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Thy Kingdom Come . . .

Personal from the Editor

A WOMAN IN LONDON, England, a radio listener and PLAIN TRUTH subscriber, writes, "We do not agree with a lot of your teaching." Now there's nothing unusual about that.

I would estimate that about 99.99 percent of you who read this column did not agree with a lot of our teaching when you first heard *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, or first began reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* or *TOMORROW'S WORLD*. THAT'S the *very reason* you should listen, and read! If we tell you only what you already know and believe, we've wasted your time — we have failed to give what will profit YOU!

No two people believe alike in all things. Nobody agrees with EVERYBODY else. Our purpose is to inform, to challenge, to stimulate THINKING, checking and PROVING what you believe. We always say, do not believe what we — or anyone else — say BECAUSE we say it. But listen without prejudice, check, verify, PROVE — and then believe what you find PROVED true. If you do, we think you'll come to believe what you read here.

But this lady wrote more.

"At the end of your second letter," she continued, "I noticed you said the Gospel message is an educational message. If this is so, it is not for us and for millions and millions of other people. And this statement is not Biblical. . . . The Bible was not written to inform man's mind, but to change man's heart."

WHAT'S THAT? This statement of mine is not Biblical? The Bible was not written to inform the MIND?!!!

It is VERY IMPORTANT that our readers UNDERSTAND whether the Bible was written to inform the MIND! And whether the only TRUE Gospel is an educational message. Entirely too many have been DECEIVED into the false idea that the GOSPEL is an irrational, sentimental, ethereal superstition. THAT IS THE REASON, more than any other, that modern education, and educated people today, have utterly REJECTED the Bible, the true Gospel, and belief in GOD!

And my statement is NOT BIBLICAL? I will now show you — if your mind is open — precisely how COMPLETELY Biblical it is!

This lady in London put her finger on the very CRUX of *all this* world's tragedies, its sorrows, pains and sufferings, its heartaches, its poverty, illiteracy, filth and squalor, its crime, broken marriages, violence and wars!

The CAUSE of all unhappiness and wretchedness is WRONG education, and LACK of the knowledge that can be received *only* from the revelation of the Creator — in His Word.

And WHY?

Simply because the world has thrown away the BASIC TEXTBOOK of true education — the Holy Bible! The world has gotten all mixed up. The world, like this lady in London, has not realized just WHAT the Bible IS! The Bible IS the FOUNDATION of ALL KNOWLEDGE — and the true APPROACH to the acquisition of all discoverable knowledge. It is our Maker's INSTRUCTION BOOK of needed knowledge acquirable from no other source.

What is the very TRUNK of the tree of knowledge?

It is the PURPOSE for the very existence of human life here upon the earth! It is to know the MEANING of life. It is to discern the TRUE values from the false. It is to know THE WAY to peace, happiness, abundant well-being, and eternal life; THE WAY to what fundamentalists call "salvation." To know just what IS "salvation." Is it a PLACE — a geographical location; is it a changed *condition*? Is it a change of *composition* — or WHAT? And HOW do we obtain it? Is that KNOWLEDGE important? Does the Bible teach it?

Is it rational? Does it make sense?

Nowhere but in the Bible can one obtain THIS BASIC NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE! Of course, there seems to be an almost endless amount of knowledge that MAN can learn, discover, or acquire by himself. God

gave man eyes that see, ears that hear, hands that feel. God gave man a MIND that can reason, feet to carry him about, hands that can design and make instruments. He can make telescopes and microscopes. He can build and equip laboratories, conduct experiments. He can travel and explore.

But he cannot discover, by himself, WHAT he himself IS, or WHY he is. Did he just *happen*, without intelligent design, by a purposeless process called "evolution"? Or was he CREATED, and put here FOR A PURPOSE? And *what* is that purpose?

True education must teach us the art of peaceful, happy, successful living. Yet our schools DO NOT teach our oncoming generations HOW to live happily! None of the rulers, the scientists, the educators knows THE WAY TO PEACE — whether in the home, between neighbors, or between NATIONS! True education must teach how to become physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually MATURE. Yet NO school, college or university on earth — save Ambassador College — so far as I know offers young people this FULL and COMPLETE and BALANCED education.

But the letter from this lady in London says "the Bible was not written to inform man's mind," and it is "not Biblical" to say that the Gospel is an EDUCATIONAL message!

THAT false supposition is a MAJOR CAUSE of all the world's unhappy ills!

WHY? How could that be?

Simply because that has been the common conception — since the so-called "old-fashioned gospel" of the evangelical fundamentalist Protestant denominations was first introduced as the "new-fangled" religion some 250 to 350 years ago.

This so-called "old-fashioned gospel" is NOT the true Gospel brought to mankind by Jesus Christ! It is NOT "the faith once delivered to the saints." Yet millions have SUPPOSED it is! They have SUPPOSED that the "Gospel" is a sentimental, nebulous, ethereal sort of EMOTION, irrational and UNrelated to the MIND.

They SUPPOSE that THIS false "gospel" came out of the Bible! Therefore they ASSUME that the Bible is an impractical book of maudlin sentimentality, utterly unrelated to rational KNOWLEDGE. Thus the Bible has come to be regarded as outmoded superstition — a book of fables — or, in the Old Testament,

the writings of an ancient race of Jews ignorantly searching for a national concept of a god.

SO THINKERS, *without* thinking, and *without* checking to SEE what the Bible is, or what it says, have relegated it to the scrap heap of outworn superstition. The "EDUCATED" have thrown it out the window, without searching to PROVE their biased assumption.

And, the followers of evangelic Protestantism — many of them, at least — have SUPPOSED that "the Bible was not written to inform man's mind, but to change man's heart." They have accepted a sanctimonious sentimentalism, in which they get to "feel" that they are spiritual, and that they are "saved," largely shutting up their minds against the rational teaching of the Bible.

A very "religious" woman of this category once exclaimed, in surprised amazement, "Why, you surely don't read the Bible to try to UNDERSTAND it, do you?"

"Why, *of course!*" I replied emphatically. "Don't you ever read the Bible?"

"Oh yes! I read it every day," she said in a sanctimonious tone.

"Well then, do you mean you read it, but you don't let it SPEAK to you — you don't get any meaning from what you read?"

"But we're not *supposed* to understand the Bible," she persisted. Like the lady in London, she thought it was not written to inform man's MIND.

"Then WHY do you read it," I asked.

"Why, just for INSPIRATION," she replied.

Entirely too many people are DECEIVED by this false idea. NO WONDER the men of Science, and the Educators of this world have ASSUMED that the Bible contains nothing RATIONAL — but only senseless, sentimental superstition, entirely irrational!

Well, let's *read* a few words of it! It won't poison your mind!

To the Gentile-born Thessalonians, Paul wrote: "But I would not have you to be IGNORANT, brethren, concerning them which are asleep . . ." (I Thes. 4:13). Was *this* written to inform man's MIND — prevent IGNORANCE? But of course MOST people today, *because* they embrace a sanctimonious superstition INSTEAD OF the MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE, do not understand this!

The woman in London says, "The Bible was not

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What is the

TRUE GOSPEL?

What is the true Gospel that Jesus preached? Did Paul preach a different gospel to the Gentiles? Here, at last, is made plain the truth about the Kingdom of God.

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WHY SHOULD there be such perplexity — such *confusion* — in every phase of life today? It should be the function of religion to point the way. Yet here, too, we find only confusion of tongues — hundreds of religious denominations and sects, in a Babylon of disagreement.

Even in the professing Christian religion of the Western World, we find different sects and denominations preaching a variety of different GOSPELS! Some designate their gospel as “The Gospel of Jesus Christ.” Others call *their* gospel “The Gospel of Salvation.” Still others profess “The Gospel of Grace,” some “The Gospel of the Kingdom.” And many now blossom out with a modern “Social Gospel,” while some call their gospel “The ISRAEL Message.”

WHY HAVE THEY LOST THE ONLY TRUE GOSPEL WHICH GOD SENT BY JESUS CHRIST? WHY?

How Many Gospels Are There?

Does it make any difference which Gospel we believe? Listen to the answer of the Eternal God as inspired in Paul's letter to the Galatians — the first chapter, the 8th and 9th verses:

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any *other* gospel unto you than that which we have preached

unto you, *let him be accursed.*” And it is made a *double* curse! For the next verse says: “. . . So say I now *again*, if any man preach *any other* gospel unto you than that ye have received, *let him be accursed!*”

WHY, then, has the world lost sight of *that* Gospel? WHY do people believe *different* gospels today?

This is an astounding, incredible situation! It ought to shake you out of passive indifference. YOUR eternity is at stake! This is not a nonconsequential, unimportant matter!

Jesus Christ said it is necessary to BELIEVE THE GOSPEL to be saved! Yet the *many* — the hundreds of millions — today, do not know what *that Gospel is!* Again, His parting commission to His apostles, being sent out as His ministers to build His Church, was this: “Go ye into all the world, and preach *the Gospel.*” They were to preach THE GOSPEL.

Jesus then said: “He that BELIEVETH and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). Notice! Jesus said, “He that BELIEVETH.” Believeth *what?* Why, BELIEVETH that which they PREACHED, of course — THE GOSPEL! Not a gospel. Not *any* gospel. THE Gospel! *On the authority of Jesus Christ*, it is necessary to believe THAT PRECISE IDENTICAL GOSPEL in order to be saved! And to BE-

LIEVE the true Gospel, we must first come to KNOW what it is!

Now with whom, and from where, and to whom, did the true Gospel originate? With Christ? No, not with Christ!

The Message Sent from Heaven

God the Father had promised to send a messenger into this world from heaven, bearing a message from HIM — God the FATHER! God had promised that in Malachi 3:1, “Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me [and *that* messenger, as explained in Mark 1:2, was John the Baptist, preparing the way before Jesus Christ] and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, EVEN THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT, whom ye delight in.”

The very first sermon by which God had the Gospel preached to Gentiles, when Peter was sent to the house of the Gentile Cornelius, recorded in the 10th chapter of the Book of Acts, gives us very explicit directions for locating the one and only TRUE GOSPEL. *Open your own Bible!* I want you to *read* this with your own eyes! This is what the inspired Peter said, as recorded in Acts 10:36-37: “The word which GOD *sent* unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which

was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached."

Which Gospel Did Jesus Preach?

Notice carefully these points: 1) With whom did this Message — this Gospel — originate? Peter said: "The word which GOD *sent*." 2) TO WHOM did God send it? Peter said: "unto the children of Israel." Although now, ten years later, this same Gospel was being opened up to Gentiles of ALL nations, originally it was sent to the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, and it was sent by GOD THE FATHER. It did not originate with Jesus Christ, nor with Peter, nor with the Apostle Paul. It *was sent* by GOD the Father of Jesus Christ! 3) BY WHOM was it sent? Who was the divine Messenger who brought and preached the message? Peter said: "by Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ was the divine MESSENGER. Malachi called Him the Messenger of the COVENANT. That message, then, is the NEW COVENANT MESSAGE; for Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant, and Jesus Christ of the NEW, as affirmed by many scriptures. This message, then, is the NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL. Now, 4) WHERE was it first preached? To what geographical location shall we look for its beginning? Peter said: It "began from Galilee." Yes, GALILEE, then, is the place where it was first preached. Not Jerusalem! Galilee!

When did Jesus begin to preach this particular Gospel in Galilee? Peter said: "after the baptism which John preached." The true GOSPEL of the NEW COVENANT, then, did not begin with John the Baptist. It began *after* John had completed his baptismal ministry.

Now these very *definite* directions lead us directly to the first chapter of Mark. The first verse tells us this is the record of the BEGINNING of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then it relates the baptizing ministry of John, preaching, NOT the Gospel, but "the baptism of repentance," which prepares the way for the GOSPEL which the living God sent by Jesus Christ.

And then we come to verses 14 and 15: "Now *after* that John was put in prison" — there is the exact TIME for the beginning of the preaching of the TRUE GOSPEL — "JESUS" — there is

the divine Messenger BY whom God sent it — "came into GALILEE" — the precise geographical location. So we now have the TIME, the Israelites residing there TO WHOM God sent the Message, the PLACE, and the MESSENGER — so whatever we find Jesus preaching here IS THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOSPEL.

And what do we read? "Jesus came into Galilee PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the KINGDOM OF GOD is at hand: REPENT YE, and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL."

Notice, Jesus said, "Believe *THE GOSPEL!*"

WHAT Gospel? The one He was proclaiming — "the Gospel of the Kingdom of God."

But, one may ask, don't we need to believe on Jesus? Of course. Other scriptures teach that. But at *this* particular time Jesus said we must believe *Him* — believe what He said — believe the Gospel of the Kingdom of God!

Some believed *on* Jesus, but did not believe *what* He SAID (John 7:31; 8:30, 31, 46).

What About the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

But if the one and only TRUE Gospel is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, what about the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Is that a false gospel?

Not at all. The Gospel of Jesus God's Messenger — the Gospel He proclaimed is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is NOT man's gospel ABOUT the PERSON of Christ. It is CHRIST'S Gospel — the Gospel Jesus PREACHED — the Gospel GOD SENT by Him, and therefore it is also called, in Scripture, the Gospel of God. The Gospel of God is *God's* Gospel — His Message — His Good News which He sent *by* Jesus.

Also the Gospel *of* Jesus Christ is Christ's Gospel — the Gospel Christ brought from God — the Gospel He proclaimed.

We hear a great deal today of the gospel of MEN about the PERSON of Jesus Christ — confining the message

solely to the things ABOUT Jesus. As a result, *millions* believe *on* Christ, *who do not* BELIEVE CHRIST! But Jesus' Gospel IS HIS MESSAGE!

And *yet* it was not only His, but His FATHER'S who sent Him, as He Himself said. In John 12:49-50, Jesus said: "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which *sent me*, HE gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that HIS commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, *so* I speak."

Yes, the Father SENT Jesus bearing a Message, which is the Good News of THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Jesus is God's Spokesman — the WORD that was made flesh and lived, and taught, on this earth! In John 14:24 Jesus said, "The word which ye hear is NOT MINE, *but the Father's which sent me*."

And descriptive of the religion of the Old Testament, and the GOSPEL of the NEW, it is written in Luke 16:16, "The law and the prophets were UNTIL JOHN: *since* that time the KINGDOM OF GOD is preached."

What Is the Kingdom of God?

And yet there are some in *this* modern day of religious confusion who believe the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD is not for this age — this New Testament time of grace. They reject and therefore do not BELIEVE the true Gospel as Jesus commanded and thereby reject the very conditions to SALVATION, saying the Gospel of the KINGDOM is a gospel for some future age yet to come. But as the Apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians, I would not have you to be IGNORANT of the very Gospel which alone can bring us eternal life!

There was a definite TIME for the beginning of the Gospel — *since* John. The law and the prophets were UNTIL John. *Since* John's special preparatory ministry, THE KINGDOM OF GOD is preached. There was a definite TIME for this true New Testament Gospel to begin. And after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, saying, "The TIME is fulfilled," and preaching the Gospel.

And so now, WHAT IS that Gospel?

The English word Gospel comes

from the word "Godspell," and means GOOD NEWS. Daily, we read the NEWS of world happenings — mostly BAD news! We live in a troubled, chaotic world. And the very BEST news you can hear in this day, or any other, is the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

But what *is* a KINGDOM? Primarily, it is a GOVERNMENT — a NATION and the GOVERNMENT which rules it. And especially in this Biblical sense, there is the DUAL sense of the NATION, including all its subjects or citizens, and the GOVERNMENT by which it is ruled. Again — in BIBLE usage, a Kingdom is often a family from a single parent grown into a NATION.

Four things are necessary to constitute a KINGDOM: 1) The TERRITORY, with its specific location and definite boundary lines, with 2) a KING or Supreme Ruler or governing agent, ruling over 3) SUBJECTS or citizens *within* that territorial jurisdiction, with 4) LAWS and a form of GOVERNMENT. If we leave out any one of these vital requisites, we do not have, and cannot BELIEVE, the true GOSPEL for this time. We must know whether the Kingdom of God is here NOW, or coming later; whether its territory is THE EARTH, or up in heaven; whether it is a literal kingdom of human mortals, or a kingdom of immortals; whether it is literal or figurative, real or unreal. And on many of these things, a great many people are ALL MIXED UP!

But now what about the Gospel of GRACE — the Gospel of SALVATION?

Born Into the Kingdom

Notice, when Nicodemus came to Jesus secretly, as recorded in John the 3rd chapter, Jesus said to him: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the KINGDOM OF GOD." Jesus was proclaiming the KINGDOM OF GOD — explaining a most important phase of it. As Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth in I Corinthians 15, flesh and blood — that is, a mortal human — cannot enter IN to the Kingdom of God. The Church, then, cannot be the Kingdom of God, for it is composed of flesh-and-blood mortals. It is *not*, either, an ethereal something "set up in the hearts of men."

Jesus went on to show Nicodemus that we who are born of the flesh ARE flesh — just mortal flesh and blood. We were BORN that way — HUMAN — MORTAL. But it is possible for us to be BORN AGAIN — next time, *not* as a mortal flesh-and-blood baby, but born of the SPIRIT. Then we shall *be* spirit — composed of spirit!

Now in the 4th chapter of John we read that GOD is a SPIRIT. The Kingdom of GOD is composed of those BORN of GOD. And as I have explained previously, GOD is not a single person, but the Hebrew word for God, *Elohim*, portrays God as a FAMILY of persons — a *single* family, or *kingdom*, but composed of MORE than one person.

We have the mineral *kingdom* — the plant *kingdom* — the animal *kingdom*. The Bible reveals an angel *kingdom*, created by God and composed of spirit, not matter. And then, high above all is the very CREATING Kingdom — the GOD Kingdom, or, in other words, THE KINGDOM OF GOD! God is REPRODUCING HIMSELF! God created man in GOD'S IMAGE, so that man may become impregnated, BEGOTTEN, and, by a resurrection, be BORN as an immortal, SPIRIT-COMPOSED person in the KINGDOM OF GOD.

The Apostle Paul made very plain to the Corinthians that while mortal flesh and blood cannot inherit, or enter into, the Kingdom of God, that through the resurrection of those BEGOTTEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD during this mortal life, this MORTAL then *puts on* IMMORTALITY, and we, like the very God Himself, become IMMORTAL, INCORRUPTIBLE, actually, literally, BORN of God's Spirit INTO the very GOD FAMILY.

Conditions of Entering

Now, HOW may we enter into that glorious KINGDOM? Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, "REPENT," and "BELIEVE THE GOSPEL."

Just TWO things *we* do — REPENT, and BELIEVE. We must BELIEVE the Gospel, and that means also believing on JESUS CHRIST, the KING of the Kingdom of God, and coming KING of kings over all the families of the earth.

It means believing in Him as personal SAVIOUR, as High Priest now, and as coming KING.

But to repent is to completely CHANGE THE MIND in respect to SIN, and "sin is the transgression of the LAW" (I John 3:4) — the Law of GOD by which God RULES the Kingdom.

It means a total, complete CHANGE OF MIND AND OF LIFE. It means we REPENT of transgressing the rule, the will, the laws, of GOD. What did Jesus say to the young man who asked Him HOW to inherit eternal life? He said, "IF thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matt. 19:17).

He went on to show that He referred to the TEN COMMANDMENTS, God's great SPIRITUAL LAW, summing up, in principle, the WHOLE duty of righteous living. It is a WAY OF LIFE, and a way *contrary* to human nature, and to the ways and customs of this world! It is the basic spiritual Law, and way of life, of the KINGDOM OF GOD — the WAY to peace of mind, to world peace, to happiness, prosperity and JOY — the WAY to eternal life.

Kingdom of God to Be Preached TODAY

Yes, JESUS proclaimed and taught the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. But did He command His ministers, in BUILDING HIS CHURCH, to preach this same Gospel? Quickly let us notice the Scriptures.

Luke 9:1-2: "Then He called His twelve disciples together... and He sent them to PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

Luke 10:1, 2, 9: "After these things, the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He himself would come. Therefore said He unto them... heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The KINGDOM OF GOD is come nigh unto you."

In Jesus' prayer, so commonly called "The Lord's Prayer," He prayed, "THY KINGDOM COME" — then it wasn't here yet, and it isn't here yet, today — but He taught us to pray for it to COME, for His KINGDOM and that ALONE shall

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children to feel about you — and about God? Of course not!

What You Can Do

God warns His people concerning this world and its false, counterfeit, Babylonish ways: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

God's plagues are about to fall on this world for its many sins — including the worship of pagan deities and days which God condemns.

So what should YOU do about Christmas? You should *obey God!*

Wouldn't you really be *glad* to escape the debt, the frustration, the rat race of commercialism?! You've got plenty of time to explain to your children — *before* this season descends on you again! You'll be surprised and impressed at how gladly your children and relatives will respond — and how truly *thankful* they'll be.

And more than that, you can determine NOW that you are going to get deeply involved with the REAL, *living* Christ and His Work of warning the world of what is ahead.

It is ironic — and another one of the amazing incongruities of Christmas — that most people are robbing Christ at the very time they claim to be honoring Him. While spending every available dime on gifts for friends and relatives in this commercialized season, they are forgetting Christ. They take — steal — the very money that belongs to Him.

Notice what Malachi says in his prophecy for us today: "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?' In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the *whole nation* of you" (Malachi 3:8, 9, RSV).

Many have been robbing God of His tithes and offerings by spending God's own money on Christmas gifts instead of giving Him what is due. Yet this, too, is an important part of obeying God and coming out of the ways of this world.

Yes, God condemns Christmas and its pagan counterfeit customs. But only you can decide whether or not you will obey — and cut yourself *free* from the frustrations of today's world and its way! □

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written to inform the mind, but to change man's heart." If the Bible was written to *change* man's heart (AND IT WAS INDEED!) pray tell me HOW it can change man's HEART, if it is never understood by the MIND?

Just what does the Bible *mean* when it speaks of man's "heart"? The word "heart" is used, in this sense, to imply the ATTITUDE of MIND! The BIBLE says: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked..." (Jer. 17:9). It is not referring to the organ that pumps blood under man's chest. It is referring to man's NATURE — his attitude, or spirit, or tendency of MIND. It is referring to his natural CHARACTER!

But HOW does God go about *changing* this deceitful, wicked NATURE — this "heart" — this attitude of MIND?

Only the Holy Spirit of God can do this. So *how* does one receive God's Spirit?

Jesus began His Gospel Ministry and teaching saying, "... The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the GOSPEL" (Mark 1:1, 14, 15). Two conditions He said WE must perform: REPENT and BELIEVE!

On the great day of Pentecost when Peter had received God's Holy Spirit, he explained the WAY of salvation: "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Again, same teaching: Two conditions — REPENT and BELIEVE. To "be baptized" is the outward ceremony of the inward BELIEVING. Example: The eunuch said to Philip, "See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou BELIEVEST with all thine heart, thou mayest..." (Acts 8:36, 37).

Yes, TWO conditions. That, WE must do. Then GOD does the "saving" — the converting. God GIVES His Holy Spirit.

But now HOW does one REPENT?

What does the word "repent" MEAN? The dictionary definition is, "To change one's MIND." "Godly sorrow worketh repentance..." (II Cor. 7:10). This is done in and by the MIND!

Paul was concerned about the MIND. He said: "Let this MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

How does one BELIEVE, in order to be "saved"? One must BELIEVE with the MIND.

The very last words of the Apostle Peter's letter were: "But grow in grace, and in the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..." (II Peter 3:18).

What is the FOUNDATION of knowledge — the *starting approach* to wisdom? "The fear of the ETERNAL is the beginning of wisdom: a good UNDERSTANDING have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth forever" (Psalm 111:10).

Speaking of the spiritual GIFTS — which God gives to His begotten children — to the heirs of salvation — we read this INSTRUCTION to the MIND:

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." Through Paul, GOD says He does not want us to be IGNORANT — but UNDERSTANDING and KNOWLEDGEABLE of MIND! Continue: "Wherefore I give you to UNDERSTAND... Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit... For to one is given by the Spirit the word of WISDOM; to another the word of KNOWLEDGE by the same Spirit; to another FAITH by the same Spirit..." (I Cor. 12:1, 3, 4, 8, 9). The MOST IMPORTANT of all the spiritual gifts which God gives His people are, first of all, WISDOM; second in importance, KNOWLEDGE; third, FAITH. These all are imparted to the MIND!

Jesus Christ said that we should actually LIVE BY "every Word of God" — that is, every word in the Bible (Luke 4:4). How may we do that, unless we allow God's Word to speak to, and instruct our MINDS?

What does STUDY mean? Do we "STUDY" with our MINDS — or our hearts? We find this INSTRUCTION and

TEACHING: "STUDY to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). That is a COMMAND! One can STUDY, and *rightly* divide the Word of God *only with his MIND!*

God teaches — yes, COMMANDS! — that the Scriptures are to be STUDIED — with the MIND. Otherwise, how could we know God's WILL for us? So we find *this* command: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

What a tragedy that so much of this world is DECEIVED.

MILLIONS have been deceived into a FALSE "salvation," inoculated with the spiritual poison that "salvation" and the "Gospel" are concerned only with a sanctimonious mental anesthetic, shutting up the MIND to God's real TRUTH, accepting the counterfeit of a sentimental "feeling" of piety.

And other MILLIONS have been conversely deceived into supposing that this ethereal, impractical, irrational superstition of these professing but deceived "Christians" constitutes the teaching of the Bible. So *these* millions, in vanity wanting to be considered rational, and educated — regarding themselves as *thinkers* — throw away the Bible without so much as an examination of its contents.

BOTH these "pious" sentimentalists and these "intellectuals" are DECEIVED! Going off in opposite directions, to the opposite extremes from the TRUTH, they are both headed for the same ultimate destination, unless there can be a mind-opening!

The Bible is the very SOURCE of TRUE RATIONALISM, of basic TRUTH. Also it is the very SOURCE of the only TRUE Gospel and genuine SALVATION. Surely it is the Book almost NOBODY knows!

What, then, IS the Holy BIBLE?

It is the FOUNDATION of *all* knowledge — knowledge which is otherwise utterly inaccessible to the mind of man — the knowledge of WHAT man is; of WHY man is; of the true values; of THE WAY to peace, happiness, abundant well-being, success; and of ETERNAL life.

It is the FOUNDATION of *all* knowledge — scientific, physical and spiritual. *Not* the sum-total of knowledge — far,

far from it! It is the *starting point* — the BASIS, providing the proper *approach* toward the acquisition of knowledge that *is* discoverable by man.

It contains history, prophecy, wisdom, spiritual knowledge, TRUTH.

No one can be properly EDUCATED except by and through it. No one can know the way to eternal life, except by what it contains.

Yes, I REPEAT! — "the Gospel Message IS an educational Message!" It is RATIONAL! It MAKES SENSE! And it is REAL! □

What is a REAL CHRISTIAN?

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sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:10).

Remember, He said, "In the world, ye SHALL have tribulation . . ." and also prayed to His Father, saying, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath *bated* them, because they are NOT OF the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 16:33 and John 17:14). Christ told His disciples to SEPARATE themselves from the society around them — to come out of the world, and to do, believe and practice DIFFERENT things!

Notice the *strong* language about this in God's Word!

"You adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God"! (James 4:4.)

John commands TRUE Christians, "Love NOT the world, neither the things that are IN the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that DOETH THE WILL OF GOD [which will is expressed in His WORD] abideth for ever"! (I John 2:15-17.)

Do most "Christians" today really

COME OUT of the world, separating themselves from its customs, its habits and ways? Do most really become so strikingly DIFFERENT that their former business associates, their relatives, neighbors and friends are actually STARTLED by the great CHANGE in their lives?

Paul says, "I beseech you . . . that ye present your bodies a *living sacrifice* . . . and BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2).

God thunders His warning through John, "COME OUT OF HER, my people, that ye be NOT partakers of her sins, and that ye receive NOT of her PLAGUES" (Rev. 18:4).

If you *really* come out of the world — you will suffer PERSECUTION!

Jesus SAID so!

Notice it! "Think NOT that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matt. 10:34-36).

If you really begin to CHANGE — if you really SURRENDER your life to God — if you really begin to DO AS CHRIST DID, to LIVE AS HE LIVED — you will be persecuted!

And if YOU'RE NOT BEING PERSECUTED, *the chances are*, YOU ARE NOT A CHRISTIAN!

"BLESSED Are Ye"

Jesus goes on to describe how really converted ones will REJOICE when they receive this persecution that comes from living righteously, Godly, in this present evil world.

He says, "GREAT is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you"! (Matt. 5:12).

Yes, GREAT, and INCOMPREHENSIBLE is the reward of God's *true* saints, reserved for them in heaven, which is to

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Letters to the Editor

Enjoy Being a Girl!

"Thank you very much for your article in October's TOMORROW'S WORLD entitled 'Enjoy Being a Girl.' I am nearly seventeen years old, and am planning to apply for Ambassador College this spring. Your article has helped me very much in realizing the purpose of going to Ambassador. You are quite right when you say that if you try to follow the right way, you will be taunted and ridiculed. Many times the other kids have laughed at me and called me a 'grannie,' but at least I know that I am not alone.

Heather H.,
Willowdale, Ont.

That's right, Heather, it takes courage and character to be right — keep up the good work. We'll be most happy to receive your application to Ambassador College.

False Conversion

"Thank you for sending me TOMORROW'S WORLD. The article, 'False Conversion' really did help me — after

reading it I can clearly see that men do change the meaning of the words of God. Now I know I will have to read every word for myself, and with the help you give I am sure I will make it."

Mary S.,
Tacoma, Washington

You have embarked on a most fascinating adventure — God's Word says almost exactly the opposite from what most PEOPLE think it says. But with GOD'S help, you are certain to "make it."

Famine

"Please cancel my subscription to *The PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD*. I don't like to read about people starving and stuff like that."

Linda B.,
Coldwater, Michigan

Famine isn't pleasant — but it is real. Starvation won't go away just because you don't want to read about it. In fact it'll just creep closer to you and your family — WITHOUT your knowing what

to do about it. Thank God there are growing millions of people who do want to learn, to know about the oppressing problems of today's world — and most important — the good news of the solutions in TOMORROW'S WORLD!

Tithing

"We want God as our partner. We have sent in offerings from time to time and a very few times paid tithes. Somehow, I just naturally look for added blessings from God when I give to His Work, and He has never failed this family. From now on, God's tenth will come first from this family's income. That's a promise I made God after reading the articles in last month's TOMORROW'S WORLD."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T.,
Revelo, Kentucky

You are now on the right road. Read "Tithing Pays — Here's the Proof" in next month's TOMORROW'S WORLD — and see the documented evidence that you can't outgive God.

What Is a Real Christian?

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come down OUT of heaven, *to this earth!*

Jesus tells us to PRAY, "THY KINGDOM COME [not that we'll go to IT]. THY WILL BE DONE, IN EARTH as it is in heaven"! (Matt. 6:10.)

How PLAIN are the true teachings of Christ!

And HOW DIFFERENT from what you've grown up believing and assuming!

Yes, right here in the BEATITUDES, the "Sermon on the Mount," you can see clearly the majority of professing Christians just DO NOT BELIEVE OR PRACTICE what Christ SAID!

Do you see how DIFFERENT the REAL Christianity of the BIBLE is from today's PROFESSING brands? May God help you to *really* see, and CHANGE before it's too late! □

What Is the True Gospel?

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bring PEACE and HAPPINESS to this sin-sick, war-weary earth! "Thy Kingdom COME — THY WILL BE DONE *on earth*, as it is in heaven." The FATHER'S WILL.

What Gospel did the early evangelists preach, in first sending out the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED? How did the early Church carry out the commission?

Notice PHILIP preaching at Samaria! Acts 8:12, "But when they BELIEVED Philip, preaching the things concerning THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Philip preached the things concerning THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Paul? Acts 20:25, 21: "I have gone preaching THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . . testifying both to the Jews and

also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

And notice the Gospel Paul preached to GENTILES, *after* he had turned completely away from the Jews.

Acts 28:30-31: "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ."

And, lastly, WHAT GOSPEL did Jesus say should be preached TODAY?

Matthew 24:14, speaking of the PRESENT: "And this GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in ALL THE WORLD *for a witness*" — *for a WITNESS* — "unto ALL NATIONS, and then shall the END come!" — the end of this AGE.

That is the true Gospel proclaimed in TOMORROW'S WORLD — proclaimed over the World Tomorrow on the air worldwide — "IN ALL THE WORLD." □