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Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

I FEEL I must immediately have a real heart to heart talk with my growing family of members 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, now ninety-two, will tell you 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 that 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 members 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, persecution, 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 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

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we come in contact. We are to be an EXAMPLE of God's character before others, but we are not to fellowship the world. The very purpose of the Christian calling hinges on our understanding of this principle. We are called to become co-rulers with Jesus Christ—to JUDGE

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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 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, 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 out here immediately to the typewriter

to share this glorious assurance with all of YOU! Read Jude 24, and II Peter 1:10.

God's Church Leaps Ahead!

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to do brother Ted but to accept and surrender to the will of God and to His truth. The Bible says, 'And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make YOU free.' (John 8:32).

'Herewith I am surrendering my ministerial credential given by the Church of God at Salem and if you feel I am qualified to represent the Radio Church of God in Philippines, I am very much thankful. I am always ready all the time. May God help me in this new stand. In order that we may not waste much time brother Ted any action you can make to advance the progress of the work in the part of this earth is greatly appreciated. We need someone there to come and incorporate the Radio Church of God here in the Philippine that it will be protected by the government.

"I do feel how sad might be the brethren in my former affiliation when they may learn of my new stand. I hope they will not. I hope we can be all together in this God's newly revealed truth. I pray God will bless them and will come to unity in all God's truth.

"The Lord's work have been going on. Three (3) new converts were found as a result of my weekly evangelistic campaign last month and they are ready to be baptize on Saturday (Jan. 4). I have to go to them tonight and prepare them for baptism.

"I received calls from different part of the island of Luzon, but I have can-

celled them yet due to my unfinished work here at home.

"Thank you very much of your prayers in behalf of us and the work. May God bless each and everyone is my prayer.

Your brother in Jesus' Service,
P. S. Ortiguero"

Let us REJOICE, brethren, that this minister was willing to swallow his pride, overcome human feelings, and SURRENDER to follow the course Almighty God revealed to him was right. His entire local church has accepted the TRUTH!

And now we have word that two or three other ministers in the Philippines in similar situations are beginning to accept new *truth* from God's Word and their *entire congregations with them*. God's work is *leaping ahead* in the Philippine Islands!

It is HIS doing—and we can be *thankful*!

Future Plans

In order to fulfill spiritual needs in many parts of the world, it is presently planned that Mr. Dick Armstrong and Mr. Gerald Waterhouse will take a *world-wide baptizing tour* next spring or summer. They will visit scores of people in *many nations* of the world whom God has brought to real *repentance* and *surrender* to His will through *The World Tomorrow* broadcast—now



A part of the Philippine Congregation who have accepted God's TRUTH. They live in the barrio of San Felipe, San Nicolas. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation" is God's promise to the Philadelphia Era of His Church, no matter where they may be found (Rev. 3:10).