyal ENCOURAGEMENT.

But fierce and overwhelming persecution set in. A false church, deceived and influenced by Satan, rose up beginning A.D. 33. God's Church was founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. By A.D. 58 much of the Church had turned to ANOTHER GOSPEL. The GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, ruling with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, was abolished and counterfeited. The true GOSPEL Jesus preached was not again preached to the world until 1953.

Commission for the end time

The time had come when God needed to call a man to lead in the final LAST DAYS' surge of 1) carrying the GREAT COMMISSION — the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God — to all the vastly multiplied 20th-century world, and 2) to raise up an enlargement of God's true Church as a "BRIDE" made ready for Christ's coming — to be married to Christ.

The true Church of God, by the 20th century, had dwindled to virtual spiritual impotence, and perhaps around only 2,000 members. So far as the WORK OF GOD (carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ about the now soon-coming Kingdom of God to the world), the Church at this stage in (See THIS IS THE STORY, page 4)

MR. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBES PLANS FOR TRIP TO CHINA

As *The Worldwide News* goes to press, details were received from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong about his soon-coming trip to the People's Republic of China. This information includes Mr. Armstrong's itinerary and background about travel arrangements.

The plans for my visit to Peking [Beijing], capital of the largest nation, in population, on earth, are now virtually complete. I will fly first to Tokyo, with stopover to break the long flight at Honolulu, arriving Tokyo Nov. 30, Friday. Fly to Peking Sunday, Dec. 2. There will be that night a dinner in my honor hosted by leaders in government and universities. On Monday night, Dec. 3, a banquet of about 400 men and women leaders in government and education, at which I will speak for 30 to 40 minutes.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 4, the AICF will host a dinner for the entire diplomatic corps. On Wednesday night, the 5th, there will be, sponsored by the AICF, a performance at the Nationality Palace Theater.

Thursday afternoon, the 6th, we fly back to Tokyo. Friday night, the 7th, a banquet in Tokyo, attended by Prince Mikasa, my "Japanese sons"

from the Diet, and leaders from the Chinese Embassy — and probably other ambassadors. Sabbath, rest, with possible Bible study with readers of *The Plain Truth*. Fly home Sunday.

The Chinese have a government guest house, Government State House, like the U.S. Blair House across from the White House. I will be expected to stay there.

Mr. [Stanley] Rader is now in Tokyo and has been completing arrangements.

I am personally very pleased with this schedule. I think it is important that I am the FIRST spiritual or church leader from Christianity to be invited to visit and speak in mainland China. The officials there know very well who and what I am, all about the Worldwide Church of God, and what we believe. Surely this a door opened by God, and that is why I am going to walk through that door with His blessing and guidance.

Today Mr. Rader is seeing the U.S.S.R. ambassador in Tokyo, and it is hoped that the long overdue visit to Warsaw, Poland, may be combined with a visit to heads of the Kremlin in Moscow. Truly God is opening doors. He knows TIME IS NOW SHORT!

Would You Accuse Jesus Christ?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

I WRITE THIS in the form of an OPEN LETTER to a number of ex-ministers and dissident members who have gone out of God's Church in a spirit of accusation, disagreement, emotional resentment and bitterness.

I wish it might help them. I doubt if it will. But I do have high hopes that it may help the MANY still faithful, loyal and loving brethren in Christ to avoid this pitfall of Satan that has deceived some who have thought they were above being deceived by Satan.

Don't think you can outsmart Satan! Don't think you are so strong Satan could never outmaneuver, trick or deceive you! NONE of us can match wits with Satan. Our reliance must be on the one who IS stronger and more powerful, than Satan — JESUS CHRIST!

What IS God's Church?

First, fasten firmly in mind just what IS God's Church. It is NOT a human or secular ORGANIZATION — it is a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM! Yet in I Corinthians 12 it is revealed as a well ORGANIZED spiritual organism, with CHRIST as living, active HEAD — actually and literally directing and guiding it!

"There are differences of administrations, but the same Lord" (verse 5). Administrations require administrators — but the Lord Jesus Christ over them, guiding, leading, controlling them.

CHRIST IS IN THE PICTURE! Yet the embittered who have gone out, accusing, have not realized they actually were accusing the living, active JESUS CHRIST! They seldom spoke of Him in the connection of their disagreement! They left Him out of the picture! They spoke of the Church, the Work, the things about which they were disgruntled or in disagreement, as if this were merely a worldly, human organization, which a man named Herbert W. Armstrong had somehow maneuvered to make himself the HEAD (which he certainly NEVER did) and with whom they DISAGREED!

One, my own son, has said, "I never did agree with my father."

Several, probably not realizing it, have been accusing Jesus Christ, the living HEAD of God's Church. Be sure YOU don't!

He spoke as if it were Christ's human apostle who was wrong. He did not seem to see CHRIST as LIVING, ACTIVE HEAD, merely using His chosen apostle as His instrument — almost comparable to a puppet — with CHRIST as the living, responsible, active HEAD! If in viewing a puppet show you disagree with something the puppet is caused to do, you are actually disagreeing with the one ABOVE, who is manipulating and guiding what the puppet on the strings is doing.

But the dissidents have made their accusations and disagreements against the "puppet" — for they would fear to accuse Jesus Christ directly! Yet, indirectly, that is precisely what they have done, whether realized or not!

Who is head of the Church?

A parallel case is found in I Samuel 8, when GOD — the YHWH who later became Jesus Christ — was ruling Israel through His instrument Samuel. The people became dissatisfied, disgruntled. They decided to overthrow Samuel. They, like our dissidents today, could not see GOD in the picture. They saw only the human Samuel.

They wanted to do away with Samuel and have a king like the other worldly nations.

But what did GOD (in the Person who is JESUS CHRIST today) say?

"And the Lord [YHWH] said unto Samuel . . . they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me [the future CHRIST], that I should not reign over them" (I Samuel 8:7).

They did not realize it was the future CHRIST who had brought them out of hard slavery and bondage in Egypt, set them up as His NATION, brought them into the promised land and was their REAL ruler!

Nor do the rebellious dissidents (and perhaps even some loyal members) realize today that it is CHRIST who raised up HIS ONE AND ONLY CHURCH OF OUR TIME (even though He used me as His servant — his "puppet" so to

speak).

The LIVING Jesus Christ put HIS GOVERNMENT into God's Church. He prepared me for years before He called me to be His servant — His chosen apostle — His puppet as it were.

But there is one DIFFERENCE in the puppet analogy: Christ chooses His prophets and apostles as human men with MINDS — whereas a puppet, of course, has no mind. A servant GOD uses, therefore, being human, can make a mistake. But if he does, it is CHRIST'S responsibility to correct him — not the Church members or ministers Christ has placed under him.

To illustrate, take King David — a man after God's own heart. GOD USED David. But David made some mistakes. One terrible mistake — a terrible sin — was when David had Uriah killed — a MURDER — so he could cover up his sin of adultery and have Bathsheba for his wife.

But it WAS NOT the PLACE OF THE PEOPLE UNDER DAVID TO CORRECT HIM! That was GOD'S responsibility. AND GOD DID NOT NEGLECT IT! He sent His prophet Nathan to make David realize his sin. DAVID REPENTED — REALLY repented: Read his prayer of repentance in the 51st Psalm!

It is GOD'S responsibility to correct His chosen apostle — not YOURS — not the minister under him, though I would listen gratefully with open mind if one prayerfully came to me in sincerity, about any disagreement. But CORRECTION and any ACCUSATION against God's apostle is NOT the responsibility of the ministers or the members — that is CHRIST'S responsibility — AND I KNOW, IF SOME DON'T, THAT HE IS NOT "ASLEEP ON THE JOB."

DO NOT take it upon yourself to take CHRIST'S responsibility away from Him! When you do, IT IS CHRIST you accuse, not His servant who is merely His instrument, trying with all his might to faithfully obey Him!

The POINT of this article is: Some have, and others may, not realizing it, ACCUSE CHRIST, sup-

posing they are only venting their emotional accusation or disagreement or resentment on a FELLOW HUMAN BEING.

When the pope of Rome visited the United States in early October, he answered some Roman Catholic dissidents, who disagreed with traditional Catholic doctrines and teachings, by calling them "a-la-carte Catholics" — those who chose which teachings and doctrines they agreed with — and said they were not really Catholics!

There is one difference in the analogy — in Roman Catholicism, the pope is the living HEAD of the church, while in the Church of God, CHRIST is the living Head. In the Catholic Church, they claim that the CHURCH, guided by the pope, is the AUTHORITY — while in GOD'S Church, the BIBLE is the authority!

We sent Gene Hogberg during the pope's U.S. visit, traveling to the various cities where the pope appeared. In his very fine article in the December Plain Truth, a masterpiece of journalism reporting his coverage of the papal visit, he notes that the pope said nothing or almost nothing about the living Christ. The pope's official title is "Vicar of Christ," which means "IN PLACE OF CHRIST."

How Christ put me in His Church

Dissidents are always misrepresenting experiences of the early days — events they know nothing about — of how Christ brought me into God's Church.

When the TRUTH is known, what a contrast from the way dissidents have acted in our time.

An article in The Worldwide News has covered much of how God brought me into His Church. Let me here cover a few other significant experiences of those days.

God had brought me through a business experience preparing me for certain activities He would require of me after He called and conquered and converted me. During that intensive six months'

preliminary almost night-and-day study, God revealed to me certain very basic, fundamental TRUTHS needful for the commission to which He was calling me. One, most basic, was the GOVERNMENT OF GOD: based on the LAW OF GOD, and the fact that the real TEST COMMANDMENT of God's law is the Sabbath. Another was the truth of U.S. and British true identity as the birth-right tribes of the "lost" 10 tribes, the house of Israel. Another was the annual Holy Days.

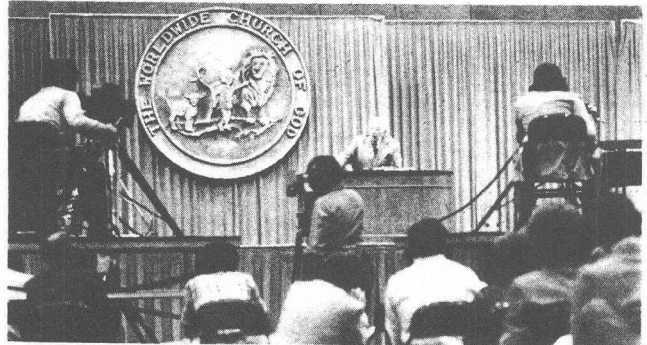
I was in close touch with Seventh-day Adventist literature (but not with the church) and with the Church of God, Seventh Day, and with their members in Oregon.

One of the first things I learned was that both Catholicism and Protestantism teach the precise OPPOSITE of the plain teaching of the Bible. This brought great perplexity and consternation. I had, since age 18, lost all active interest in church and religion — yet I supposed at least the Protestant churches were true churches of God. Now I asked, in bewildered hopelessness, "WHERE, then, is the one TRUE Church Christ founded?" I read in Matthew 16:18 that the true Church would not die out.

I knew it had to believe in the LAW of God, and that the test commandment was the Sabbath. That narrowed the possible TRUE Church down to three — the Seventh-day Adventists, the Seventh-day Baptists and the Church of God, Seventh Day. Then I learned that the TRUE Church always would be kept in the NAME of the FATHER, GOD! That left only the one.

But I could not readily accept them as God's one true Church. They seemed too small — less than 2,000 members, nearly all in the United States, if not all. They were weak and impotent spiritually. They did not know or preach the TRUE GOSPEL, but a "third angel's message." They had no understanding of the KINGDOM of GOD or what would take place in the Millennium — they knew only there would be a thousand-year reign with Christ ON EARTH, but no details about it.

Yet I knew of no other that could be the true Church. With this lack of real PROOF, my wife and I decided NOT to join them (See WOULD YOU ACCUSE, page 4)



LIVE FROM TUCSON — Worldwide Church of God Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong confers with Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader, left, immediately before his sermon on the Last Great Day, Oct. 13, was transmitted live to 14 U.S. and Canadian Feast sites, above. [Photos by Mike Snyder]

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time had "a name that thou livest, and art [spiritually and in the work] dead" (Revelation 3:1).

The time had come for God's Church to spring to new life, spiritual vitality and energy.

The time had come when the Church must carry that shocking, dynamic Gospel in power to a dying world that had not heard it for almost 1,900 years — a message that would sound incredible, false and prejudicially crazy to a modern 20th-century world, far advanced in material, scientific and technological advances — a world spiritually DRUNK (Revelation 17:2) and DRUGGED mentally on the FALSE teachings of the great false church that started under Satan two years after the Church of GOD was founded in A.D. 31.

Incredibly IMPOSSIBLE

How could the true Church, starting from the condition in the first quarter of the 20th century, suddenly spring to life and growth, and accomplish such an IMPOSSIBLE mission in such a world, wholly in Satan's deceptive grasp?

The answer may be found in Zechariah 4:6, prophetically speaking to Zerubbabel, who built the second temple at Jerusalem, and a forerunning type of the one God would in these last days raise up to build up the temple to which Christ will come at His Second Coming. "This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT, saith the LORD of hosts."

The job of building the second temple was probably only by physical strength. The Holy Spirit had not been given, except to the prophets, prior to Christ's glorification after His resurrection (John 7:37-39).

So it referred to the one God would raise up in this 20th century, of whom Zerubbabel was a type and forerunner. The WORK today can be done ONLY by the Holy Spirit of God IN US who now compose His Church, for we of ourselves have but LITTLE strength (Revelation 3:8).

So HOW did God go about it, IN OUR DAY? I never dreamed I would ever be called to such a mission for God. At age 18, in 1910, I had dropped out of church attendance and Sunday school. I virtually lost all interest in "religion," though in no way had turned against it.

Yet even then, in a way I did not realize, Jesus Christ was guiding my life, even in this materialistic world. He was guiding my life then so that later He might guide YOURS who are Spirit-led members of His Church today.

He led me to choose a profession — at age 18 — that GOD knew would give me training and experience to be needed later, when He did knock me down, so to speak, and call me to His service — at age 34. By that time I was an experienced magazine writer — experienced in a writing style that MADE THE MEANING PLAIN to the GRASS-ROOTS PUBLIC — if not the scholarly. I was experienced in both newspaper and magazine production. I was experienced in travel, in contacts with the great and near-great in the American business world. I was experienced in dealing with advertising agencies. I had some public-speaking experience. ALL THIS WAS TO BE BASICALLY NEEDED IN GOD'S WORK.

WHY is this Work of God bigger than Billy Graham and Oral Roberts combined, as the CBS news program, *60 Minutes*, told the nation? Neither of them ever had that preliminary experience and know-how. They raised up

no church — published no magazine, in comparison, to the PT. In God's Church, that pre-experience made all the difference! I had been prepared in advance to speak on radio, to publish *The Plain Truth* and other magazines, and write so many vital booklets and books. And without radio and the printing press this Work never could have grown as God caused it to grow!

BUT NOW GOD HAD TO ENDOW ME WITH MUCH MORE! Principally, the knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of GOD'S WORD! In the fall of 1926 God caused me to be put through an angered, yet open-minded and superintensive study and research of evolution and of GOD'S WORD.

I know of NO MAN who has ever been put through such an experience, which swept my mind CLEAR and CLEAN of all contrary religious, biblical or spiritual ideas or beliefs. Into a mind CLEARED FOR IT, Jesus Christ poured in GOD'S TRUTH! He showed me that this world's "Christianity" teaches the precise OPPOSITE to Bible TRUTH!

Another important point — God chose a man who from a child had craved understanding. So in this ordeal He put me through HE GAVE ME UNDERSTANDING of His TRUTH!

He had to bring me to total surrender to Him, to TURN FROM Satan's way of "GET" — to a real REPENTANCE until I was CONQUERED BY HIM, and then to a living FAITH in Christ, which was to become the foundation on which this Church and Work was built.

How the Work developed

Now in this world, most organizations or corporations that are big started with MONEY — adequate financial capital. God

deliberately and for good reason TOOK ALL OF THAT, WHICH I HAD, AWAY from me. I had been very successful in Chicago, as a publishers' representative, making what in today's dollar value would be an income of \$175,000 to \$200,000 per year.

That was an exceptionally BIG income for a young man still in his 20s! But God knew it would be good for me and His Work to be making it, and then, for no reason of mine, HAVE IT TAKEN FROM ME. The flash depression of 1920 — when I was 28 — swept away, or into receivership, all my biggest clients.

Later I was developing a very successful advertising business in Portland, Ore., but, unknown to me, an action taken in Indianapolis, Ind., took away ALL my clients, at a time when my advertising was doubling and tripling their volume of business!

God did not start His Work of this Church with MONEY or financial capital. It was started in ABSOLUTE POVERTY and HUNGER! It was started on SHEER FAITH — and some "guts" amid much opposition and persecution!

But by 1933 Christ had me where He wanted me — in material and financial POVERTY — but RICH in UNDERSTANDING and KNOWLEDGE of His TRUTH, and in FAITH. It was not by physical or material strength, but by GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

Learning God's TRUTH did not come easy. The living Christ had to teach me, through His written Word, a doctrine at a time, and then unscramble them, and, like a jigsaw puzzle, let Him lead me in putting them all together in SEQUENCE. Thus He gave UNDERSTANDING of GOD'S PURPOSE, GOD'S MASTER PLAN, the prehistory of God's dealing with the angels on earth, God's dealing with MAN from Adam to

NOW! UNDERSTANDING of the CAUSES of today's world evils, of how and WHY God allowed the churches of traditional "Christianity" to be deceived by Satan the devil.

Jesus Christ used me to receive all the wonderful TRUTH, at the cost of GREAT EFFORT, suffering the persecutions of Satan as probably no other man in our time. He did this so that through me He could GIVE YOU all this tremendous gold mine of TRUTH already dug out for you — handed to you, so to speak, on a platter.

You did not have to go through the severe traumas He put me through to receive this TRUTH beyond normal understanding.

He used me to found Ambassador College, providing part-time employment so many could work their way through — with the PRECIOUS TRUTH handed to them freely. They did not have to go through what I did to receive it. It came *dearly* to me — cheaply to many students.

Yet all the while I was only an instrument — a SERVANT of the living CHRIST!

Praise His name above all names, HE did it — I didn't. Yet I have paid a price in HARD WORK, SACRIFICE ABOVE ALL, PERSECUTION, HAVING LOVED ONES I HAVE SERVED TURN ON ME AND DESIRE TO DESTROY ME, AND THE WORK OF THE LIVING JESUS CHRIST! Some have threatened my life.

But you in the Church as a whole have remained LOYAL in Christian and deep LOVE! I KNOW, dear brethren — my dear children in Christ — how you love me. And I LOVE YOU with a depth of love that perhaps only God can comprehend!

May He ABUNDANTLY BLESS YOU and bring you, with me, into His Kingdom, FOR EVER AND EVER!

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until more sure — but to begin meeting with them, attending their services, fellowshiping with them. They were a humble, plain, yet sincere people. They had one major doctrine ALL accepted — the weekly Sabbath.

Otherwise, they were divided in doctrines — a sort of a-la-carte religion. Elder Stith believed there was no devil. Elder Dugger and many ministers believed there was. Some believed Christ would come before the Millennium, others were postmillennialists.

Proper channel for questions

Now what did I do? What example did I set, so radically DIFFERENT from some who have gone out from us today?

Remember I was not even a member. I was not even a minister, from my conversion — early 1927, until 1931 — and then ordained by the Oregon Confer-

ence, separately incorporated. I did begin preaching a bit about 1930. I continued intensive Bible study.

I realized I did not agree with them on certain points, especially some God had been revealing to me. They knew nothing of our identity as the birthright tribes of Israel. I DID NOT PREACH OR TEACH THIS or any other doctrine contrary to their general teachings! Instead, I did what a very few disagreeing ministers today should have done — I refrained from preaching it to their members, but I did take it privately to their headquarters! In this case, I wrote a manuscript that later, with revisions, became our booklet *U.S. in Prophecy*. I sent this to their headquarters at Stanberry, Mo. I could not afford to travel there in person.

After much delay, the answer came back from their executive leader, A.N. Dugger, saying it was the TRUTH — God had a pur-

pose in revealing it to me — but the church could not accept or preach it. He REJECTED TRUTH, which he admitted was truth! His letter was photographically reproduced in the first edition of the autobiography. I DID NOT teach it to their members!

They did not agree or have the truth about the annual Holy Days. I took this up privately with their leaders. They "laughed me to scorn," rejecting the TRUTH. I carefully refrained from proclaiming it to their members. But when the parent Church of the present Worldwide Church of God was raised up in 1933, I did teach it to them, on my own brethren, and they received it!

There was another very small teaching in which they were in error — re: Matthew 28:1. I did not go to their members with it, but I wrote an 18-page analysis PROVING their error, sent it to Stanberry headquarters. They

admitted in writing I had proved them in error, but said they could not correct it, because many older members and ministers would not accept it, and for the sake of unity they would have to continue teaching the error.

A few ministers — a very few — have gone out in the past year, saying they disagree on some doctrines — but they never brought their disagreement to headquarters to "Come . . . let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18). "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us" (I John 2:19).

Brethren, God has not given His people an a-la-carte church where each picks whatever doctrines HE or SHE prefers and rejects the others!

Speak the same thing

God says, through Paul: "Now I beseech you, brethren,

by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you" (I Corinthians 1:10), for speaking or preaching DIFFERENT doctrines causes DIVISIONS, and God commands, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE which ye have learned" (when you came into the Church) "and avoid them" (Romans 16:17).

God, from the founding of His Church, has put HIS DOCTRINES and TEACHINGS into His Church THROUGH HIS APOSTLES! I have PROVED, brethren, through the years, that if an incorrect teaching, belief or doctrine has been put into the Church through me, that my mind is OPEN — that the living CHRIST will cause me to see it — and in that way He will correct it through His servant.

CHRIST GUIDES AND RULES HIS CHURCH!