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"I have been reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine at this institution for quite some time, getting the magazine from an inmate here. It has given me all the comfort and courage that I need. It is the most wonderful book that I have ever read. Now I want you to send me the Correspondence Course and the monthly magazine because the inmate referred to above will be leaving very soon, and I do not want to miss a single copy."

(Prisoner)
Michigan

Disk Jockey Impressed

"Please send me your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, that I heard mentioned on the radio. I used to be a disk jockey on this station, and you really lay it on the line. I think you have the real answers to today's problems."

J. P.
Georgia

• And they're not *our* answers, but God's!

Prayer Article Makes Sense

"Recently while visiting in the home of a friend I had the opportunity to read one of your magazines—*The PLAIN TRUTH*. This impressed me deeply. Never before have I read anything like this. I never had anyone explain something out of the Bible the way you did. I'm referring to your explanation of the 'Lord's Prayer.' I always thought that we should repeat this prayer word-for-

word. I never realized that we should use this prayer as an example of how one should pray to the Lord. Your explanation does make more sense to me than anything I ever read in a magazine."

Mrs. John D.
Florida

Teaches from Plain Truth

"I have been a church member for several years, the last three years as an ordained deacon. I am aware *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine is more inspiring than our Sunday school periodicals; therefore, we use *The PLAIN TRUTH* in our Bible teaching class. I believe this ministry is the most complete ministry existing in our perplexing society."

Alvin C.
Georgia

Magazine Loaned to Pastor

"I have a copy of your magazine that I borrowed from one of the members of the church where I am the pastor. I have heard Garner Ted Armstrong several times on the radio and enjoy his program, but this is the first time I have come in contact with *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I find it very good reading and very informative. I would like to receive it, but after checking through it find no method of subscription."

H. T.
Texas

• Many ministers are beginning to read *The PLAIN TRUTH* with open minds.

Truth Is Conceivable

"Almost a year ago I heard *The WORLD TOMORROW* program and I couldn't figure out what line you had to 'sell,' but Garner Ted had some very astounding questions and I surely wanted the answers to them. Since you said that your literature is free for the asking, I requested several articles, plus *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Some of your ideas were just the opposite of what I've been

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Personal from the Editor

I FEEL I must immediately have a real heart to heart talk with my growing family of readers and co-workers, sharing with you thoughts that came to my mind—while they are still fresh and vivid.

It concerns the *most important* thing in life and eternity for *you*. But at the moment, I was thinking about myself. Every person—yes, even you—is his own worst enemy. All my life I have been impelled to fight my worst enemy—that troublesome inner *self*, which by nature is desperately wicked. I was not born with a mild, submissive, weak-willed inner *self*. Had I been, I probably never could have been used as God's instrument in bearing His message to you. My mother has often mentioned I was a very strong-willed boy; and while I was still young enough to be under parental discipline, I caused her and my father no end of trouble. Since growing into the age of self-discipline, this same evil, determined inner self has caused *me* no end of trouble. And I should add that since I gave that self over to God, it surely must have tried His patience!

That brings us to the point. The thought that came to my mind concerned this very troublesome inner self. How, came the question, can I myself ever become finally *saved*, and inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God, with such a powerful, seemingly irresistible inner force of evil constantly pulling the other way? When God says "there shall in no wise enter into it (the Kingdom of God) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie" (Rev. 21:27), it surely seemed impossible that I should be able to "overcome," and "endure unto the end."

But the same instant the answer flashed to mind—GOD will save me! I can't save myself. When I look at this troublesome, naturally evil self, so human and full of faults and weaknesses, so beset by temptations of pride and

the flesh, with all its limitations and shortcomings; knowing that to be finally saved I must GROW in grace and God's knowledge—must develop in righteous holy character—must overcome this *self* and temptations and weaknesses—and must *endure* thru trial and test and opposition and discouragement unto the end—well, when I look at it this way, it seems utterly HOPELESS to expect ever to be saved.

And I wondered, as this thought flashed thru my mind, how many of my readers and co-workers are tempted to look at it the same way—to feel a sense of futility and helplessness—perhaps to become discouraged and lose faith?

Ah, that's the key word—FAITH!

Our plight isn't hopeless at all!

Of course, of ourselves it *is* impossible to be saved. But with GOD *it is certain*—if we yield to Him and TRUST Him. We shall be saved, *not* by our own power to overcome and develop perfect characters, but thru FAITH IN GOD'S POWER!

But right here is where 999 out of 1,000 become deceived by the fables of this time. And when the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the ditch!

Because we *can't* save ourselves—we *can't* master the evil inner self—we *can't* always resist every temptation—we *can't* keep God's holy Law perfectly—and, of ourselves we would fail to overcome, to grow in spiritual character, and to endure to the end; the false teaching is going out that JESUS DID THESE THINGS FOR US—that we don't need to do them. Millions today believe that God imputes Jesus' righteousness to us, counting us as righteous when we are *not*!

There couldn't be a more soul-damning delusion of the devil!

No, Jesus didn't live a good life for you, in your stead! You are not excused from keeping God's commandments, living a righteous holy life, overcoming, growing in spiritual character, and enduring in spite of all opposition, per-

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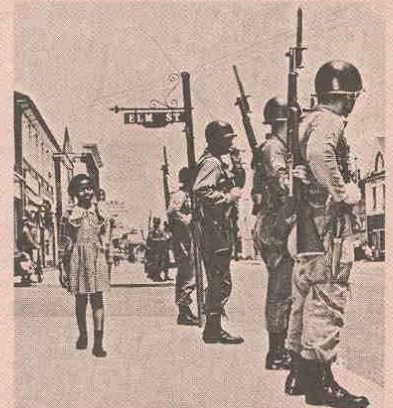
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secution, trial and test unto the end. YOU and I must actually *do* these things in order to be saved!

Here is the great mystery! Since we *must* do these things to be saved, yet are utterly *unable* to do them, it is natural to conclude either that God sent Jesus to do it for us and excuse us from accomplishing it, or else to become discouraged and be tempted to quit trying.

The true answer is the KEY to salvation!

We can't save ourselves. GOD will save us! But how?

Not by saving us *in* our sins—not by deceiving Himself into counting us righteous by imputing Jesus' righteousness to us while we remain *unrighteous*—BUT BY SAVING US FROM OUR SINS, by giving us His very own Spirit—His POWER to overcome these cantankerous selves, His LOVE to actually fulfill His law, HIS PEACE to avoid strife with enemies and resentment and bitterness at their injustices, HIS PATIENCE to endure!

We can't save ourselves—GOD must save us! But He does it by *changing* us, thru His indwelling divine supernatural power, from what we have been into the holy, righteous characters He wills to make of us! He does it by forgiving past sins not only, but *cleansing* us from sinning now and in the future!

God does not look upon our hopeless plight—our evil natures, our weaknesses and inabilities—and say, "Poor, helpless humans! Since they are unable to master and overcome their evil natures, to keep my Law, to endure trial and test and temptation, and to grow into holy characters; I'll be merciful and have my Son do it for them, and save them just as they are in all their sins."

Instead, God who knows our every weakness, and who Himself is *responsible* for this human nature in every one of us, sent His Son into the world to proclaim HIS MESSAGE to us that we must yield to GOD's government over our lives—that we must REPENT and turn *from* our filth of the flesh and pride of mind and heart. He sent His Son into the world to be tempted in all points as we are—human as we are—to prove that a human *can*, with the

help of the Spirit of God, live without sin—TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR US THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS and live also without sinning! He sent His Son into the world to die for us,—not living a good life in our stead, but paying the penalty of all our past sins in our stead—that we might be reconciled to God, so that we might receive His Spirit, begetting us as His SONS, so that God thru the power of His Spirit may CHANGE us from mortal sinners into immortal holy sons of God!

Some hotels and restaurants, catering to tourists who may be in old clothes and dirty from traveling, post a sign, "COME AS YOU ARE!"

The favorite "invitation" or "altar-call" hymn sung by the popular denominations in revival or evangelistic services is "JUST AS I AM."

But *be not deceived*—GOD WON'T RECEIVE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE! You can't sit down at His immaculate holy table with your wrinkled, soiled clothes and dirty hands, which symbolically represent the human sinning condition. No, you must be first WASHED in the blood of the lamb Jesus Christ—and before Jesus as your Saviour and Mediator with God can wash you of the filth of your sins, YOU MUST FIRST REPENT OF TRANSGRESSING GOD'S HOLY LAW, WHICH MEANS TO BE SO SORRY THAT YOU FORSAKE YOUR WAY AND THE WORLD'S WAY, AND TURN TO A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAWS AND WAYS!

Of course, you'll have to come *as you are* to Christ for CLEANSING from the filth of your past life—but *confessing*

your filthy, sinful condition, asking *Him* to cleanse you and to wash you in His blood, because you can't cleanse yourself—so that He may present you chaste and pure and spiritually clean to His Father, that you may then receive the indwelling POWER of God *which will enable you to overcome*, and keep God's law, and live as His sons ought to live!

Jesus showed by his life that we *can*, if we rely upon God in faith for the power to do so, live the way of God's will as expressed in His Spiritual Law! Of Himself, even Jesus said He could not do it—"the Father that dwelleth in me," He said, "HE doeth the works." And again: "The works that I do shall ye do also."

And so it was that, almost the same instant the temptation to doubt the final result came to my mind as I thought of my own weaknesses, faults, and limitations, the answer flashed strong and firm: "GOD WON'T LET ME FALL!"

"He may punish me more yet to chasten and teach me and to make me righteous, but He won't let me fail—He will impute His very own righteousness *by implanting it into my life* until, thru His power energizing me, I'm really living it—ETERNALLY!"

And that comforting and definite ASSURANCE of the final result, based on God's own unbreakable PROMISES, just warmed my heart and made me feel good clear thru—and so I had to come immediately to the typewriter to share this glorious assurance with all of YOU! Read Jude 24, and II Peter 1:10.

What our READERS SAY

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taught to believe. I thank God that I didn't just say 'Nuts!' and throw all your literature away the first time I found some of it going against the grain. I have been a church member for 25 years. This bit about 'be a good little boy and you will go to heaven' or 'be bad and you will go to hell' just didn't set too well with me. First off, I didn't care much for the idea of going to heaven, because I couldn't conceive of such a place, but I can conceive of a new

world—a WORLD TOMORROW ruled by Jesus Christ as the King of Kings! This is truly the best news I've ever heard!"

A. S.

Kentucky

• Isn't it astounding that TWENTY-FIVE LONG YEARS of sermons never gave you these simple truths?

Peacemaker

"Before my husband and I started
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