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Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

HERE is important knowledge especially for new members. The GOOD NEWS magazine is exclusively the official publication of God's True Church in these closing days of this world.

The Good News is sent only to those recognized as MEMBERS of the true Church of God—those in whom we can see evidence, by the fruits borne, that GOD has added them to His Church. It is a holy Church which no man can "join." We are inducted into it by God, thru receiving, and being led by, the Holy Spirit.

The *Plain Truth* is, as it was from its first issue in February, 1934, the general evangelistic magazine of this Church, sent freely to all who request it for themselves. It is edited for the public—for the world. But it is edited, too, for God's own children, and so you will continue to receive *The Plain Truth* each month, in addition, now, to *The Good News*.

In other words, you whom God has made members of the true Body of Christ receive both magazines every month, instead of only one as formerly. But radio listeners are told only about The Plain Truth, and only The Plain Truth will be mailed to them until we have evidence that God has added them to that consecrated, obedient, faithful inner circle who have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the one Body of Christ, the true Church of God.

We ask you to help us keep The Good News exclusively a paper for real members only. Do NOT give or loan a copy to anybody, whether friends or relatives. If they have been made members of the true begotten family of God, they will be on the list and receive their own copy each month. If not, we ask you not to pass it on to them. The Plain Truth is the magazine we send freely, and without charge, to all who request it. But in The Good News we wish to be free to say things to you, as our inner family of God's children, which we cannot say to the world. We wish to be free to feed you, thru the columns of The Good News, the truly "strong meat" of spiritual food which might choke the carnal minded or prove a stumbling block to the unconverted, and those not wholly yielded to OBEDIENCE to God.

The Good News is the medium in print thru which God's truly called ministers FEED THE FLOCK. The Plain Truth is the medium thru which God's called ministers publish the Gospel of the Kingdom of God TO ALL THE WORLD.

For the present we shall be able to

print only 8 pages each issue of *The Good News*. As God makes possible, thru the tithes and offerings of His people, we hope to enlarge *The Good News* to 16 pages. All this costs money, and we shall do whatever God makes possible thru our Co-Workers.

Let us be glad and rejoice in the fact that there are many loyal Co-Workers who are not, as yet, so far as we are able to know, actually members of God's own begotten family. They have progressed far enough in the Truth to recognize it, and want to have a part in spreading it -but perhaps have not, as yet, let it take full root in their own lives. Month by month, however,—hundreds every year—more and more of these do come to full repentance toward God, and surrender fully to Him, accepting Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and as their LORD AND MASTER and HEAD. And so, brethren, I call on you in Jesus' name to PRAY for all these, that God will convict them, and thru His Spirit draw them to Jesus Christ, grant them repentance, and bring them into this glorious family of God to become our brothers and sisters in Christ.

CALENDAR Christ Used

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now why God commanded, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." This special seventh day was added to the week the day after Adam and Eve were created. It was made for them; thus it had to be made at the time they were made—not 2500 years later at the Exodus.

God had completed the physical creation in six literal days, then He "rested on the seventh day, and . . . blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it" (Gen. 2:1, 2). To sanctify means to set apart for a holy use.

This weekly cycle of six days of labor with a sabbath devoted to our spiritual needs has never been lost by God's true Church. This seven day cycle continued unbroken down through Christ's time. It was a part of the calendar He followed and is a vital part of the Christian calendar for today. For detailed proof that the Sabbath of Adam, Abraham, Moses and Christ is known with absolute certainty today, write for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, "Has Time Been Lost?"

Yes, those who observe the seventh day of the week, called Saturday today, are observing the same seventh day God rested on, blessed and sanctified!

Astronomy gives us no basis why the week should be a period of seven days. A seven day period does not divide evenly into 29½ day month (from new

moon to new moon); neither does it divide evenly into a 365½ day year. No signs in the heavens can be held accountable for its origin.

THE EXISTENCE OF OUR SEVEN DAY WEEK DEMANDS an EXPLANATION. Its only sound logical origin is found in the literal truth of the account of creation week found in Genesis 1 and 2. The week points definitely to a literal seven day period in which God created our present day life forms and brought order out of the chaos that had existed on the earth just prior to this time.

Only by CONTINUAL OBSERVANCE of the Sabbath between Adam and Christ has man been KEPT IN THE KNOWLEDGE of the *correct* beginning of this seven day unit of time. An exception to this was the period of slavery of Israel in Egypt after which the date to begin the week, the month and the year were again revealed.

Spring Begins the Sacred Year

We have found that the new day begins just as the sun sinks below the horizon and that the week begins with the sunset FOLLOWING THE SEVENTH DAY. This was true in Adam's time. It was still true over 4000 years later after Christ's death when the day after the Sabbath was the first day of the week or Sunday (Matt. 28:1).