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Former SS Commander from
Hodenhagen, West Germany

• *The power of God is not limited! Here is a wonderful response from a former Nazi SS Commander who now is learning the TRUTH through "The*

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Personal from the Editor

JUST now, as I write, my son Garner Ted Armstrong has just gone off the air. Something he said made me realize, as never before, why this Work is unlike any other. Mrs. Armstrong and I are still in England, ready to sail for the United States in three more days.

My son was speaking on the subject of Lazarus and the rich man. During the program, I took from the bookcase in my study a certain one-volume Bible dictionary. Out of curiosity I turned its pages to see what it would say about the words "soul," and "hell." When I first started to study the Bible, thirty-seven years ago, I turned often to the larger several-volume Dictionary of the Bible by the same editor. I regarded it as the best work of the kind in print. But the present volume which the Ambassador College Library department procured for my personal library in my study here in England, is a very late and *modern* edition.

And I do mean *modern!*

I have been shocked at *how* modern—how utterly at variance it is from the earlier edition I used thirty-seven years ago. It is quite apparent that the present edition contains short articles on the various Biblical words and terms it professes to define and explain, written by the young theological students—or graduates—of the "modern" theological seminaries of the present.

It is an example of the trend, seeking to destroy God's Word. Every article I have read in this present volume *assumes* that God is a non-existent myth—that the Bible is merely the curious and outdated literature of ignorant Jews of long ago, vainly grasping in the darkness of superstition for a concept of "God." By a play on words it appears an attempt is made to counteract and destroy every TRUTH revealed by Almighty GOD in His inspired Word!

And this set my mind to thinking. How grateful we should be, that God has seen to it in all ages that HIS TRUTH

could not be erased from human accessibility!

Ever since the time of Christ there have been organized conspiracies to destroy the Bible.

Jesus Christ started God's Church in 31 A.D. And in 33 A.D. the Great Conspiracy got under way to organize and build the GREAT FALSE CHURCH—Satan's church! The Great Conspiracy sought to destroy the true Church of God, and to blot out the Word of God, by *counterfeit* doctrines. They appropriated the NAME of Christ, and called themselves "Christian"—then presented a *false* Christ and a *false* "Christianity."

No religion had ever before offered the forgiveness of sins until Christ died to pay the sinners' penalty. As a palliate for guilty consciences, the Satan-influenced Conspirators eagerly seized on "the blood of Christ," deciding that "grace" would be a wonderful selling point to make their pagan religion universal.

But REPENTANCE from sin—turning *away* from sin—which means OBEDIENCE to God's Law—that was something quite different. They well *knew* the natural mind of man is *hostile* to the idea of obedience to God, and is not subject to the Law of God (Rom. 8:7).

So they "did away with" God's Law. They substituted "penance" for repentance. They perverted the true Gospel of Christ in a manner to make it utterly ineffective. And THE WHOLE WORLD has been misled and deceived!

During the middle dark ages, every organized attempt was made to DESTROY the Bible itself. But God saw to it that His Word was preserved. Finally, after the invention of printing, copies of the Bible became accessible to the public.

A few early Protestant ministers began searching for TRUTH. They were buried so deeply in the mire of false teachings, palmed off as "Christianity," that they could not emerge from the

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OUR COVER

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's first post-war Chancellor, quietly dropped reins of government in October at age 87. This unusual pose illustrates the dignity and spark Adenauer maintained for 14 years as German Chancellor. Adenauer still remains chairman of the Christian Democratic Union, which gives him controlling power behind-the-scenes in German politics.

Millions Do Not Know What Christ Really Was!

Shocking though it is, millions of sincere believers are deceived by a diabolical deception. ANTICHRIST IS HERE ALREADY! Perhaps YOU have been misled! Was Christ human, or Divine? Read the TRUTH about this vital subject that has puzzled millions. Your very SALVATION depends upon it!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

REAL "UTOPIA" is just around the corner. God is about to intervene in world affairs and SAVE this world from itself!

Prophecy foretells it. World events show it is coming. Many of YOU will see it with your own eyes.

God Must Step In

Most people want to scoff at the idea that the Creator has *power to intervene in human affairs*. Yet man today is swiftly reaching the point where the world's only hope will be the intervention of God to REDEEM misguided humanity from the horrible result of our wrong ways.

God alone has power to SAVE man from the inevitable result of competition, greed, selfishness, and resulting world war. *God alone* has made it possible for man to be saved from the results of SIN. "For God so LOVED the world, that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Do we realize what a *tremendous* sacrifice had to be made to redeem humanity from sin and give us eternal life? God so loved this world of sinning, wretched mortals that He gave His own Son to save us. God is *love!*

Collectively, man is about to reach the end of his rope. Man will finally come to realize God's great LOVE when he is *supernaturally saved* from world suicide. And *individually*, we need to really *understand* just HOW God has made it possible for us to be spared from the penalty of our *wrong ways*.

The problem of just *how* God or-

dained that the penalty of human sin be paid is one that has puzzled theologians for generations. In fact, it was the basis of the first heresies during the very lifetime of the apostles.

How Is It Possible?

The doctrine of Salvation requires clear thinking and a willingness to be corrected and reproved by the Word of God—our only infallible source of information. We must be careful to consider ALL the scriptures on this subject, and realize that one scripture cannot be used to contradict another—for God does not contradict Himself, and as Jesus said, "*The scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35).

First of all, we need to understand what is the reward of *sin*. The penalty for SIN—for going the *wrong way*—is DEATH. God's inspired Word says: "For the *wages* of sin is *death*; but the *gift* of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

When Jesus took our sins He paid the penalty we have incurred. What was that penalty? *Not* eternal life in hell-fire, *but* DEATH. "Christ *died* for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3).

But if Jesus were only *human*, His life would pay the death penalty for only ONE other person. No one *human* being could save mankind. The full penalty for everyone's sins *must be paid!*

Yet *God alone* could not of Himself pay the penalty of man's sins. The penalty is the forfeiting of *human* life—not animal or any other kind of life. And God, as the *source* of all life and the One who has life within himself,

and is a *spirit* being, *cannot die* (John 5:26; II Cor. 4:18).

Therefore it was absolutely necessary that there be One—The Messiah—who was *both human* and *divine*.

Christ Was Divine

In order to pay the penalty for your sins and mine, it was necessary that Christ be *Divine*—that His life be worth all our *human* lives put together.

Man *does not* have life inherent within himself. He has only a chemical existence which soon ends. As God told Adam after his sin: "For *dust* thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen. 3:19). Then God drove man out of the garden of Eden "*lest* he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and *live forever*" (Verses 22-24). So we see that Adam had *no eternal life whatsoever* inherent within himself—and God did not permit him to attain it at that time.

The New Testament also clearly proves that man has no eternal life inherent within himself. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that *no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him*" (I John 3:15).

God alone has and can give *eternal life*. "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have *life in himself*" (John 5:26). Again we read of Christ: "*In him was LIFE*; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Jesus told Martha, "I am the *resurrection*, and the *life*: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Paul described Christ as the One "Who

only hath *immortality*, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto" (I Tim. 6:16).

If Christ were only human, He could have saved but *one* other human, and given *eternal* life to *none*. To do this required *God*—the life of the *Creator*.

Christ Is Creator

In John 1:1-2, we read that Christ—the *Word* or Spokesman—was *with* God the Father in the beginning. "*All things were made by him* (Christ)" (verse 3). Paul wrote of Christ: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth" (Col. 1:16). Christ is also proved to be the One who did the creating in Hebrews 1:8-10. Christ, the *Word*, the *Divine Spokesman*, "spake and it was done."

Therefore Christ's life is the life of the *Creator* God. Paul called Him "God our Saviour" (Titus 1:3). Yes, in the person of Jesus Christ, the very *Creator* became our *Saviour*!

Christ is our Maker and a member of the Godhead—the God Family. Therefore, His life which He *gave* for us is of *greater value* than the total of *all* human beings.

In Hebrews 7:1-4, we find a description of One who "was made like unto the Son of God" and now "abideth a priest continually" (verse 3). The entire book of Hebrews reveals the present office of Christ as our High Priest. This description can fit none other than the One who came in the flesh as Jesus the Christ.

He is described as being, "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life" (verse 3). Hence, we see that He was not the "Son" of God until He was born of the virgin Mary.

Then Jesus, the One through whom the Father had created the heavens and the earth, was translated into flesh and born of a human virgin. Matthew writes that Mary "was found with child of the Holy Spirit" (Mat. 1:18).

An angel spoke to Joseph telling him the child was conceived of the Holy Spirit and commanding him: "Thou shalt call his name *Jesus* (meaning *Saviour*): for he shall *save* his people from their sins" (verse 21).

The narrative continues: "Now all

this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name *Emmanuel*, which being interpreted is, *God with us*" (verse 23).

Here we see that even Jesus Christ's name revealed Him both as *Saviour*, and *God with us*—a *divine* being *with us*, *in the flesh*—to *SAVE* us from our sins.

Only His life—that of the *Creator*—could pay the full penalty of *sin* for all mankind.

Jesus Was Also Human

In order to pay the penalty of human sin, it was not enough that Jesus was *Divine*. He must also have been *human*.

The *Bible* definition of sin is this: "*Sin is the transgression of the law*" (I John 3:4). God's spiritual law was given to *man*—not the plants, nor the lower animals. The Ten Commandments govern the relationship between men, and between man and God. The transgression of this law constitutes *sin*. And the wages, or reward, of sin is *death* (Rom. 6:23). God exacts the forfeiture of *human* life as the penalty for sin.

"For it is not possible that *the blood of bulls and of goats* should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). It required *HUMAN BLOOD*!

Christ, then, *must* have been *human* in order to pay this penalty.

Paul explains in I Cor. 15:21-22: "For since by *man* (Adam) came *death*, by *man* (Christ) came also the *resurrection* of the dead. For as in Adam all *die*, even so in Christ shall all be made *alive*." Since eternal *LIFE* is made possible only by *MAN'S* resurrection—and the resurrection to eternal life is made possible for all men *only by the resurrection of the ONE MAN—CHRIST*—and since He was resurrected *from the dead*—therefore the *DEATH* of the *ONE MAN*, Jesus Christ, was necessary to pay *MAN'S* penalty.

Adam, the father of the human race, introduced *sin* into the world. And all of us have succumbed to it. It is the *human* race that is under the death penalty for sin—and that penalty *must be paid*—BY *HUMAN LIFE*!

So since only *God* has power to save and give life—and since only *man* can

pay the penalty of sin—the *only possible way* to save mankind was for Yahweh—the "Lord" or "Eternal" of the Old Testament, the One who executed the creation for God the Father—to come *in the flesh* as a *HUMAN—GOD* become *MAN*—and *die* for the sins of the world.

Only thus could the penalty of *all human sin* be paid by *one man* as *Saviour* of the world. *That* life was the life of our *MAKER*, become *HUMAN*, for the very purpose of death—a life greater than the sum-total of all human lives! *MARVELOUS MYSTERY!*

Jesus Had HUMAN Nature

God came *in the flesh* as Jesus Christ, lived *without sin*, and thus was able to *die* and pay the full penalty of sin in our stead.

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made *under the law*, To *REDEEM* them that were under the law, . . . that we might receive the sonship" (Gal. 4:4-5).

Jesus Christ was made of a woman—born of the virgin Mary. He was made "under the law"—His very purpose in coming in the human flesh was to take our sins upon Himself, which would put Him "under the law"—under its *penalty, death*. He did this to *redeem all humanity* which is "under the law"—under the *penalty* of *DEATH*. Jesus was *GOD* made mortal human flesh, "for the suffering of death" (Heb. 2:9)—*FOR THAT VERY PURPOSE!*

So Jesus took *human* nature upon Himself and was made subject to *death* in order to be our Saviour. "He also likewise (as the children are partakers of *flesh and blood*) took part of the *same*"—took on *HUMAN NATURE*—became flesh and blood—"that through *death* he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

Jesus was really *DEAD* during the three days and nights His body was in the grave. He who had been one of the personalities in God—was *changed* into flesh so *He could DIE* for our sins.

Paul explains that Christ: "Being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be *EQUAL* with God: *But made*

himself of no reputation"—EMPTIED Himself of His divine glory and power—"and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the LIKENESS of men . . . and became obedient unto DEATH" (Philip. 2:6-8).

When Christ was in the human flesh, He said: "I can of mine own self do NOTHING: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). Jesus had emptied Himself of His divine glory and power. He plainly said he could of Himself—in His own human strength—do NOTHING.

In John 14:12, Jesus said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Here we see that any outside help and power that Jesus had—coming from God the Father—we may also have, and may accomplish greater works through the power of the Holy Spirit which He went to heaven to send.

In living a perfect life, in doing great miracles, Jesus did NOT have any special help from God the Father that we cannot also have.

Christ, one of the beings in the Godhead, had now been changed into flesh—still having the personality and will to do right which distinguished Him as an entity—yet now had become human, having HUMAN NATURE with all of its desires, weaknesses and lusts—and subject to death just like any other human.

This is a truth about which millions are DECEIVED!

Doctrine of Anti-Christ

The Satan-inspired doctrine that Jesus was not human, that He did not inherit the human nature of Adam, that He did not have all the normal human passions and weaknesses against which all of us have to struggle—in a word, that Jesus did not really come "in the flesh" as a normal human being—this is the doctrine of the Anti-Christ. Notice Romans 8:3: "God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh."

"Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is NOT of God: and this is that spirit of Anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even NOW already is

it in the world" (I John 4:3).

Millions are being taught, in one form or another, this deception of Satan the Devil! Some believe that Jesus had a "special" kind of blood in His veins—not containing human nature with all its weaknesses. Then there is the belief that denies the fact that Jesus inherited human nature from His mother, Mary. This theory thwarts the meaning of the many scriptures showing that Christ Jesus came as the son of man—inheriting His human nature from a normal, human mother.

Yes, as the scriptures clearly state, this Satan-inspired doctrine of Anti-Christ is "even NOW" in the world—and some honest and sincere people are being deceived by it.

Doctrine Explained

Now, listen! The underlying PURPOSE of Satan—the Adversary—in formulating the doctrine of Anti-Christ is this: It is an attempt to deny the fact that a normal man—with HUMAN NATURE—could, with the help of God's Holy Spirit which is now accessible to every man (Acts 10:34-45), live in perfect obedience to the LAW OF GOD as Jesus Christ did. Again notice WHY Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh: ". . . and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh"—WHY?—"that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled IN US, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:3-4).

The idea Satan is trying to put across is that it is impossible for man to keep the spiritual law of God, and so Jesus came as our Saviour—not "in the flesh" with normal human nature—but through some "special process" so that He could keep the law of God in our stead! And therefore we don't have to keep the Spiritual Law. What Christ did in our stead was to die for us! But His obedience was our EXAMPLE!

Those who believe this doctrine seem to forget that Jesus obeyed God in every way, "Leaving us an EXAMPLE, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21-22), that Jesus taught, "IF thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Mat. 19:17), and that He said of all mankind: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). We are not only to keep the letter

of the law, but to follow it as it is magnified throughout the Bible in "every word of God."

As Jesus explained throughout Matthew 5, we are to DO and TEACH even the least of the commandments (verse 19), and should go far beyond the scribes and Pharisees by obeying even the spirit, and intent, of God's great law of love as summed up in the Ten Commandments.

Satan the Devil, through His false ministers who appear as "ministers of righteousness" (II Cor. 11:13-15), is trying to deceive the world into believing in a FALSE CHRIST—a Christ who did away with the Father's spiritual law and made it possible for us to inherit eternal life without having to build, with the help of God's Spirit, the kind of holy, righteous CHARACTER which would enable us to obey God's eternal, spiritual LAW both now and forever.

Truth Made Clear

Now that we understand the real motive behind the doctrine of Anti-Christ, let us consider a few final scriptures which will clear up the truth of this matter once and for all time.

In James 1:13-14, we read: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

How plain! How abundantly clear! Not having human nature with its passions and lusts, God CANNOT be tempted with evil. And on the contrary, every man is tempted by his own lust—because every man does have human nature.

Now turn to Hebrews 2:17-18. Here God shows that Christ is qualified to be a merciful and faithful high priest—"For in that he himself hath suffered being TEMPTED, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

Again, in Hebrews 4:15 we read: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED like as we are, yet without sin."

Could anything be more CLEAR?

God CANNOT be tempted. Yet Jesus

Christ WAS tempted in *all points* like we are. He was HUMAN. He was tempted through the *lusts* of His HUMAN NATURE.

He said: "I can of mine own self do NOTHING" (John 5:30). In the days of fleshly weakness, He cried out to God who was able to save Him from *death* (Heb. 5:7).

In spite of having *human nature* just as we do, with all of its passions and weaknesses, of being "tempted in *all points* like as we are," He was "yet WITHOUT SIN."

He willingly suffered every human trial, privation, and persecution, "Leaving us an EXAMPLE, that ye should follow his steps: *Who DID NO SIN*, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Pet. 2:21-22).

Jesus Kept Commandments

Though having *human nature*, Jesus *did not sin!* And what is the Bible definition—God's definition—of *sin*? "*Sin is the transgression of THE LAW*" (I John 3:4).

Then Jesus, though having *human nature*, *obeyed God's LAW*. He said, "I have *kept* my Father's commandments" (John 15:10). He instructed: "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the COMMANDMENTS*" (Mat. 19:17).

So it is not only *possible*—but *obligatory*—that we obey God's spiritual law, the *Ten Commandments*, as they are magnified throughout the Bible. Keeping them in the spirit does NOT mean "spiritualizing" them away, but really *obeying* them as Jesus set us the *example*, thru the power of God's Holy Spirit, which He gives to them that OBEY Him! (Acts 5:32).

By clearly twisting, distorting, and misapplying scattered scriptures, Satan—operating through his *false ministers* preaching the doctrine of Anti-Christ—has been able to *deceive* nearly all of professing Christianity on this subject.

Peter knew that men would especially try to twist and pervert the writings of Paul in regard to the law of God. He was inspired to write that Paul's epistles contained "some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable *wrest*, as they do also the *other scriptures*, unto their own *destruction*" (II Peter 3:16).

God does *not* contradict himself, and literally hundreds of plain, clear scriptures teach us to OBEY the commandments of God, the holy, spiritual LAW of God. And your Bible clearly reveals that Jesus—born into the *human flesh* and having *human nature* even as you and I—*kept* His Father's commandments and set us a *perfect example*.

Exercising Character

The *only difference* between Jesus and any other human is that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Therefore He obeyed God's laws *from birth*—and never had to go through the process of *repenting* of going the wrong way, of *unlearning* wrong ideas and habits, and of gradually learning to *exercise His will to do right* continually.

He, who had been God, was now changed *into human flesh* with all its weaknesses and lusts. Nevertheless, He retained in His personality the *determination*, the WILL to obey God always.

The *temptation* to do wrong, the *idea* of *sinning* entered Jesus' mind. Yes, it DID occur to Him to disobey God. He WAS tempted in *all points* like we are!

But from birth, Jesus would always *reject* these wrong ideas, these temptations. He said, "Get behind me, Satan!" He WILLED to do right. He went to God the Father for POWER to do always right. And, praying for the strength He needed through the Holy Spirit, *He always did right*.

But it WASN'T *easy!* Jesus had exactly the same day-to-day battle with sin that we do.

Jesus needed outside help sorely. And He knew where to get that help. "And in the morning, rising up a *great while before day*, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there PRAYED" (Mark 1:35). When He needed strength to go through the terrible ordeal of the crucifixion, "Being in an agony he *prayed more EARNESTLY*: and his sweat was as it were *great drops of blood falling down to the ground*" (Luke 22:44).

Perhaps now we can better understand Paul's inspired statement in Romans 8:3: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the *likeness* of SINFUL flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

Yes, Jesus had *sinful flesh*—*human nature*. But by exercising the WILL to always obey God, and by receiving the extra help He needed to *master* His fleshly desires, Jesus *repudiated* the sway of sin in the human flesh and showed that the law of God *could be kept*.

Right here let us understand the scriptures which show that Jesus was *worshipped* while He was yet in the human flesh. In Mat. 2:11; 8:2 and seven other places in the gospels, we find accounts of how men *worshipped* Jesus.

Yet we know that the Bible forbids us to worship another man.

To understand this, we must realize that in Jesus "God was manifested in the flesh" (I Tim. 3:16). Men were permitted to *worship* Jesus because He was the *personality* and *perfect will* of one who was God—and He exercised the *character* of God. They were not worshipping Jesus as just another *man*, but as the holy, righteous, perfect *character of God* manifested in the flesh.

He was GOD—in the human flesh!

God's Great Purpose

And so by exercising the WILL to obey God, Jesus "condemned sin in the flesh" for what *purpose*?

Here is the real ANSWER to why God had to come in the *human flesh!* Here is the real PURPOSE for the *great SACRIFICE* Christ made in *emptying* Himself of His divine glory and power, and coming to *strive* with sin in the flesh and finally DIE the ignominious death of the cross!

The answer is given in the very next verse of Romans 8. Christ came to condemn sin in the flesh—"That the *righteousness of the LAW might be fulfilled in US*, who walk NOT after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (verse 4).

Christ came *in the flesh* to set us a *perfect example*, then to DIE in payment for our sins and make it possible for us to be reconciled to a holy, righteous God and receive of His Spirit—His *very life* and *character* implanted within us.

Then He was raised from the dead and ascended to heaven, having now qualified through *human experience* to be our merciful and faithful high priest—now to *guide* us and *strengthen* us through the Holy Spirit so that we, too,

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Ambassador College begins to grow. The first Commencement.

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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE had been saved. The property originally acquired was now secured—as long as we kept up the monthly payments.

We were “over the first hump” in the struggle to establish and perpetuate this forward-looking college of TOMORROW! The nerve-shattering intense ordeals were behind us. Continuous problems were to be encountered in the path ahead—but we would cross each of these bridges as we reached them.

Half-Time Operation

The decision, born of necessity, to operate the college on a half-time schedule through the 1948-49 school year proved a blessing in disguise. It was one of those occasional self-imposed temporary set-backs. Each one has been, always, like the cocking of a gun. The trigger may go backward a short distance—but it propels the bullet forward with a *bang!*

This half-time operation reduced the college budget by almost half. Together with the miraculous 15-day in-pouring of income in December, we were off to

a comparatively good start by January, 1949. Of course that providential down-pour of funds of the first half of December did not continue. After December 15, the financial income was back to normal.

During 1948 we had been able to print *The PLAIN TRUTH* only twice, prior to September. We had gotten out an abbreviated 8-page issue in March. But then we were put off the air on our one BIG station, and we managed only one more—a June number—prior to September.

By holding publication down to 8 pages, we were able to issue a *PLAIN TRUTH* every month for the remainder of that year—September, October, November, and December.

In 1949 I felt we should get back to the 16-page size. This was possible only by combining the first issue as a January-February number.

The fact that it still was a tight financial struggle through 1949 is evidenced by the fact that I was able to print only two more editions that entire year—one in July, the other in November.

Part of the difficulty, however, was

due to the fact that more and more duties were demanding my time. I had no editorial help whatever. Up until this time, and even another year or two in the future, it had been necessary for me to do 100% of the writing of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Our Second Land Purchase

During those first two school years of the college we had no dormitory facilities whatsoever. The seven students enrolled that second year—1948-49—were obliged to rent rooms around town. But in May, 1949, the first addition to the original 2¼-acre campus came our way.

Adjoining this original bit of campus grounds, on the north, was the stately 28-room Tudor-style building called “Mayfair,” with 200 feet of frontage on Terrace Drive. It added about 1¾ acres, giving us a campus of 4 acres, with magnificently-landscaped grounds.

The Mayfair grounds were not in the most desirable condition. Soon after acquiring them, we completely relandscaped them. Most of the work was done by our students, using a rented bull-



Mayfair, at the time of its purchase (left), was largely hidden by undergrowth. It was soon dressed with beautiful flowers



and carefully chosen shrubbery (right, above). It is now one of the fine women's student residences on campus.



A rare candid photo of the first four students. Right to left: Betty Bates, Richard David (Dick) Armstrong, Raymond Cole, Herman Hoeh.

dozer to completely recontour the sloping grounds, bringing them into harmony with the original plot.

For some two years Mayfair had been used as a rooming house. Most of the tenants had leases running another year. We were able to obtain only partial possession during 1949.

But by that autumn, after two years of rooming off-campus, our students were able to take up residence ON CAMPUS! We began to feel like a *real college!*

That autumn the student enrollment increased to TWELVE. I have said quite

a little, heretofore, about TWELVE being the number of organized BEGINNINGS. For one thing, that was the first year the college had an organized student council. The first student body president of Ambassador College was my son Richard David (Dick).

Among the five new students that fall was Roderick C. Meredith. Although he was a new student with us, he was a transfer from a college in Missouri, and consequently rated as a sophomore.

Our men students took up residence on third floor Mayfair in September, 1949. We were not yet prepared to feed students. During that school year the men really "roughed it," preparing their own meals in a dark, depressing, foreboding basement room in Mayfair. It had been painted in a conglomeration of deep yellow, dark green, red, and black. In a later year, that room was modernized into a new-looking modern office, and served as an editorial room for *The PLAIN TRUTH* for some years.

Mrs. Annie M. Mann, who had moved to Pasadena from Eugene, Oregon, had been pre-appointed to become our House Mother for girls. She had been awaiting the time when we would have girl students and a girls' student residence. During the 1948-49 school year she and Betty Bates, our only girl student the first three years, had roomed together off campus. Now, however, they took up residence in one of the vacant

ground-floor rooms in Mayfair. Most of the other Mayfair rooms still were occupied by lease-holding guests.

During 1949 we continued on our one superpower station, XEG, the program beaming out over most of North America at 8:00 p.m. Central Standard time, seven nights a week. We had also added another border station, XEMU, with the time of 6:30 p.m. every night. But though this station had a splendid dial-spot, 580, it never brought much of a response. But by November that year, the program had gone on a good 5,000-watt Chicago station, WAIT. It was only once a week—10:00 a.m. Sundays, but the response was good. The rating agencies showed *The WORLD TOMORROW* the second highest rated program in Chicago during our half-hour.

During 1949 *The WORLD TOMORROW* was still being heard over only nine stations. Yet the Work as a whole continued to grow that year, its usual 30% over the year before.

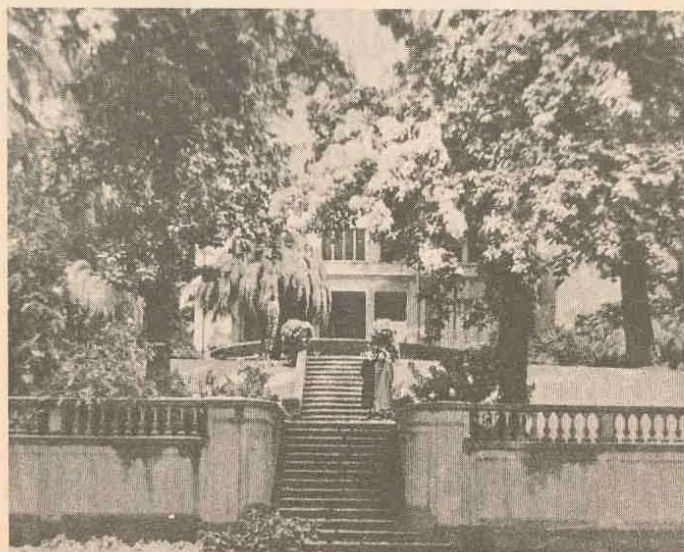
1950 Still Tough Going

Although we had gotten over what I called "the first hump" by January, 1949, the upward climb of this Work of God was still "TOUGH GOING." It was not easy. Jesus Christ was piloting this Work. He had never promised "easy going."

Through 1950 I do not remember any crises so severe that the very existence of the Work hung in the balance. I had,

During the winter of 1948-49 an unexpected snow fell on Pasadena and the Ambassador campus. Right, a few of the students and Mrs. Annie M. Mann (near orange tree), student

house mother. The Administration building is in background. Left, looking up the snow-covered steps to the main classroom building, now the Library.





Looking over the first college annual, which was produced the fourth year of the college.



From the earlier years of the college comes this family photo of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong with their older son Richard David.

at last, learned the lesson of RELAXED FAITH. I no longer let the problems we met put me under such an ordeal as I had gone through previously.

Now I was able to cast the burdens on the *living* CHRIST, meanwhile leaping to action to pray intensively for guidance, and to energetically *DO* whatever was in my own power to do—but in a FAITH that was relaxed and confident, trusting God with the results.

During 1950 I was able to publish only FOUR issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*—in February, March, April, and August. As an evidence of the tight financial squeeze of the year, all four editions had to be reduced to a mere 8 pages once again. Of course, as stated above, part of this was due to the heavy load on my shoulders of doing all of the writing, in addition to the many other responsibilities, now fast increasing.

For those first three years of the College, I taught all of the Bible and theology classes—and that meant three classes the third year!

And Now, FOURTH College Year

When college classes began, early September 1950, ten new students had enrolled. For the first time, we had a full FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE. The first year we had had only a Freshman class. The second, a Freshman and Sophomore; and the third, we added a Junior Class. There had been the pioneer FOUR students the first year. There were seven

the second, and twelve the third.

September, 1950, brought FIVE new girl students. Until then, we had had only the one girl student—Betty Bates. Now we had six girls and sixteen men. Now we had an enrollment of TWENTY-TWO!

And that autumn, for the first time, we had a real student residence on the campus. Yes, the college was growing up! To officials of any other college or university it would have seemed still to be smaller than almost any college had ever been. But to us, with only four the first year, and only an even dozen students the third year, the twenty-two—with, at last, six girl students—seemed like we were becoming a real college!

Now Mrs. Mann was our full-fledged House Mother, with six girls under wing. We had brought down from Oregon a "nutritional cook," as we called her. Now we had FULL POSSESSION, for the first time, of Mayfair.

We had closed off the rear stairway so that it by-passed the second floor, and proceeded from ground-floor to the third. All our men were housed that year on third-floor Mayfair. It was like a separate building altogether from the second floor. Our six girl students, and, in addition, the apartment we had done over for Mrs. Mann, occupied the second floor. The ground floor was dining and lounging.

That school year Raymond Cole, one

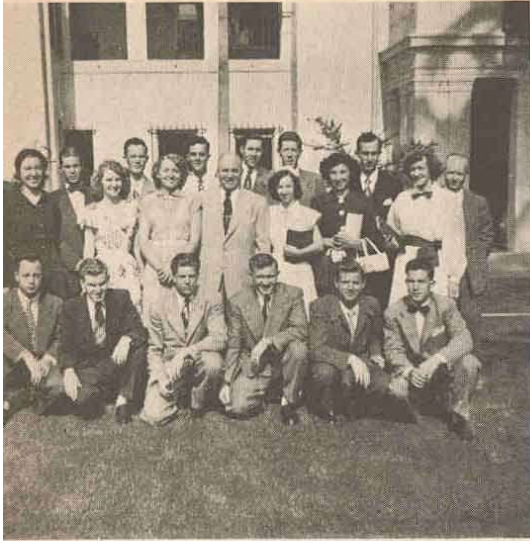
of the four pioneer students, was student-body president. However, the local churches I had left up in Oregon, at Eugene and Portland, these years without a Pastor, were in serious need of leadership. And so in February, 1951, we sent Mr. Cole to Oregon to pastor and revive the flock. This was the very first beginning of a ministry produced by Ambassador College. After three and a half years at Ambassador College, Mr. Cole was able to repair the situation in Oregon, and start building up again.

Since we had operated on half-schedule in the 1948-49 year, it had been made virtually impossible for students to graduate in four years. Mr. Cole returned to Pasadena in August, 1951, and graduated in 1952, along with our son Dick. However, by taking a heavier-than-normal load the last two years, both Herman Hoeh and Betty Bates graduated in June, 1951—completing their college work in four years.

First Graduation

That was another milestone attained. Our first Commencement exercises were held, in our beautiful Garden Theatre, on the last Friday of May, in 1951.

In order to qualify to confer degrees, the college had to be separately incorporated, show a minimum of \$50,000 invested in college facilities, equipment, and library, and be officially empowered by the State of California to confer



Ambassador College ended its fourth year (1951) with these students.

degrees. This, too, was hurdling another major milestone.

Until this time, Ambassador College had been operated as an activity of the Radio Church of God. But by May, 1951, we had managed to meet all of the state's requirements, and to be approved, and empowered by the state to confer degrees.

Small as we really were, we ourselves began to feel that our college was GROWING UP! It was a real THRILL!

Athletic Field Acquired

In November, 1950, our third property acquisition was achieved in a rather dramatic manner.

For some time, we had had our eyes on a camellia nursery, across Terrace Drive to the east of our original campus plot. I had visualized it as some day becoming our athletic field.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hulett C. Merritt, the multimillionaire capitalist who owned the second estate north of Mayfair, had been moving onto several properties he owned in our immediate vicinity, a number of large old houses.

Several large houses, or frame apartment houses, along the right-of-way then being cleared for the new Hollywood Freeway, were being condemned. Mr. Merritt had been able to buy them at a very low sum. For some months large-scale house-movers had been moving several of those monstrous frame structures to Pasadena, setting them on these vacant lots. In one or two cases, the structures had been actually cut in

two, moved, and then joined back together again.

I think that Mr. Merritt had not counted quite the total cost. He probably obtained the houses for almost nothing. But he was not able to simply put them down on his vacant properties for nothing. He ran up against the very stiff Pasadena building codes. By the time he had constructed solid foundations under them, and brought plumbing and electric wiring and other services up to Pasadena codes, he probably had a lot more money invested in them than he had expected.

In any event, I learned that the owner of the camellia nursery was receptive to selling. Immediately we almost *shuddered* at the thought that possibly Mr. Merritt might purchase that plot of ground and move more of those old houses on it—thus wrecking our hopes of an athletic field.

One Sunday morning I happened to be in our Administration Building, and a real estate broker, who had a listing of the camellia nursery, came in. The afternoon before, he said, he had been informed that a \$50,000 check had been deposited with another real estate broker who also had the property listed, as full purchase price for this nursery plot, plus four other houses and lots. Three of the houses were over on Green Street, just across Terrace Drive from Mr. Merritt's fabulous mansion. One was on Camden Street to the east of Terrace Drive.

This \$50,000 cash was to be put into escrow at a bank on Monday afternoon. The real estate broker said he would like to see the College acquire it if we were able. However, if we needed terms, and lacked the cash, we'd have to pay a higher price, and move fast.

"I'll pay you \$60,000," I said at once, "with \$5,000 now, to go into escrow tomorrow morning, as soon as the bank opens, and the balance on terms we can work out. Is it a deal?"

"It's a deal," he said. "I'm sure the owners will accept."

"All right, then," I said, "let's move fast. I will have a quorum of our Board of Trustees here in this office by two this afternoon, and I'll have a \$5,000 check ready. Can you have the necessary papers drawn up to put the deal into

escrow by that time—and can you get the owner and his wife here to sign?"

He felt sure he could.

He did. In our hurried special Board meeting the transaction was approved. The owners signed the papers with us.

Next afternoon, when the other broker went to the escrow department with his \$50,000 check, he found the property had been bought right out from under him.

I was expecting a furious call from Mr. Merritt.

I was not disappointed.

Late that afternoon he was on the telephone. "Now you look here, Mr. Armstrong," he said. "You're the first man that ever got the jump on me and beat me in a business deal. I'm glad you got that nursery property, because I know you wanted that for an athletic field. But what in blazes do you want with these lots down here on Green Street?"

"Why, it was simply just one complete package deal," I said. "We had to take the whole thing to get the athletic field."

Mr. Merritt wanted me to come over to see him.

"Those fellows charged you too much for these Green Street properties," he said. "Now I'll take them off your hands. You paid \$30,000 for them. You shouldn't have paid over \$25,000. So, tell you what I'll do. I will DONATE to your college \$10,000, and my wife will donate \$10,000. We can deduct that on our income tax report. Then you sell me those four properties for \$10,000 cash. That way you get your entire \$30,000 back, and you've paid only \$30,000 for the athletic field."

"I'll consult my tax attorney," I replied, "but I'm sure the Internal Revenue people will not approve a \$20,000 deductible donation from you, when, in actual fact, the entire \$20,000 reverts back to you, in the form of this property. But I'll make you a counter proposition, which will actually cost you the same, and which I feel sure the Internal Revenue Bureau *would* approve.

"You are in a 90% tax bracket. That means it actually costs you only 10% of whatever you donate. If you do NOT donate, you have to pay the government 90% on your income, and you keep

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word and to be their *head*, their *leader*, in spiritual as well as physical matters. Thus, if women wish to ask questions, "Let them ask their husbands at home: for *it as a SHAME for women to speak in the church.*"

Present circumstances are *no excuse* for disobeying the commands of God. Nevertheless, how many husbands are qualified to fulfill their responsibility as spiritual *head* of the family?

The *shameful* answer is: *far too few*. But this is no reason for women *usurping* this authority. For in I Timothy 5:12, God inspired Paul to write: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." He continues (verses 13 and 14), "For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And *Adam was not deceived*, but the woman being *deceived* was in the transgression."

The woman is not to have authority over the man, for she was created to be his *helper*. And this passage and others (II Timothy 3:6) indicate that women do tend to be more easily deceived than men. They were *not intended* by God to be physical or spiritual leaders over men—and most God-fearing women realize this and would be thankful if the men would AWAKEN to their *God-given duty* to guide the family and instruct their wives in spiritual knowledge. But—alas! how far men have fallen short of this CHRISTIAN DUTY.

God's Way Best

Women preachers? Women leaders?

The answer is *abundantly plain* if we seek *God's way!*

This knowledge should certainly cause no "battle of the sexes," but rather bring both men and women to the sober realization of *how far we have departed from the ways and commands of God.*

If men and women everywhere will *both* acknowledge the great *error* they have made, the great *SIN* they have committed in transgressing the *commands of God* in this matter—and will *REPENT* and turn from this *wrong way*, God will forgive and abundantly pardon.

Yes, we need to restore God's system of authority in our homes, our churches, our nations. Then growing children will be properly *trained* for life by firm but loving parents. And wives—as many

of them secretly realize—would have a new *respect* and *love* for their husbands. And with people understanding God's authority and *why*, our church life would become cleansed of all the mixture of paganism and human tradition with what is left of *real Christianity*—the kind found in *God's Word*.

Society as a whole would be immeasurably benefited by a renewed respect for *constituted authority*—and the realization that authority comes down from God himself.

God Holds Men Responsible

Women—and *women preachers*—have taken unto themselves much authority that is not rightfully theirs. But in most cases they have done so because men were *too lazy or indifferent* to carry out the responsibility as they should. And so it is a situation for which we should all *repent*.

But you will have to realize that God *at no time* has used a woman as His minister in preaching or writing His word. Any woman *usurping* this authority was so doing in direct violation of the commands of God, and so cut herself off from God and from the Holy Spirit "whom God hath given to them" that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

And any church or denomination which continues to *REJECT* this truth is not being used of God at all, for He says: "My people are *destroyed* for lack of knowledge: *because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee*" (Hosea 4:6).

Jesus Christ said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).

God's word is *consistent*. His will is *clear*. Where do *you* stand?

Millions Do Not Know What Christ Really Was

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can learn to OBEY God's laws perfectly, can WILL to do right *always*, can develop the holy, spiritual CHARACTER of God—and finally be found worthy to inherit *eternal life* as the *born sons of Almighty God*.

How *great* is God's love in coming

into the human flesh to *save* us and make us His own!

How *wonderful* is His plan when we really *understand* it!

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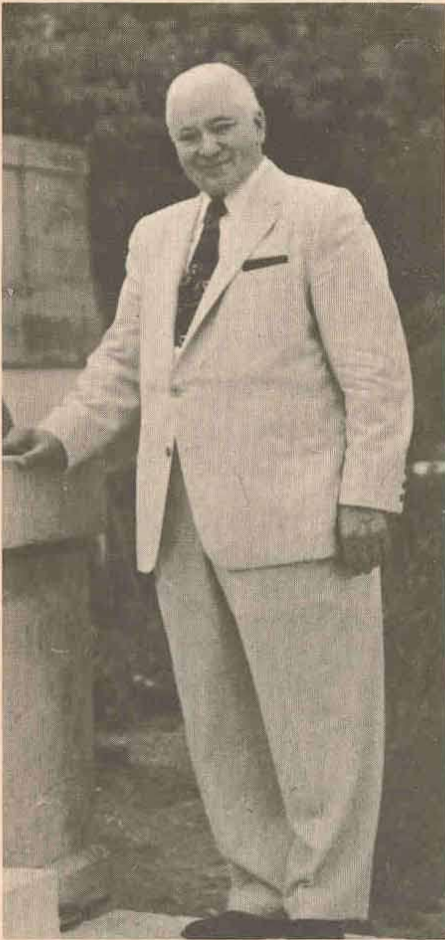
only 10%. If you donate, you give it all to us, instead of 90% of the amount to the government, but in so doing you actually lose the 10% you could have kept. Now you offered to PAY us, over and above the donations, \$10,000. That \$10,000 represents \$100,000 of your income. Out of that \$100,000 of your income the Internal Revenue people collect \$90,000, leaving you only the \$10,000 you are offering to PAY. Now, in addition, you offer to DONATE a total of \$20,000. That will actually cost you \$2,000. So I propose that you donate that \$20,000, which you are offering to donate anyhow—and then, instead of PAYING \$10,000 for the property, you DONATE the \$100,000 it is going to cost anyway—and then deduct the ENTIRE \$120,000. That will actually cost YOU the same as the deal you are proposing. But it will help the college, without hurting you or costing you a cent. Then we will sell you those lots for \$1."

"Mr. Armstrong," he retorted, "no one does business with me except on MY TERMS! I offer you a \$20,000 donation, and then you ask for \$120,000!"

"But you didn't, in fact, offer us any donation at all, Mr. Merritt, for the \$20,000 you call a donation is money we would have to pay for the property which we sign over to YOU. That's no donation at all. But what I am proposing means that the college would pay \$30,000 out of the \$120,000 for the property we turn over to you—and it would leave the college a REAL donation of \$90,000. I don't know what the Internal Revenue people would say, but I believe they would allow that."

But Mr. Merritt remained adamant.

I then consulted Mr. O'Rear, our auditor, who had been one of the Internal Revenue Bureau attorneys for 10 years in Washington. He was certain the government would not allow Mr. Merritt's proposal, but thought it worth



Mr. Armstrong pays Mr. Hulett C. Merritt a neighborly visit.

asking them for a ruling on my counter-proposal.

I telephoned his advice to Mr. Merritt. He would not budge from his proposition. I would not budge from mine.

This was in November, or December. Along about the following March or April, a real-estate salesman came into my office.

"I understand you own those houses down on Green Street," he said. "Would you be willing to list them? I think maybe I could find a buyer."

Immediately I deduced that Mr. Merritt sent him.

"No, I wouldn't sell them," I replied. "We need them for college dormitories. And besides, if I ever sold them to anybody it would be to our neighbor Mr. Merritt."

"Well," he said a little sheepishly, "to tell you the truth, it was Mr. Merritt who sent me here."

"Sure," I smiled. "I knew! You go back and tell Mr. Merritt he knows my proposition. Otherwise, we need those houses ourselves."

For years we used those houses for men's dormitories, then we tore them down. They were getting too old for use. Under our present new Master Plan for the expanded campus, they will form the beautiful ENTRANCE to the campus.

Next month the story of the growth and development of Ambassador College will continue.

Personal from the Editor

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morass of confusion at once—or during their lifetime. Each of these religious leaders did recognize and grasp a few rays of light shining here and there through the darkness. But it is ten times more difficult to UNlearn error, once believed, than to learn a *new* truth. So each of these men retained perhaps half or more of the error. Each added a certain amount of NEW erroneous doctrine of his own. Thus a hodge-podge of denominations arose.

Certain Protestant scholars, during the latter part of the 18th century and through the 19th, devoted lifetimes to producing various works, more or less scholarly, to assist in Bible study and understanding. These were the exhaustive concordances, the lexicons or Greek-English and Hebrew-English dictionaries, the marginal reference systems in the printed Bibles, the religious encyclopedias, the Bible dictionaries, and the commentaries.

Most of these men were scholarly enough—but their minds still were largely blinded to spiritual truth. They had been taught false doctrines from childhood and blindly assumed them to be true.

Nevertheless, these exhaustive works and Bible helps were making it gradually possible, for those who would be willing, to come to more truth, more rapidly—and at the same time the more rapidly to dispel error. The real TRUTH was becoming too nearly revealed—Satan became disturbed, then stirred to action.

He introduced German rationalism and the theory of Evolution into modern education. He also began removing

his brakes against acquisition of scientific and technological knowledge. To pervert this latter, Satan mixed it with German rationalism in educational institutions. The new learning became rapidly materialistic. It became agnostic, then more and more atheistic. It began to be considered "old fashioned" to believe in God. Now "higher criticism" of the Bible gushed forth like an avalanche. Men began sitting in judgment of GOD—began CRITICIZING GOD.

As we developed through the 20th century, this "new" rationalism gradually found its way into the religious seminaries where future ministers were being taught. Students entering seminaries had already encountered the new supposed "rational" knowledge. It appealed to intellectual VANITY. It was the fashion of the day. Men wanted to BELONG. They wanted to CONFORM. So they floated along on the atheistic tidal wave.

This latter is the process that was getting started in real earnest when God brought me to a study of His Word, thirty-seven years ago. The Bible helps had not been "modernized" as yet. They were still in the shelves of the public libraries, and available in second-hand book stores.

I started my study in an effort to *refute* a Biblical truth the big denominations had lost. My determined motive was to prove these denominations are RIGHT. But in the BIBLE *itself*, and checking with all these "helps" besides, many of which had even then deliberately distorted the facts on this subject, the TRUTH reluctantly emerged. I was faced with an uncomfortable decision. I didn't want to accept it. To do so meant some DOING. It meant being a DOER of God's Law—not a "hearer" only.

And that DOING meant persecution, probably the ridicule of former friends and business acquaintances. But to reject it meant to be deliberately dishonest. It meant to *knowingly* disobey GOD—and I had come to see what the consequences would be!

It was not easy, but I made the surrender to God. I told Him that this meant the END of my life for myself—or in the world and among business associates. It meant utter isolation from

them and the former life. This I realized. It meant *giving up* my life as I had lived it and planned to live it.

So I then and there made a covenant with God—not a BARGAIN—just a covenant in which I GAVE my life over to GOD. If He could use it, I told Him He could have it. I meant it!

Now I am human, and I was born with my share of human nature, which I have *tried* to fight. I have cried out to God to fight it for me and through me. Yet it has, inevitably, asserted itself and caught me off guard a number of times.

Being human I have, at times, just as everyone who ever lived has done, allowed this human nature for the moment to snatch this life out of God's hands and re-appropriate it for its own interests or desires. But—once awakened to what had been done—this has been repented of.

I *did mean it*, when I GAVE my life, literally, and in unconditional SURRENDER to GOD! I have tried to leave it in His hands. I haven't done a perfect job, but GOD has done a perfect WORK in spite of human frailty.

And so, just as my son's broadcast went off the loudspeaker in my study, I reflected back on two or three contemporary experiences.

I thought of a certain man who has made quite a splash in the ministry. He started out accepting the sponsorship and backing of human religious organizations. To be free of narrow sectarian bias he reasoned he should remain interdenominational. But this did not increase freedom to declare God's TRUTH, but, on the contrary, further restricted it! He soon found that he was limited, in what he was free to preach, to those few doctrines which *all* of these sponsoring, but differing, denominations approved.

God has shown me that when a man sets out to answer God's call to serve HIM, he must rely on God *alone*. If he relies on MEN, he must serve MEN—not God!

Somehow, God brought about circumstances in my own life so that I have been forced always to rely on God *alone*.

When I was first ordained, I accepted a very small salary from what I then

believed to be God's True Church. But envious and scheming ministers, influential near the top, demanded that I preach and act contrary to the plain truth of God's Word. I guess God saw to it that my salary then was *so small* that it was not too great a temptation to give it up. I did give it up, and promised God then and there that henceforth I would trust Him alone, in faith, to supply the financial need.

And God did. Tithes and freewill offerings seemed at once to replace the amount of salary I had relinquished.

But gradually God increased the amount, that His Work might grow. A few months after my wife and I began to trust God ALONE, the door of radio and the printing press opened. The Work has grown at the rate of 30% each year over the year before—and that is now a duration of thirty years!

Soon after starting on the air, a man came to see me. He represented a group of business men. They wanted to team me with a well-known evangelist, and build a big new church. These men offered to supply the financial backing. But of course there were STRINGS attached—I was to be MUZZLED! I showed this man the front door as an exit from my home!

When Ambassador College was opened, in 1947, I faced opposition within and without.

Other men preaching over the air have founded colleges or seminaries. I know of one who started such an institution. He sought out men of reputation in the field of religious education to administer his institution and to staff its faculty. He himself, though its founder, did not actively head or manage it.

He relied on MEN—men of reputation, yes, but still they were *men*, and not GOD. He was a Fundamentalist. But as the years went by, the modernist "rationalism" crept in and soon dominated his institution.

I could not help thinking of this example, and the comparison—or contrast—with our experience at Ambassador College. Like this contemporary, I had to go out into the world of education to find administrators and faculty members. There simply were *none* who understood and believed the TRUTH as God

had opened my eyes to see. I could not fill ALL the jobs of administration and instruction—I am not *many*, but only *one* man. But two things I could, and did, do. I kept myself as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, appointing as Board members *only* those who believed God's TRUTH, keeping the setting of all POLICIES in the hand of the Board. And second, I made myself the sole instructor in Bible and Theology for the first several years.

The men I appointed to top administrative and teaching offices were, of necessity, men trained in *this world's* education. And I had in mind a totally different approach to education. These men were sincere and honest, but they were unable to see what God had held up before my eyes. I found it necessary to remain in CONTROL, and to vigilantly combat every step tending to make our college a rubber stamp of this world's educational institutions.

In those early years God sent such young men, as pioneer students, as Herman Hoeh, Raymond Cole, our son Richard David, Raymond McNair, Roderick Meredith, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, and Kenneth Herrmann (now our Registrar). I was able to steer their progress with close personal contact. Today Dr. Herman Hoeh is Dean of Instruction; Mr. Meredith is a Vice President, and Mr. Herrmann is Registrar. Today almost the entire faculty is Ambassador College trained—although several had done college work, or received degrees, in other institutions before coming.

But Ambassador Colleges today could not be GOD's colleges if I had relied on MEN, instead of relying solely on GOD. At all times, GOD has been kept at the HEAD of these colleges, and of HIS WORK!

That is why this entire Work is *different* from anything else on the face of the earth in our time!

The moral for *you* is this: In *your* personal life—in all that you do—make GOD the HEAD of it, and RELY SOLELY AND ALTOGETHER ON HIM—and on HIM ALONE! Then it will be a success. Otherwise it will FAIL! Unless GOD builds the house, they labor in vain that build it! And whatever plant my heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up!