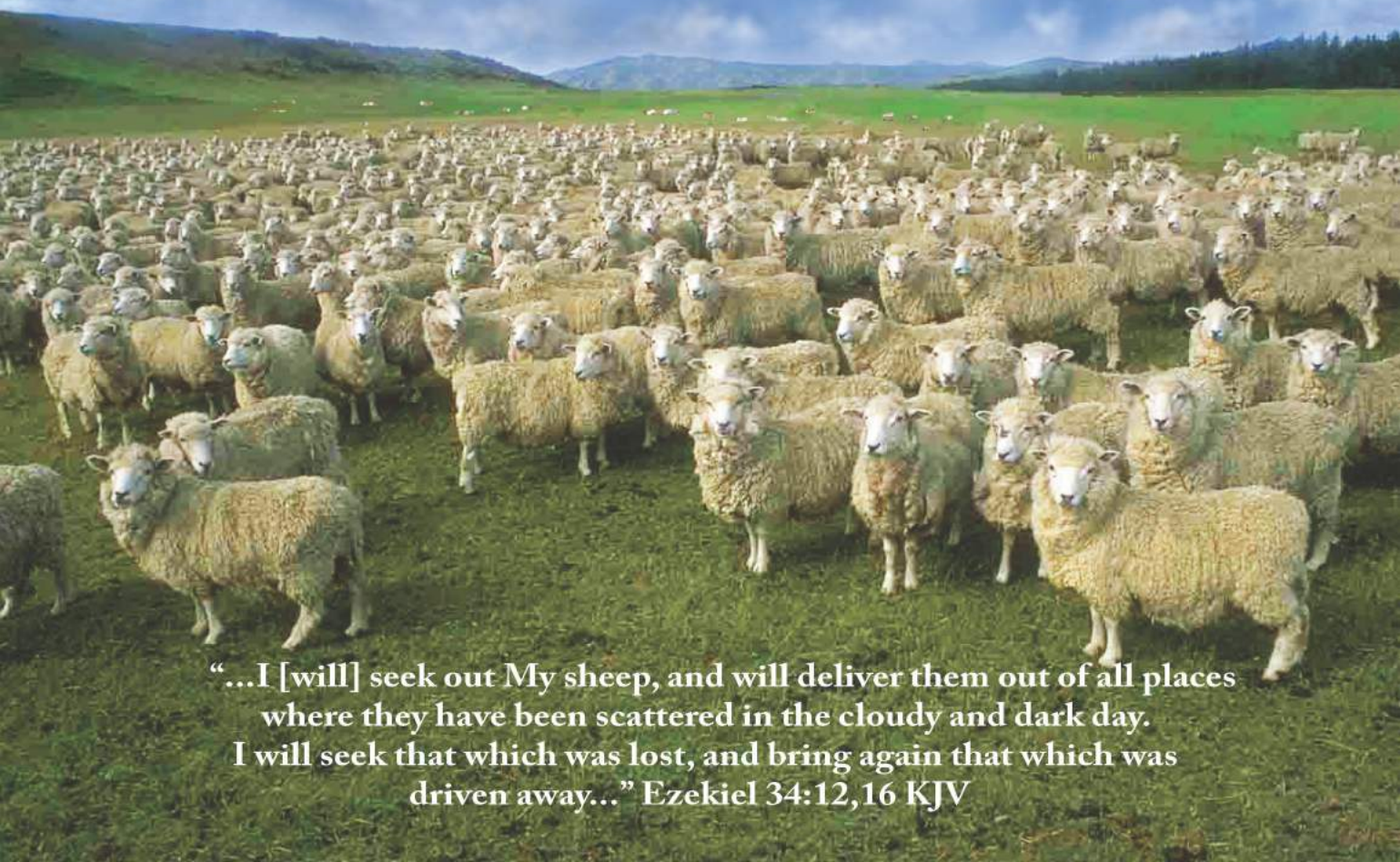


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“...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away...” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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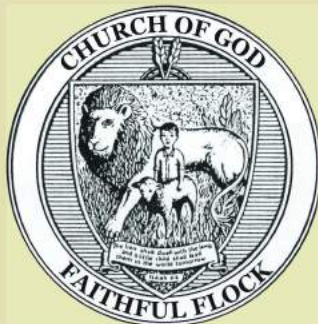
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God's Holy Spirit - the Tree of Life

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong
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Greetings. Greetings, everybody! It's nice to be back here again. Tomorrow is the annual Day of Pentecost . . . I cannot be with you, and I have to bring you any Pentecost message I have today.

You know, most churches pay no attention to Pentecost. I remember as a boy growing up in a Protestant church, the Quaker church it really was. There are several types of

Quaker churches, by the way. There is an old fashioned type where I understand they used to twiddle their thumbs, and they would wait for the spirit to move them. Well, I was not brought up in that type of a church at all. Ours was more like the Methodist or Baptist church of today in the Protestant world and not much different, and believing a good deal of the same type of doctrines.

But I remember as a boy hearing the preacher talk about Pentecost. That was a strange word to me. I had no idea what it meant, and you know what I think now? I think the congregation or the church of the grown-ups, they didn't have any more idea than I did what it meant. It didn't really mean anything to them.

Tomorrow is the day that we call Pentecost, but really it begins now, in just a few hours from now at sunset this evening. It's been called Pentecost from the New Testament. Originally, it was called the Feast of Firstfruits, and it also is called the Feast of Weeks in the Old Testament. It means nothing to most people. Well, it should because it is the day on which the Church was founded and beginning at sunset tonight is the 1,950th anniversary of the Church of God. One (hundred) time cycles plus 50 years, exactly, precisely, beginning tonight at sunset. I prefer to call it an anniversary rather than a birthday because we don't celebrate birthdays, but it is an anniversary.

Now, the word "church" comes from the Greek word "ecclesia." And it means not only a crowd or a group, of course, the church of Luther may only

mean Luther's crowd or Luther's group. The Church of God means the people of God. Now, the congregation, and "congregation" means the same precisely as the word church, it has the same meaning. It's a group of people, but in the Old Testament we have the congregation of Israel. They were the firstborn children of Israel.

We are the Church of God, and we are the spirit-begotten Church of God. We are already, now, the children of God because if we have the spirit of God, His spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are the children of God.

And as you read in *I John 3*, "**Behold,**" all of us now, **we are the children of God, but it does not "yet appear what we shall be."** In other words, what we shall be is not visible so we can appear as yet, not until the time of the resurrection, at the Coming of Christ and the time we will be born as God beings, actually.

But the word "ecclesia" also means "called out ones," and it means we are called out from the world. Now, why?

What's wrong with the world? Why should we be called out from the world? Now, Pentecost has a, well, I say, a terrific meaning, but it's been glossed over. The world hasn't recognized it. The churches have not recognized it. Of course, science ignores anything like that all together and modern education, government, business and industry, technology, all of the other facets of society in the modern civilization.

Why do we observe this day that is called Pentecost? Why is Pentecost called by all of these different names? Why the name Pentecost in the New Testament, Firstfruits in the Old, and Feast of Weeks? Well, I'll give you a hurried explanation of that, but it will be made plain as I go through . . . [and] come back to it before I close, later.

It's called Pentecost because you count 50. You count 50 from, or beginning on the Sabbath in the midst of the Days of Unleavened Bread. That is the day of the wave sheaf, and the wave sheaf typifies the risen Christ. And so 50 days from the risen Christ, the Holy Spirit came. And the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, so you count 50.

Count *50*

"Penta" means 50 in the Greek language and "cost" is count, so it's "50 count." The Feast of Firstfruits means that the Church is the firstfruits of God's salvation, and almost no one has ever understood that.

Feast of *Firstfruits*

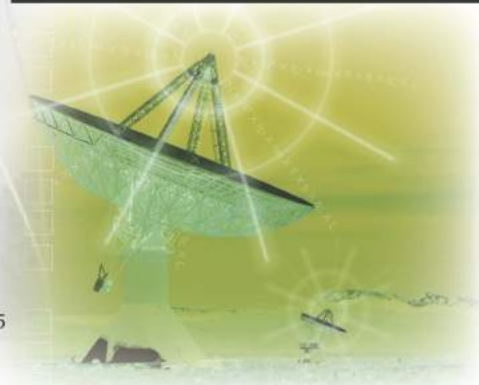
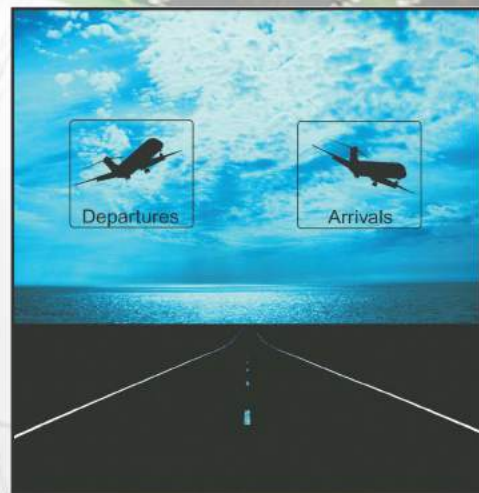
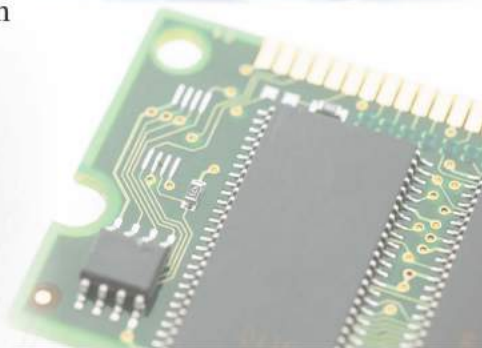
I have to go through the sermon before you will understand that.

Feast of *Weeks*

It is also called the Feast of Weeks. Why? Because it is. Seven is God's number of completeness. The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord our God. The seventh millennium will be the day of the Lord, just like the Sabbath is also the weekly day of the Lord and, therefore, Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath. So, it is His day. You count exactly seven weeks, beginning on the particular day, morrow after the Sabbath or Sunday. The day is the wave sheaf during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So that is why it is called those three names, and why is it important?

A World of Great Accomplishments

And why should we come out of the world? What is wrong with the world? Well, as we look into the world, we see the world has produced some very awesome accomplishments. I've often said that thinking of a politician and of a, well, a great writer or an author and a great financier or capitalist, if a Lincoln or an Emerson or a Vanderbilt could come back to life, they would be AWESTRUCK at the things they would see that had been accomplished.



You know that even the very fact that, if we just had it going out on the air on a station you could see and hear me and see me and hear me all over the city right now if we were on the air. In fact, on my television at home, if anyone happens to be listening over there, although they should be here instead. They are seeing me and hearing me like they are in my home. Television, radio – awesome things when you think of it. The picture and the sound they are just there in my room at home, in one room.

But also they would be horrified to see the change that has taken place morally, spiritually and in troubles and woes, and human suffering and violence and every evil that has beset humanity, and they would be perplexed. What has caused all of this?

education. On the other hand, you also find unhappiness. You find human discontent.

I tell you, I remember when I was a boy, around the turn of the century in the early 1900s, before 1910 – 1902, 1903, 1905, which I remember very well because I was a growing boy at that time, approaching my teens. Now, I had uncles. We lived down on the farm away from Des Moines, Iowa, where I was born and raised. Of course,

VIOLENCE



Many sounds are in this room here, which you don't hear because your ear isn't tuned into that wavelength. Those are marvellous things – sending men to the moon and back, the modern computer, the automobile, the motion picture, sending unmanned spacecraft to get us close-ups of the surface of Mars and close-ups of Saturn and Jupiter. Why I tell you, anyone who died in the 19th century coming back right today would be awestruck by those things.

We didn't have that kind of evils a century ago. Nothing like it. And yet we are called out of this world. It was bad enough then. It's just a lot worse today. So this world, if you take our western world, if you take the developed world and you can include Japan with that, you find a great development of technology, of industry and of

I was supposed to have been raised in a city. It wasn't a very big city, but we thought of it as a city, and you know, the farmers, not only my uncles, but other farmers, they didn't have tractors yet at that time. They would be ploughing behind a horse, but they would be singing at the top of their voice, and they'd come in and "Well, hi." They'd say to their wives, and it was all jolly and cheerful. Everybody was happy, and they had a smile.

Today you have to buy a Coke to have a smile. So that's their slogan.

Seems like nobody smiles anymore today. I think that Bob Hope will tell you that the one good thing that he's done for the world, he's made them smile and laugh. There isn't much laughter anymore today. Well, I just got you laughing a little bit, and that's a good thing once in awhile. We need to have a lot of good cheer and that kind of thing, and it seems like it is almost gone from the world today.

A World in Great Need

But now you get other parts of the world – China, India, many parts of Africa and you find illiteracy. You don't find education, and you find near starvation. You find people living in filth and squalor. You find absolute poverty, people starving to death. Such things ought not to be. There's no need for things like that. No need at all. It's all wrong. There is something wrong in this world.



And this is a world, because it is wrong, the Church is called out of this world, and we need to understand why. We need to understand the beginnings of this world. What started this world on the wrong track? What started the Church? Why did Christ say, **"I will build My Church,"** and how did He build it and why? And why are we in it today, and why are we here today?

We need to understand. Most people just go along. It gets to be the fashionable thing. I talked to one woman who had been a Church member. She dropped out. I said, "Tell me, were you, do you honestly think you were ever really converted, that you received the Holy Spirit of God?" She said, "No." She said, "When I was in college the other students were all being converted, and I just wanted to go along. I thought it was the thing to do, so I got doused in water and they called it 'being baptized.'" But God apparently had not called her.



Actually, she never was a member. She was just counted one.

The Beginning of Creation

We can't understand, brethren, all of this if we don't go back to the beginning. Now, you get to the beginning, and there again is something that humanity and civilization and the Church has just glossed over. They have just passed over. It has not meant anything to them at all. And you have to go back and understand it.

Now, before mankind inhabited the earth, and it began with the creation of the first man, Adam, and God created his wife, Eve, but before man there were angels on the earth. God placed them here. The angels sinned, and we find that they were led into that sin by a super archangel, Lucifer.

Now, Lucifer was placed on a throne on the earth. I've gone into all of that before. We don't need to read the scriptures in the 14th chapter of Isaiah and the 28th chapter of Ezekiel, and how the angels sinned in II

Peter 2, verse four, and so on, but they did. And the throne was set on the earth and God set the throne there, and He set this super archangel who was a cherub—

Lucifer – on the throne to administer the government of God.

God's Government

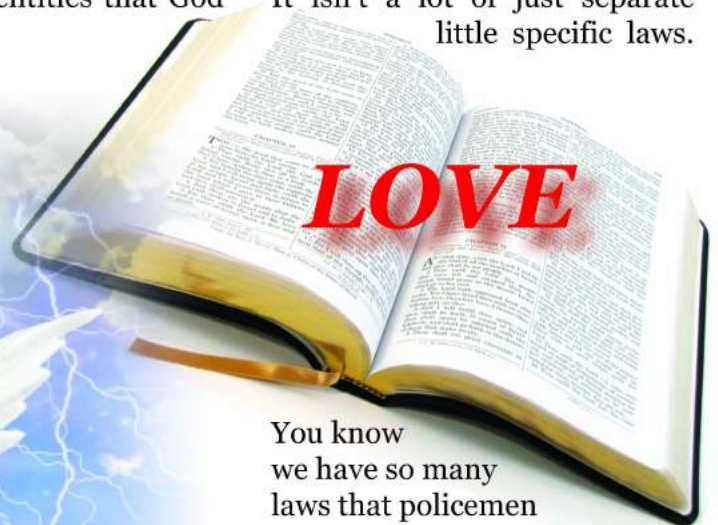
Now, the government of God had been administered from the throne of God in heaven; that is God's heaven. There are three heavens mentioned in the Bible. The one is the earth's atmosphere, where the birds fly and where some of us fly in air planes. The second heaven is what we call outer space, on beyond. But the third heaven may not even be as far as outer space. We don't know because we don't know where it is, except I think we have one sign that it is in the far, far north. But that is the throne of God, and that is not necessarily a planet at all. God is invisible to us. We wouldn't see if we could see that throne because God is spirit, and we can't see spirit unless it is specially manifested in some manner so that our physical, human eyes can see it.

But there was a government of God, and this super archangel Lucifer was one of the two cherubs whose wings stretched out over the very throne of God, and he had been trained at the very throne of God in the government of God, and he was sent here to administer that government.

Now, God had created angels, and they are spirit beings, and first of all, God is Creator. But what is God creating? What is the ultimate thing that God is creating? Sure He's created beings. He's created angels. He's created men, but those are only certain entities, but there is something greater He is creating, and that is righteous, perfect, spiritual character in those created entities that God has created.

Now, the way to that character and the way of any government, any government is based on a foundation constitution or law. In the United States government, it's based on the Constitution. We know that. All laws have to conform or be based on that basic law or Constitution. God's basic law is love-L-O-V-E, and love is out flowing toward others. Now, love is first of all to God, and God is love, and God has love out flowing toward us. But we must return His love in love and in obedience and letting God direct and help and give to us.

The second is love toward your fellow being. Now, in this case it was love toward the angels, and that is the basis of God's law. It isn't a lot of just separate little specific laws.



You know we have so many laws that policemen could not remember one sixth of all the laws he's supposed to enforce on his beat. But God's law is just simply one word, and it's magnified in the two – love toward God and your fellow – the two Great Commandments.

Now, toward man it's been codified in the 10 Commandments – the first four toward God and the last six tell you

how to love man. But they are just broad principles, and you apply those principles.

Now we derive all of our doctrines from God, and they come from the law of God. We have a no smoking doctrine in the Church. You can't find anything about that in the Bible, but it comes from applying the spirit or the principle of the law of God of out flowing concern for others equal to your concern for yourself.

Now, actually except for the stink of it to your nostrils, the smell, because you can't taste smoke anyway. A lot of people don't know that, but you might try and experiment sometime. You'd find you can't taste smoke. You smell it. So, instead of saying, "It tastes better," like the cigarette manufacturers do, they should say "It stinks worse." Yes, that's what they should say.

But God has a basic law to create happiness, to create cooperation and peace and mutual well-being between one another and in relation to God. Now, this Lucifer rebelled and led his angels, and, as a result, they inhabited the earth before man. As a result, the earth became without form and void, or the Hebrew words are "tohu" and "bohu" and a better translation then, well, it really means "it became," (what's the word I want not?) "decadent" but, well, anyway in six days, God renewed the face of the earth for man. And the seven days that you find in the first chapter, or the six days in the first

chapter of Genesis were renewing the face of the earth actually, beginning with verse two. Anyway, we won't need to go back into that today.

number of times, let me just read it once more, "**In the beginning was the Word.**" That is a personage called "The Word." He was the spokesman. He was the spokesman. The Word "**was with God.**" God is another person. There were two persons, and the one person

The Real Beginning Before Anything Was

But go back to the beginning, the beginning of God Himself in **John 1:1**. I've gone into this a

called "**The Word**" was with another person called "**God.**" "**And the Word was God.**" The Word also is God.

Now, you could say that John is with Smith, but John is also Smith and John is Smith. Well, you see Smith is John's father, and John is the son of Smith. So he is also Smith. Of course, now the Word was not at that time the Son of God, but did become that later.

“The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him,”

because in Ephesians 3, now in the 14th (verse) we find **“the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and became Jesus Christ.”** And in Ephesians 3, verse nine, God “created all things by Jesus Christ.” He is the Word. He says I have done, **I have spoken nothing of myself. The Father that sent Me told Me what I should speak and what I should say,** and the Father told Him. He is the Word. He spoke. The Holy Spirit is the power that did it, and that is the way creation was accomplished.

In Him, the Word, was life – L-I-F-E – life. In God was life. In the Word was life. **“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”** And all things were made by Him, and He spoke only as the Father told Him. Those are absolutely together, and lots of times when Jesus Christ was on earth He said, **“My Father and I are one. I have kept My Father’s commandments.”** They were 100 percent together. Two can’t walk together except they be agreed.

The Word and God were in perfect agreement. Jesus agreed perfectly with His Father. He agreed perfectly with His Father.

The Creation of Angels

Now, the Word had life, and He gave life and imparted life to the angels. They had life. That is life inherent, immortal life, eternal life within themselves, self-contained life. And He set them here to accomplish things on the earth, but they had to get along with one another, and God’s law regulated their conduct with one another and with God.

But it resulted in rebellion, and they followed Lucifer in rebellion. And so, the government of God which was established on earth, on the throne of the earth by Lucifer, became non-existent. It was no longer enforced, and the government of God was now no longer enforced on earth. So here is an earth without government.

Now, God is the Creator, and primarily what He is creating is character. He gave His law, which is a foundation of building that character, to the angels. They did not build that kind of character, and so Lucifer, their great archangel leader, became Satan the devil, and his name was changed to Satan. His angels now became demons. They’re perverted in mind. They had minds greater than the human mind. They were spirit beings. They were immortal. They had life! And now they have to live that life forever in unhappiness, in mental torture.

The Creation of Mankind

Now God said He would now reproduce Himself out of man, made out of matter. Now He said, “I will create man in My own image.” You turn back to Genesis 1, and you read in the first chapter, “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.” Now here the word for God that Moses used in the Hebrew language, in which he originally wrote was “Elohim,”

and Elohim is a uniplural noun. It means more than one person. In other words, "God" now meant the two persons of God and the Word.

But how did God create? – by the Word. The Word spoke, and it was done. And later you find in renewing the face of the earth that the spirit of God moved on the waters, second chapter. And the earth had become, what's the word I want. I couldn't think of it a minute ago. Well, it's chaotic and in confusion and now God was renewing it.

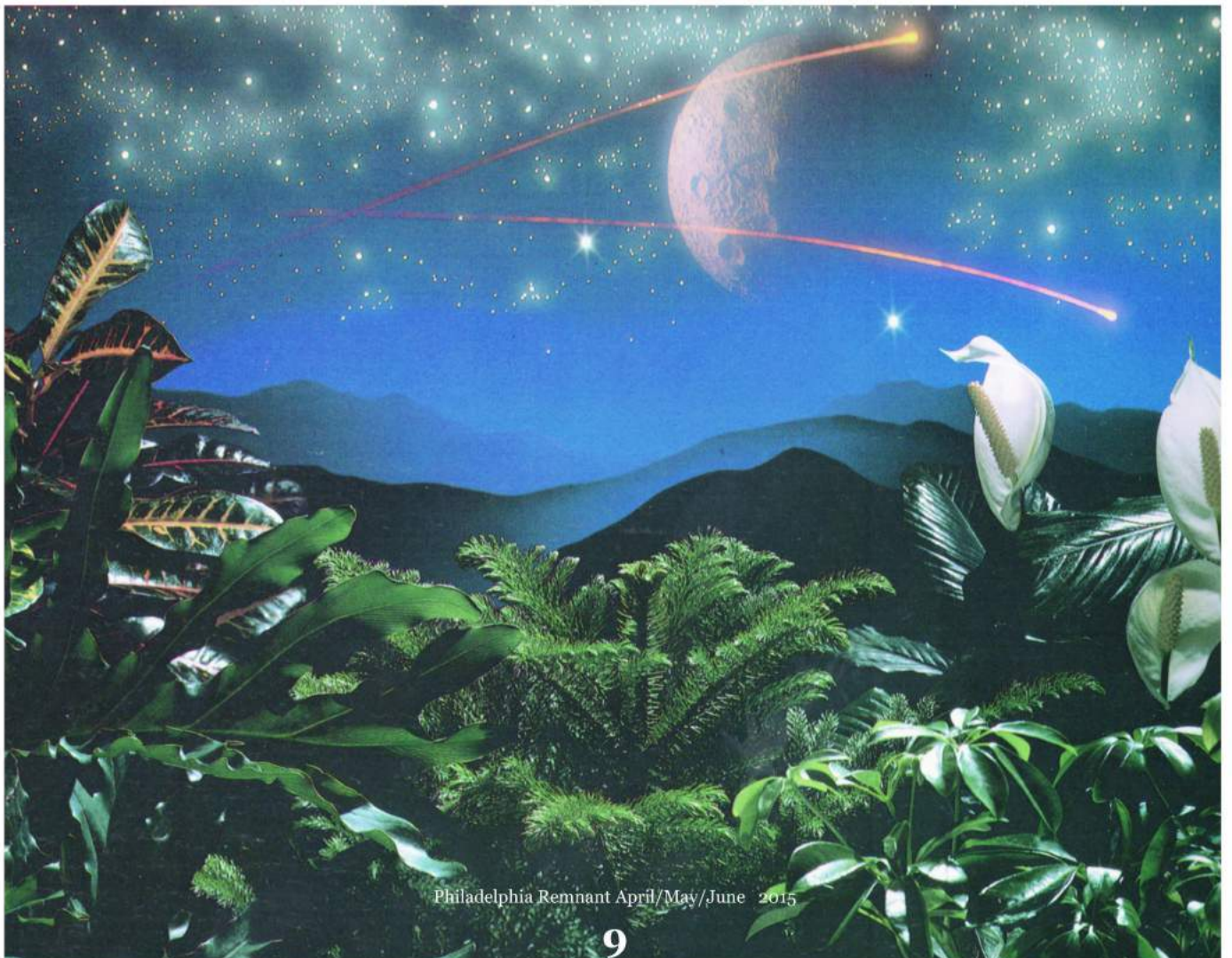
So the Word spoke, and it was done! The spirit was there to

move, and He said, "**Let there be light**" because darkness had come from Satan. He had turned light and truth into darkness and error. And now it became light, and then He proceeded to divide the land from the water, and it was all an ocean surface at the time, and so He brought out the dry land and in the six days He renewed the surface of the earth for man.

And in the 26th verse, after in the 24th and 25th verses He had created on the sixth day, the latter part of the sixth day He had created land animals, each after its kind – cattle after the cattle kind. Well, of course,

that means dog after the dog kind, and horses after the horse kind. But then He said, "**Let Us,**" not Me, verse 26 "**Let Us,**" more than one person, **make man after OUR kind after OUR likeness.** In other words, **let Us make man after Our kind.**" Cattle are after the cattle kind, elephants after the elephant kind, whales after the whale kind, and dolphins after the dolphin kind, birds after each bird kind.

But man was made after the God kind because God was going to take man and reproduce His own self and put His own holy righteous perfect



spiritual character into man.
What an accomplishment!

All right, so He made man, but how did He make man? Now, He had made the angels immortal. He had given them life. He did not give man life. Now, the Word, in Him was life. He had life, but notice He didn't give man life.

The second chapter and verse seven, "And the Eternal God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his **nostrils the breath of life; and man,**" made from the dust of the ground, "**became a living soul.**" Not an immortal soul. What is made of the dust of the ground became a soul. A soul is made from the dust of the ground and is mortal, is material, not spiritual at all.

Man himself is wholly matter. He does not have life. He has a physiochemical existence. He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man gets his life from breathing air into and out of his lungs. The lungs oxidize the blood as it circulates through the lungs back to the heart.

The breath is called the breath of life. All the only kind of life we have, and it isn't really life. It's a temporary existence. That's all. And every breath you breathe is just one more, but constantly you are like a wound up clock running down. Some run down the first breath or two of life and die in childbirth. Some live. I had a sister who lived till she was 9 years old, and she died.

Now, I was her brother and here I am almost to my 90th year, next month, and I'm still existing, but that's all. It's an existence. I have life in myself and not life inherent. Now, I'll come to that later, and I hope you have that same life in you, too. But there was no life. God did not put life into the man as He did in the angels. He gave them a chemical existence. Now, remember that. Man did not have life. He has a chemical existence.

Now, the angels had life, and then they were tested as to whether they would live the way that would produce happiness and joy and production and accomplishment in happiness. But they didn't. They went the selfish, self-centered way.

Now, God is going to give man an opportunity, but man will have to demonstrate and build the character first before he gets life, and God did not make man with life. He only made him with a temporary existence, and it is wholly of the ground.

Energy and Food Come from the Ground

Do you know that there is energy in the ground? We've had an energy crisis, and we've talked a lot about it. Now we're beginning to find that there's so much gas and other things in the ground that if we'd have only known it we wouldn't have had an energy crisis, but we just haven't worked at it and produced those things and now we have to depend on the oil



countries, and they hold that as a club over us in the United States.

But all energy that we have is only what energy we get temporarily from food and water, and it comes out of the ground.

Now, I know there are some foods, and they advertise that'll give your children energy. Yes, it will. It will give them a lot of other things you don't want, too – starches and things of that kind. Because starch will give you energy, but your blood can only take one half of one percent of its, I forget whether its weight or its volume in carbohydrates or energy and anything more than that goes into rheumatism or colds or fever or diseases of some kind, and that's why we have all of those fevers and diseases and all that sort of thing.

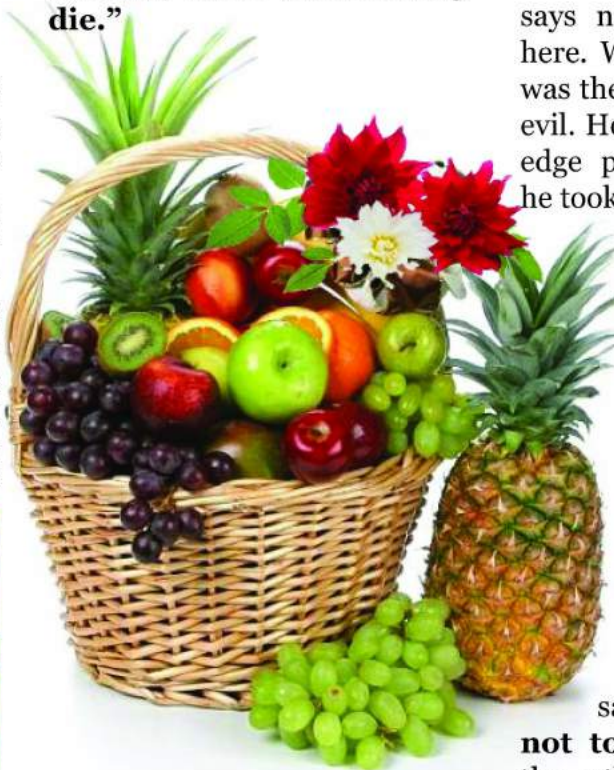
But now, God did not give the man life. I want you to notice in verse seven, He gave him this chemical temporary existence. In verse eight, the Eternal God **“planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed ... out of the ground made the Eternal God to grow every tree that was pleasant to the sight.”**



God is Love

Now, God is love, and He wanted to make everything pleasant to the man He didn't try to make things unhappy and unpleasant. He wanted the man to enjoy beautiful things through the sense of sight, pleasant to the eye, the sight, and that's one of the senses. And good for food, that's one of the senses – taste. And “the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.”

Now then, God had put the man in the Garden of Eden and God said, **“Of every tree of the garden,” verse 16, “thou mayest freely eat: but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.”**



Now, here are two trees, and they are opposite, and they represent opposite. Now, right at this point let me tell you, here is where all Christianity jumps the track right at the beginning. They gloss right over that. That means nothing to the average person. “Oh yeah, I know about the Garden of Eden. Well, I've heard all these jokes about Adam's apple.”



Well, let me tell you something, Adam didn't take an apple. It says nothing about an apple here. What he took to himself was the knowledge of good and evil. He took to himself knowledge production. That's what he took.

The Tree of Life

Now the one tree was the Tree of Life. In the Word was life. He gave life to the angels.

He did not give life to man, but here He is offering life to the first man and said you may freely have it. But He says, **“I command you not to take death,”** because the other tree would result in death.

Now, how would it result in death? I'll come to that later. The first tree would result in life. The first tree would result in life, and God offered that to him. God wanted him to have life, but to have it he had to reject the other tree, didn't he? He couldn't take both. He had to decide. He had to make a choice.

Oh, how we've passed right over this. Brethren, let me tell you right here, the lives, the happiness or lack of it, of billions and billions of people depended right on this decision that this first human was going to make. We're all his children. We came from him.

Now, he had a number of children, sons and daughters. A lot of people you know, they have a joke, and they say "Where did Cain get his wife?" Well, he married his sister, of course. At that time, some way or other, it was all right for him to marry his sister.

Today, well, I knew of one child that was born from a brother and a sister, but he was abnormal. I remember he liked to play pranks. He would go into a grocery store. He was a little bit of a kid, and he would say I want to make a telephone call. And they'd have to bring a chair that he could stand on so that he could reach up to the telephone that was on the wall. And then he would call for the fire department, and he would say there was a fire and would give an address so that the fire trucks had to go past this store to get there. Then he would go

to the front and wait to see the fire truck go by. Now, that's a prank for you for a kid. I was writing editorials for a newspaper years ago when that happened, and I knew about it.

It started with something a little abnormal about it that a brother and sister could have children, and in this case they did.

Now, the meaning of those two trees, that's just been glossed right over. You know, we've even glossed over it ourselves. Now, when Basil Wolverton wrote the book for children years ago, of course, it had to be years ago, before he died. Basil was very careful to try to write that book precisely, according to our teachings. And I've been amazed in going back to it and seeing what he was teaching children about those two trees, and he didn't even mention the Tree of Life at all. He just said that the only thing wrong about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil is that God told him not to eat it, and He didn't give any reason and that God said he would die if he disobeyed.

Now, God doesn't just say this arbitrarily because if you disobey, because you don't jump at the crack of My whip I'm going to kill you, and you're going to die. No, there has to be a reason. God says only what's good for the man, and it wasn't good for the man that he take of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It was good for

the man if he took of the Tree of Life, and that's what God wanted him to do. So, we have to get a little bit of the meaning of those two trees.



Now, the one was the Tree of Life. He would have received life if he had taken that. Let's go back and consider that. Let's not look over that Tree of Life. What if Adam had taken the Tree of Life? Brethren, we wouldn't even have a Church today! We wouldn't have a Day of Pentecost! We wouldn't have troubles in the world today! This whole world would have been different! Right there is where the whole thing happened. Remember, Satan was still there. Now, he's Satan, no longer Lucifer, but he's still

there. He didn't get to Adam directly, but he did get to him through his wife.

Now, one of those trees was life, the other was going to result in death. How would the first tree give Adam life? It would result in that. It didn't mean that God would have given him life, immortal life immediately. He had done that to the angels. He created them that way. He didn't create Adam that way. Why?

The Giving of Life

How does He give life today? We have a chance to receive life today. How do we get life? Now, to understand, everything isn't explained in one place in the Bible. It's like a crossword, like a jigsaw puzzle, not a crossword puzzle, a jigsaw puzzle.



You have maybe a thousand different pieces here, and no one of them makes sense at all. Two or three of them put together don't make real sense. You have to get more than that, but you get them all together in the right manner together, the way they belong together, and you'll have a beautiful picture. In fact, it is a beautiful picture just cut by a jigsaw here and there into a lot of little pieces. And you have to put them together.

The Bible is like that. Some of the things in Genesis you have to find filled in, in the New Testament or in the prophets, in Isaiah, some in Revelation, some in Ezekiel, some in the minor prophets, some in Matthew, Mark or Luke or John. You have to get a piece here and a piece there, put them together in the proper way. And I'm putting something together for you here that even this Church has never had put together properly before. So **OPEN UP YOUR EARS AND LISTEN!** Who was it, Mark Antony who said, many hundreds years ago, "Ladies and gentlemen, give me your ears?"

I ask you, not only open your ears, open up your mind. Think on this! This is something that's

new to this Church. It's something you need to understand. God does not give life, and He was not going to give man life inherent, instantaneously, if He was He could have created the man

that way in the first place, couldn't He? That's the way He created angels. Why did God create man without it and then let him make a choice? How does God give life now? How does He? Man did not have life.



Now, let's look at the New Testament, and we'll see how God gives life today. Turn over into the eighth chapter of Romans. Now, you will notice verse 16, **"The Holy Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit,"** so there is a spirit in man. We have a spirit, and yet man is wholly mortal. Now, I'm coming to that a minute later. We are wholly mortal, but there is a spirit in us, and that spirit is not a part of us. It's just something in us. A man swallows a little tiny marble. That marble is not part of him, and we hope that it'll pass through or that the doctor will get it out some way because it doesn't belong there. But there is a spirit in man, and it does belong there. That's different.

But if you receive the spirit of man, on the Day of Pentecost Peter said, **"Repent and be baptized in Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,"** and that meant you repent and believe. And your baptism is a public demonstration of your faith and belief. **"And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."**

Now, if you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, **‘the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.’** We become the children of God when we have the Holy Spirit, but we are not immortal. We are still flesh and blood. We still have a temporary existence, but the spirit is an impregnation of immortal life. That’s all. We are begotten, not yet born, notice the very next verse here, and if we’re children, then heirs, heirs of God and of Christ, CHILDREN of God and His HEIRS of our Father. But you see, an heir doesn’t get his father’s estate until there is a death, usually in human life the death of the father. In this case, it was the death of Christ, and it really comes after our death or change, which is an instant death and resurrection. But we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if we have the Spirit of God.

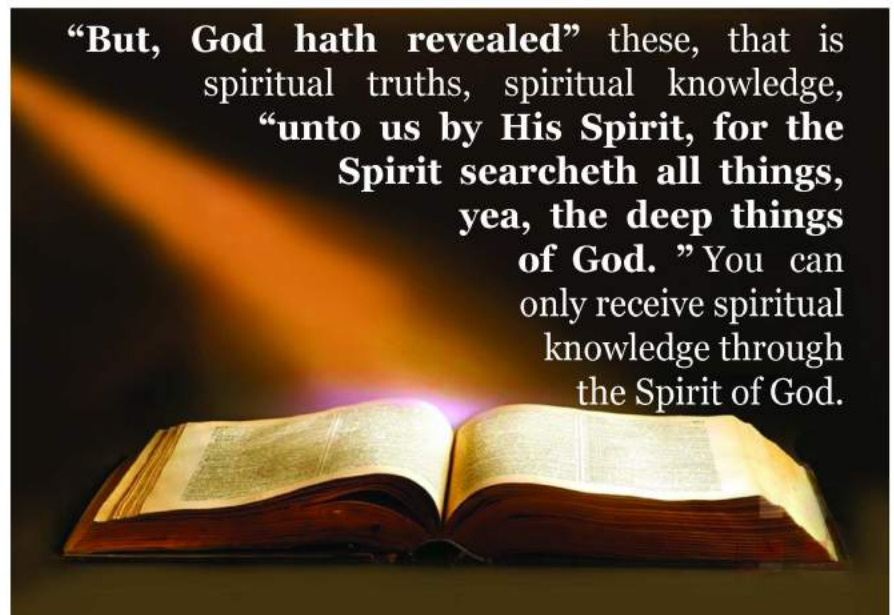
Now then, notice verse 11, **“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken,”** that is make immortal, give life to your mortal body **“by His Spirit that dwelleth in you,”** and that shows a resurrection.

Now, if you **“have not the Spirit of God,”** verse nine, **you’re “none of His.”** You’re not a Christian. I don’t care how many churches you have your name on as a member. Just being a member doesn’t mean you’re Christ’s. You’re not

Christ’s unless you have the Holy Spirit.

Now, if you have the Holy Spirit, let’s go a little bit further now in I Corinthians, the second chapter, now notice this, as man is made mortal, **“as it is written,”** as God made man of the dust of the ground, **“eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things (which) God has prepared for them which love Him.”** In other words, spiritual knowledge. Spiritual knowledge can’t enter your mind.

only see what is material or physical. You can only hear vibration, which is physical. You can only smell something that is physical, has a physical fragrance or odor. You can only taste physical things. It’s a physical sense. You can only hear, smell, taste anything. In other words, no knowledge can ever enter your mind except through the eye, the ear, the nose, the sense of taste or the sense of feel, and you are limited to physical, materialistic knowledge. Now, you are limited, and God created Adam in a manner that he was limited to physical



Now, man receives the knowledge of things through the eye, the ear, the sense of smell, taste and feel. You cannot receive knowledge of anything normally, any other way, just those five ways, five senses, no other.

Now stop and think about that. You are limited, and you can

materialistic knowledge, and he could not have other knowledge.

Now, let me just give you one other thing while I’m on it, right there. Look at the wonderful things man has created. They’re all physical and materialistic. Look at the troubles of man, and every bit of them are getting along with his neighbor or with God,

and he can't get along with God because the carnal mind is hostile against God, enmity against God – Romans 8, verse seven. And he is not subject to the law of God, which is love, neither indeed can be.

A natural mind is hostile against God. A natural mind is self-centered. It's covetous. It wants everything for self. Toward others it's competitive. It's hostile. It wants to get from. It wants to take. In other words, it believes in "get." Where God is love, and love is out flowing, and that's the way of **"give,"** not "get." Now, the law of God is the way of **"give."** The other way is the way of "get."

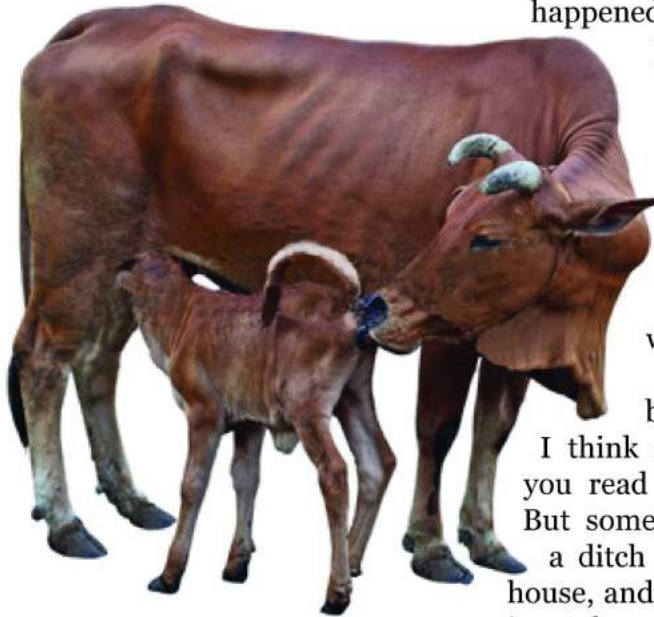
Now then, if we have the spirit added, I want you to notice, God reveals spiritual knowledge. You can't see it. Eye has not seen. Ear has not heard. You don't get it through the eye or the ear or smell or taste or feel. But, notice this, **"But God has revealed,"** spiritual things, **"by His spirit."**

Now take verse 11, the next verse, but **"what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?"** Man has a spirit in him. It's not man. It's not part of man. It's just something inside of him, and it came in him with his first breath. But it is a spirit. Now that spirit in man can't see anything. Your brain sees through the eye. Your brain hears through the ear. Your brain smells through the nose and tastes through the mouth, and it feels through the

sense of the nerves.

So the spirit only imparts a power of intellect to a physical brain. Now, animals don't have that spirit. They have an automatic instinct. Humans don't have that instinct like animals do.

Did you ever see a little calf born? Inside of two or three minutes, certainly less than five, it's up on all four feet and knows how to walk right away. And it knows where to go. It goes for its dinner. And the old mother cow just stands there dumbly, stupidly waiting for the calf to come and get her dinner. And, in one case, I happened to see on a movie screen where the calf went to the wrong end and the mother just nodded the calf right back to the right end to get its dinner. But usually the calf knows exactly where to go.



Now, a human baby can't walk for one year. A human baby is helpless and has to be taught everything, and a human baby has to learn how to think, and it is motivated by its mind. Animals don't have minds. They just have a plain brain and instinct.

The Human Spirit

The human spirit is a computer. All of the memory is stored up in the spirit not in the gray matter of the brain. In a computer, you program knowledge into the computer. The computer cannot give you anything back that hasn't been programmed into it. But you can program millions of pieces of knowledge into a computer, and it will give you whatever you want back instantly, with instant recall. Now the spirit is like that in man.

Someone asked me, what happened when you were five years old, instantly I go back and the spirit gives me instant recall of things when I was five years old. I swore off chewing tobacco when I was five years old.

Yeah, you won't believe that. Well, I think all of you, because you read my autobiography. But some men were digging a ditch out in front of our house, and they were all chewing tobacco, I said to one of them, "What is that there?" I saw him biting something, and I thought maybe it was good to eat. He said, "Why

here, bud, have a chaw. This is something good. I like it." So I took a chaw. I had an awful time biting it off. And I chewed a little bit, and then I swallowed it. And right then and there I swore off chewing tobacco, and I have never chewed any since. Now, I was only five years old.

Well now, the spirit in me gave me instant recall. Anytime I want to think about that, it's still there. I mean the memory of it. It's still there. You die. The body that comes up in the resurrection is not the body that died. The brain is buried, and it rots and decays and yet in the resurrection, you know everything you did know. You look like you did look. Why?

The spirit in man is like a mold. Now, the man that made the big fountain out front here, I saw that fountain when it was made.



I believe it was plaster of Paris or whatever it was made of in the first place. Then they made molds of the various parts of it

that were later welded together. And I was in the foundry where it was done. And the mold was just the same thing, but exactly opposite, so that when they poured the molten bronze into the mold, it came out exactly like the original.



Now, the spirit is like a mold, and, in the resurrection, the spirit will bring a new body, but it will put in that new body precisely the same knowledge, the same memory, the same character, the same fingerprints, the same footprints that you had in this life, but it will be different matter. Of course, that's the resurrection to judgment, but if you're resurrected in the first resurrection, you will be composed wholly of spirit, but in the same identical form and shape because man is in the form and shape of God, but he's composed of different material.

The Spirit of God

Now, man was made to have a relationship with God, and there are two differences between a man and an animal. An animal is not made to have a relationship with God. First, it is not in the form and shape of God. Secondly, it doesn't have a spirit, and God put a spirit in man, and that spirit needs another spirit – the Holy Spirit – and I just read you in Romans 8 where when we receive the spirit of God, it joins with our spirit, and it witnesses with our spirit that we are the children of God.

We're only half there if we are born with the one spirit, and every human that's ever been born was born with that one spirit, but you're only half there mentally. I say that the most ignorant men in this world are the ones with the most letters after their name, the most highly educated. Because all education in this world is materialistic education, and they have no spiritual knowledge at all, and all of our troubles and our discontent and all of the evils and sufferings come from a lack of spiritual knowledge and breaking spiritual laws – toward self, toward neighbor, toward God – because the law of God is love to God and loving neighbor as self. It means the right kind of self-love and self-concern, too, for that matter.

So if you have the Holy Spirit, now notice this: **"For what man knoweth the things of a man?"** I say a man is confined to physical,

materialistic knowledge. What man could know that save the spirit of man which is in him? That spirit makes it possible for you to have this knowledge and give you instant recall and to be a thinking kind of a being. Animals are not. They can't think. They can't reason. They don't come to conclusions. They can't think creatively. Humans can. Humans have to learn slowly.

A child begins to walk after about one year. But listen, Satan begins to get to a child when he is two or three or five or six months old. And parents neglect their children until they are about six years old when they can send them to school. Satan does not neglect your children! Satan gets after them when they are two or three months old or less, and by the time they are six or eight months old those children already have a selfish something instilled within them!

Put two children down and give them one toy. Watch 'em fight for it. Or put a number of toys down and one desirable toy and others that aren't so desirable and watch them try to get the desirable toy away from the others. Oh, that instinct is in there early, and yet parents will neglect their children while Satan is not neglecting them. I say shame on some of us.

Well, let's go on with this. I only read half of this 11th verse. Now even so, "even so the things of God," or spiritual knowledge, "**knoweth no man.**" No man has spiritual knowledge save the spirit of God or through and by the spirit of God. Because spiritual knowledge is revealed knowledge, revealed by the Holy Spirit being in your mind with your spirit. And you cannot comprehend spiritual knowledge or the law of God without the Holy Spirit.

We wonder why the world can't see these things. We wonder why when we are converted, we try to convert our friends and relatives, and they laugh at us. They think we're crazy. I'll show you why. Read **verse 14, "but the natural man,"** that's what they are, "**receive not the things of God.**" You try to give them those things. They won't receive them because "**they are foolishness unto them: neither can they know them,**" for these things are spiritually discerned. God has to reveal them through His spirit.

Now, Adam would have received, the first thing he would have received, God wouldn't have given him immortal life right away. He would have given him the Spirit. He would have been **BEGOTTEN** of God if he had taken of the Tree of Life. That's what he would have gotten first.

The Love of God

Now, the next thing he would have received would have been **LOVE**. The love of God because love is the fulfilling of the Law and the Law is love. Now, read **Romans 5:5, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us."** The Holy Spirit gives you the love of God to fulfill that Law. You don't have the love by natural birth to fulfill the Law of God. You can fulfill it to some extent by letter, but not in the spirit.



You can't do it without the Holy Spirit of God.

Adam then would have first had knowledge, revealed knowledge of spiritual knowledge if he had taken of the Tree of Life. The next thing he would have had was the love to fulfill the Law of God once he had the knowledge of that Law and of that way of life.

Now, the next thing he would have received, if you will turn with me now to Galatians, Galatians two and beginning in **verse 15 and 16**, "**We,**" it says in **verse 15**, "**know that a man is not justified,**" **verse 16**, "**by the works of the law, but by the faith OF Jesus Christ.**"

Justification has to do with your past, that is, justify a guilty past by squaring it up and paying the penalty in your stead. It doesn't say your faith IN Christ. It's the faith OF Christ! That is given to you through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives you a divine faith you never had before. You don't work up that kind of faith. That is a gift of the Holy Spirit of God, and the next thing Adam would have received would have been that kind of faith. It's the faith OF God, the faith OF Christ.

Now, the next thing that he would have received you find in Acts the first chapter, Acts the first chapter and in verse eight, where Jesus said to the disciples, after His resurrection they asked Him if the Kingdom of God would come immediately.

He said, "**No, but you shall receive POWER after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you.**"

You will receive POWER. The Holy Spirit will give you the POWER to overcome, POWER to do what you have to do for God, POWER to follow what the Spirit of God gives you knowledge to do, what the love of God gives you the love to perform with, and what the faith in Christ gives you to rely on Christ for guidance, for deliverance. You know, we need that, **[Psalm 34:7]** because many are the afflictions of the righteous. You are going to have many afflictions, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. You have to have a connection with God to get help to be delivered when you're in trouble.

I want to tell you, brethren, this Church has been in trouble more than once when I, troubles I haven't told you about, when I have had to pray and pray my heart out, but God has

heard, and God has delivered this Church. And He has delivered me again and again and again. God not only gives us knowledge, but God gives us help when we need it. God is the greatest Giver that there is.

Adam's Wrong Choice

Now then, let's go a little further. All this has to do with Pentecost. You'll see why a little bit later. Now, Adam had to choose. One was the Tree of Life. He wouldn't have gotten it immediately, but he would have immediately had knowledge from God. He would have lived a different way. He would have taught his children a different way.

Oh, I think Satan would have still been there for a while



until Adam himself had been made immortal and then Satan would have been put away. But in the meantime, Adam would have known how Satan was not neglecting his children when they were two or three months old, and he would have taught them, and he would have taught them so much, and he

would have been in constant communion with God. And he would have had the help of God Himself in teaching his own children. You can have it, but DO you have it? You have to go after it. You have to ask for it. So the question is whether you do have it or not.

But Adam made the other choice. Adam took to HIMSELF the knowledge. He didn't get the Holy Spirit to reveal God's spiritual knowledge. He took to himself knowledge, and the only knowledge he could take to himself was materialistic knowledge. He took to himself the knowledge of the way toward good or toward evil. He took to himself the knowledge of what IS good and what is evil, and he took to himself the knowledge of how to get it.

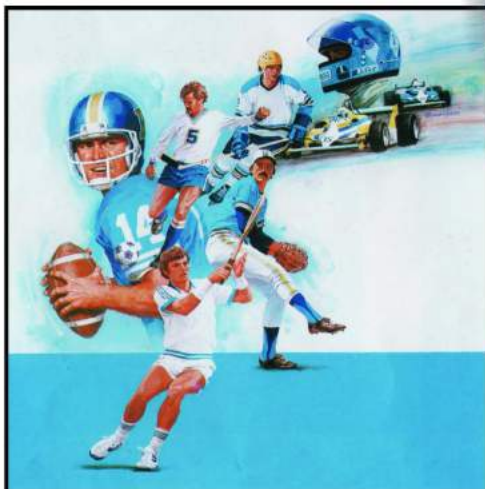
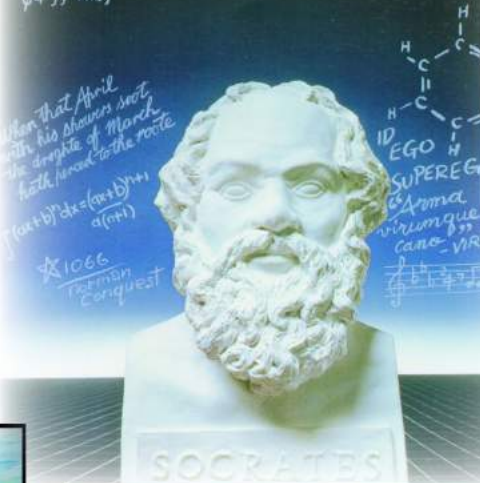
And what he took to himself was self-centeredness. What he took to himself was vanity. What he took to himself was hostility toward others. He rebelled against God, and he had a carnal mind that is hostile against God and is competitive against other people.

And instead of cooperating with other people and helping them and they help us, we go in to fight one another, and one impedes the progress of another, and yet they say that competition is the way today. Oh, it's competition! – competition in sports, competition in business, competition in society, competition in government, in politics, in everything, competition in business, competition in EVERYTHING. He took to himself that knowledge, and HE CUT HIMSELF OFF FROM THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! And so he PRODUCED KNOWLEDGE!

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Materialistic Knowledge

Now, in the 1960s the world's fund of knowledge was doubling, and during that decade, Dr. Clark Kerr was then president of the University of Chicago, I don't mean, I mean the University of California, Berkeley, said that, and I mentioned this in the graduation ceremony that the university of today, the modern university, is a factory, and it is manufacturing knowledge. The purpose of a university is producing knowledge, but they only produce materialistic knowledge. They cannot produce the knowledge of our troubles of how to solve our problems, our troubles, because those things are spiritual problems, and the knowledge that is required to solve them is spiritual knowledge. And men can't manufacture that kind of knowledge.

Adam started manufacturing knowledge humanly! And the world has been doing it ever since. Now, it never got to a knowledge explosion until in our time in this 20th Century. Vanity, it's looking to self-knowledge, self-love, vanity, coveting, hostile against God and hostile against neighbor. **Romans 8:7, "The carnal mind is hostile against God. It is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be."** And, it's hostile to neighbor.

So, now what happened? When Adam made that choice, go back again to Genesis and in the third chapter of Genesis and you find in **verse 22**,

"The Lord God said ... now, lest he," the man, "put forth his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever." Lest he gain immortal life going the way he is in the kind of knowledge production that will only bring on TROUBLES and HEARTACHES and SUFFERING and ANGUISH.

Lest he do that and live in unhappiness and wretchedness and suffering forever, **"therefore the Eternal God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the soil from whence he was taken ... he drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword"** that pointed every way **"to keep the way of the**

Tree of Life," lest man go back and gain immortal life, living the wrong way.

In other words, my brethren, God will not GIVE you IMMORTAL LIFE in suffering and unhappiness. God wants you to ENJOY eternal life. God is Love, and He loves you so much that if you're going to bring suffering on yourself He'll stamp you out! And you'll finally become as if you'd never been. You'll be ashes under the souls of our feet **[Malachi 4:1, 3]**. If that's the way you want it. You make your own choice! **[Deuteronomy 30:15-20]**

God's Punishment is Corrective

But, God shut off the Holy Spirit from that time on.



The Holy Spirit was shut up until the time of judgment. Now, God's judgment, you have to understand, judgment is not just a sentencing and punishing. Anyway, God's punishment is corrective, not revenge, and until the time of judgment.

Until others could have a chance like Adam did, to make a choice, God shut up the Holy Spirit of life. And right here is where so-called Christianity jumps the track. Life was shut up from human beings, and human beings only have a temporary existence, not life. They don't have life until the time of the Second Adam, which is Christ, until Christ should come. And meanwhile, as you read back here in **Hebrews 9:27**, "**As it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment.**"

Adam did die, and it's appointed to other men to die, but after that comes the judgment. Now, the judgment is a trial and test as to what choice you will make, and even if you make the decision to make the right choice, then you have to receive the knowledge of God and receive the love of God and the faith of God and power from God. And you have to GROW in that knowledge, and the Spirit and grace, before you get immortal life because that is open to us today.

Judgment was on Adam. Life had been offered to Adam, but it was withdrawn when Adam made the wrong choice UNTIL the Second Adam, Jesus Christ. So it is that we read in **I Corinthians 15, verse 22**, "**For as in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**" Now, death came by Adam, and in Adam all die, and it's appointed to men once to die, but after that the judgment.

Christ came, the Second Adam, became a human being. He had to make the choice like Adam did. He chose to reject Satan. He chose to obey God. He kept the Law of God. He said, "**I have kept My Father's commandments. I have set you an example that you should also keep God's commandments.**" That's what Christ said.

Christ Who never sinned, Who never brought a penalty of death on Himself, but Who is the one by whom God made all of us and was therefore our Maker, Christ paid the death penalty for us in our stead. So that if WE will now make the choice that brings judgment to US, but not to everybody, only to those that are called. Adam and universal sin as Adam's children cut humans off from the Holy Spirit or from real life until the time of judgment, but through Christ judgment was opened to the Church.

was given the Law of God, but they were not given the Holy Spirit. They were not being judged. They did not have a chance for life. They were not given a chance to earn LIFE, and they never received any life. They still had a chemical, temporary existence.

Now, understand this, only certain ones that were predestinated are called first, called now. Ultimately, God will call everybody, but God has a plan the first man rejected. Now, billions of people have lived and gone the wrong way. He wants to save all of those billions. God is not willing that ANY should die, but that all should come to repentance and immortal life, but God has a master plan for bringing that out.

The Firstfruits of God's Church

The Church are called first, and they are the Firstfruits and today, or beginning tonight at

Judgment on God's Church

Now, in **I Peter four and verse 17**, "**For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God.**"

That's the Church of God. Judgment finally has begun. Judgment was cut off from man, and Adam was driven out of the Garden of Eden, and humanity has never had a chance of salvation. Ancient Israel was called. Ancient Israel

sunset and tomorrow is the anniversary of the beginning of the Church and that is the FIRSTFRUITS, the first that God has called to have a chance of judgment. Judgment is on the Church or judgment must begin at the house of God.

But now I want you to notice in **John 6:44** where Jesus said,

“NO MAN CAN COME TO ME, except the Father which (*hath*) sent Me draw him.” God isn’t calling everybody. IT’S ONLY THE FIRST-FRUIT! And the Day of Pentecost was just the starting of the FIRSTFRUIT, not of salvation to everybody.

Now, there’s a reason why God couldn’t call everybody all at once, and a very, very good reason. Because we, just the same as Christ had to do, the same as Adam had to do and Adam failed, Christ succeeded, the Second Adam. We have to face Satan and overcome Satan! Just the same as Adam faced Satan, just the same as Christ did, we have to. So it is only those that are called by the Father.

Now, I want you to notice in Ephesians the first chapter, verses 11 and 12, speaking of Christ in verse 10, in **verse 11**,

The Day of Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost was the beginning of the FIRST-FRUIT, just the FIRST to be converted. It doesn’t mean that everybody is converted now. Only a few are called, and only those few have a chance, those who were predestinated. Now Adam and through Adam the world was cut off, but through Christ judgment was opened first to the Church.

Now, let me show you a prophecy, it’s back in Joel, Joel the second chapter and **verse 28**, **“And it shall come,”** this is a prophecy, **“it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”** Now the time of pouring out His Spirit to ALL flesh hasn’t come yet, but the time of pouring out His Spirit to just all that part of all flesh that is the Firstfruits had come on the Day of Pentecost. Because on that day, on the Day of Pentecost,

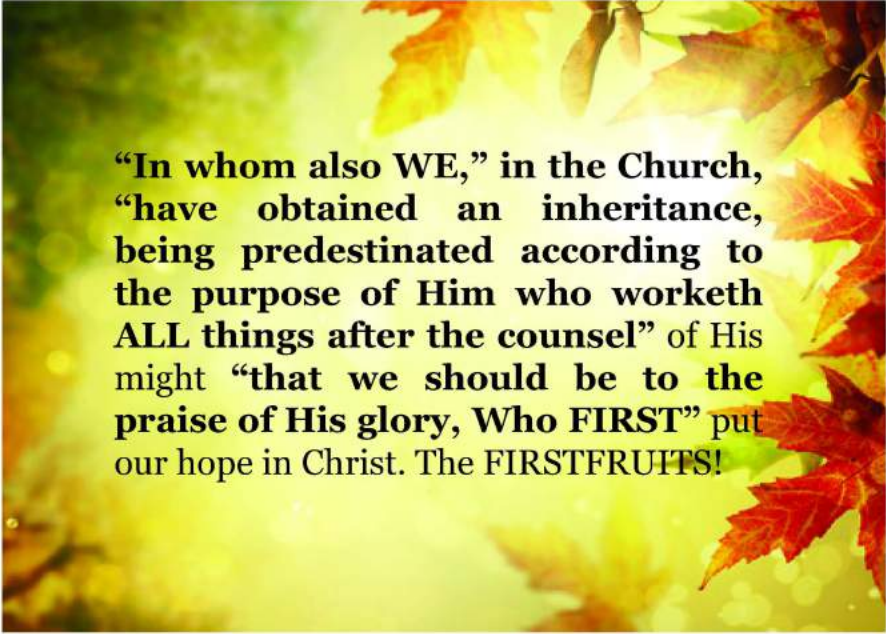
I want you to notice in Acts two and beginning with **verse 15**.

God’s Holy Spirit Came Upon His True People

The Holy Spirit had come on that Day of Pentecost, the first time the Holy Spirit came for a group of people, and the Holy Spirit came as a sound of a mighty rushing wind that they could hear! And the Holy Spirit came visibly like flames of fire of tongues, but in fiery tongues sitting on the head of each one of them, and they could see it and that was a terrible manifestation.

And a great crowd came running and gathering. And they began to speak with other languages so that everybody there from every country heard the whole 120 speaking in his language and understood what was being said. You don’t hear that kind of tongues speaking anymore. It never has happened before or since.

But Peter said on that day when many thousands came running in he said, **“These are not drunken, as you suppose, seeing that it is the third hour of the day,”** or about nine o’clock in the morning. **“But this is that that was spoken of the Prophet Joel; ‘(and) it shall come to pass in the last days,’ saith God, ‘I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.’”**



“In whom also WE,” in the Church, “have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh ALL things after the counsel” of His might “that we should be to the praise of His glory, Who FIRST” put our hope in Christ. The FIRSTFRUIT!

What Occurred on Pentecost is a Type of the Future

Now, this is only the Firstfruits of all flesh and a type of everybody that will have the Holy Spirit beginning in the Millennium and in the Great White Throne Judgment to follow, but let's understand that. God called the Church out from this world. Now, the Church of the Old Testament had an existence and human existence started with Adam, but LIFE coming into human beings started with the Second Adam or Christ. Israel was a type of the Church, but Israel was physical, and the Church is spiritual begotten, and God gave the seven annual festivals to Israel, but they didn't understand it. They didn't know why.

When I first heard it, and for several years after that, I didn't know why. I just knew that God said it was forever, and I was willing to obey. And so I kept all of these Feast Days and at least all of these Holy Days for some years until I found out the meaning, and when I did I found that we are to keep more than just the Holy Days, but keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, which I did from that time on.

Now let me see, one other Scripture I wanted to read the 10th chapter of John and verse 10 where Jesus said, **"I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more abundantly."** That's why Jesus came in the likeness

likeness of the human flesh. Adam had not gotten life. Life had not been given to the people until that time, and Jesus came that we might have LIFE.

They didn't have life. They only had a human existence, but the first thing you get with life before that immortal life is given to you is spiritual knowledge, then the love of God, then you receive the faith of Christ and then you receive power. And if you grow in grace and in knowledge, and you endure until the end, you shall then receive life eternal.

Now, we which are called now are going to sit with Christ on His throne. We are going to be given power over the nations. We are when Christ is coming He is coming to His Temple,

even a few million. I don't know, it isn't going to be an awful lot.

But we will be God beings and it will be enough to do the real ruling of all that are left alive in the beginning of the Millennium, and at the end of that time there will be more, and we will be God beings and then there will be the resurrection to judgment of ALL WHO EVER LIVED!

Frankly, I wonder if that included Adam. I think maybe judgment in God's form is a time of trial and test. Adam had to make a decision, but living a time of trial and test over years of proving it by your performance. Adam didn't, and it was taken away from Adam before he could live that long,


We are going to rise and meet Him in the air. We are the affianced bride of Christ to marry Him.



and we are that Temple. We will be God beings and we, in the Church, and, of course, that begins back in the Church of the original apostles, and there are going to be many, many thousands. There are many thousands of us today. It will probably be, probably be

and he had no chance of repentance because Christ hadn't come. It may be that even Adam will be in that resurrection to judgment at the end of the Millennium. It's a wonderful thing.

Now, the Feast Days picture God's plan. Of course, the first is the Passover, and the second is our coming out of sin.



The third is the receiving of the Holy Spirit, which gives you as I say the knowledge of God, the faith of Christ, the love of God to keep the Law, the love to fulfill the Law. All of those things and finally at the coming of Christ, eternal life. But we are the Firstfruits, and that's the meaning of the Day of Pentecost that we will observe beginning at sunset tonight. I hope that makes it a little more clear to you than it ever has been to you before.

Well, brethren, I'm sorry I won't be with you here tomorrow, but you will have Christ here with you. Isn't that wonderful? Christ in His Spirit and our fellowship is with God the Father and with Christ as well as with one another.

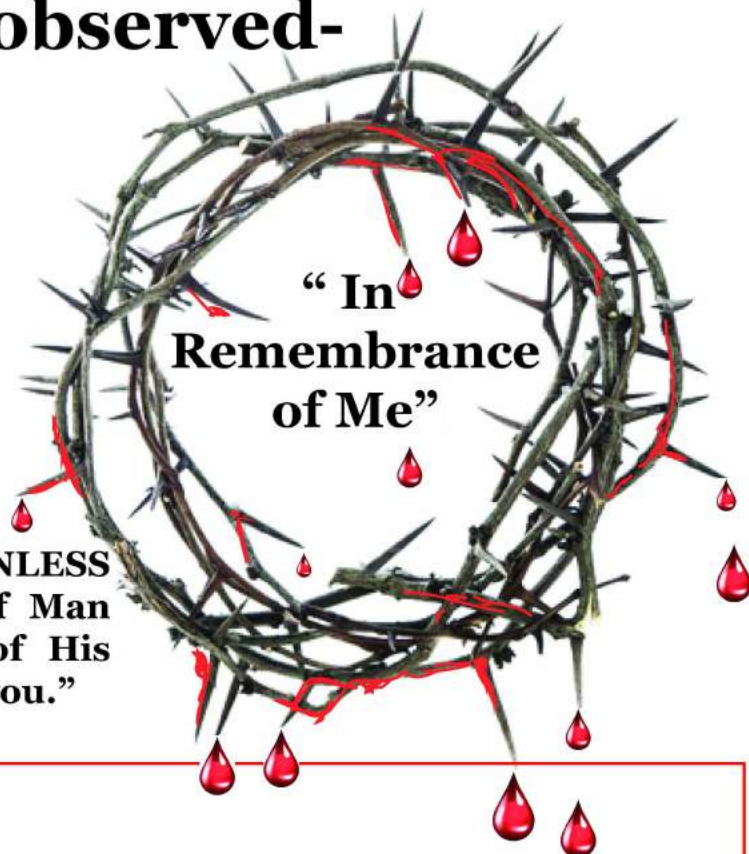
In the meantime, remember Christ is here, and God the Father is here, and our fellowship is with Them and with one another and what a wonderful fellowship it is, and to have the truth of God, a wonderful, wonderful thing.

Editor's Comment: A few minor edits were made in this sermon. However what was removed did not take away from the subject matter. For those who would like to have the complete sermon please write or call and it will be mailed to you on a CD or Cassette.
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God's Passover to be observed-



“Most assuredly, I say to you, UNLESS you eat the flesh of the Son of Man (*bread, verse 48,*) and drink of His blood (*wine*), you have no life in you.”

John 6:53

Dear Brethren,

By the time you will read this brief article, all of us as members of God's true Church, will have already observed God's Passover.

For the Passover to have been meaningful to us, it had to be observed:
In fullness of truth

Having a real ongoing relationship with God

Explicitly observing the Passover Service according to Scripture

Having the Humility of the Foot-Washing Service (***John 13:14-17***)

Partaking of the Bread that pictures Christ's body broken for the forgiveness of physical sin

Wine – picturing the pouring out of Christ's blood for the forgiveness of spiritual sin

Though the Passover has already been observed for this year, it should always be held in Remembrance throughout the year and at all times. This is vitally important for we sin, hopefully not intentionally, but we do. Therefore we need forgiveness from God and the blood of Jesus Christ that He shed for us to blot out our sins.

Likewise, we become ill with sickness, disease, or other health problems in daily life. To be delivered and healed, we need the miraculous healing that can only come from God through Jesus Christ. And He made provision for our healing by His making payment for our physical sins by humbly submitting His perfectly healthy body to the Roman Lictor who beat Him unmercifully to a half-way death (**Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:3-6**). And by His stripes we are healed (**Isaiah 53:4-5; I Peter 2:24**).

God inspired His Prophet Isaiah to make the sacrifice of Jesus Christ known in Scripture with its meaning to mankind (**Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:1-12**).

Having in remembrance the writings in Isaiah with the Passover Service Jesus Christ established on that most memorable occasion in 31 A. D., and seeing the forgetfulness of the members in the Corinth Church, the Apostle Paul refreshed their memories to its vital importance and meaning:

“... the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took BREAD, He broke it and said, ‘Take, EAT; this is My body which is BROKEN for you; do this IN REMEMBRANCE of Me.’ ‘In the same manner He also took the CUP after the (traditional) supper, saying, ‘This CUP is the New Covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. ‘For as often (annually- each year) as you EAT THIS BREAD and DRINK THIS CUP, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. Therefore whoever EATS this bread and DRINKS this CUP of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be GUILTY of the body and blood of the Lord....’ (I Corinthians 11:17-27).

“But let a man examine himself, and (afterwards) so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who EATS and DRINKS in an unworthy manner (not discerning the intended meaning of each one) eats and drinks JUDGMENT to himself, NOT discerning the Lord’s body. “For this REASON many are WEAK and SICK among you, and many SLEEP (in death)” (I Corinthians 11:28-30).

The Invaluable Worth of Jesus Christ the Passover Lamb

There is great need of always and forever recognizing and remembering the WORTH of Jesus Christ to each of us personally! What He has done for us, and what He is now doing for us as our High Priest and Savior (**Hebrews 2:16-18; 4:14-16; 9:28**).

In contrast, we should realize we have no worth of ourselves!



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Therefore there is the desperate need of having Jesus Christ in our lives at all times. Always and forever we need His love, mercy, and help in every way to keep our relationship alive and well with Him. And as Jesus also said, we must forgive others for their trespasses against us **(Matthew 6:14-15)**.

We should always be truly appreciative for the Passover and thank God most sincerely for it is only through its observance – that is – what it symbolizes and pictures – that we have forgiveness and the penalty of the 2nd death continually removed from us; for as the Apostle Paul wrote:

“He has delivered us from the POWER of darkness and conveyed us into the Kingdom of the Son of His LOVE, in whom we have REDEMPTION through His BLOOD, the forgiveness of sins” **(Colossians 1:13-14)**.



The Beginning of Each One of God's True Elect

We should often think back in our lives to that particular point in time when God looked down on each one of us and made the decision to begin working with us. He opened our minds to the understanding of seeing our own wretchedness and hopeless condition without Him.

“For when we were still without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly . . . But God demonstrated His LOVE toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having been justified by His BLOOD, we shall be saved from WRATH through Him . . . we shall be SAVED by His Life” **(Romans 5:6, 8-10)**.

Indeed, we are among the most blessed people on earth. And with this in mind, I wonder how much time we devote to praising and thanking God for His loving kindness toward us – what He has done for us, and what He is continuing to do for us. Truly, Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, honor and glory now and forever.



A Physio-Chemical Existence.

We also need to fully realize what was often said to us by Mr. Armstrong: "This life is only a physio-chemical existence. This is NOT real life! It is only a stepping stone, a small foretaste to prepare us for real life!" How so very true.

Perhaps a strong indicator of the measure of importance we attach to the PASSOVER and all it symbolizes is to the degree of not only preparing for it in advance, but also continuing to keep in REMEMBRANCE the horrible beating and sacrificial death Jesus Christ experienced in paying the penalty for both our physical and spiritual sins.

It is my hope and prayer that all of us as God's true people will truly keep IN REMEMBRANCE God's Passover – who was the true Lamb of God (**John 1:29**). Further, please keep in mind, Jesus Christ meekly submitted His body and life, for not only His people in this age, but ultimately for the world as revealed by His Master Plan, and according to His Time Table. And this is revealed by the Holy Days that follow the Passover each year (**John 3:16-17**).

Please think earnestly and most sincerely about the Vital Passover Service and keep it in mind always, for as Jesus Christ said to His disciples before

He suffered the excruciating painful beating followed by the pangs of death on the stake, they were always to do this: 'IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME' (**Luke 22:19**).

**Pagan Holidays-
or God's Holy
Days-Which?**

How often should
we partake of
**THE LORD'S
SUPPER?**



The Struggling Life of a True Christian

And Jesus answered and said to them (*His disciples*):

“Take heed that No One DECEIVES you. For many will come in My Name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will DECEIVE MANY.”

Matthew 24:4-5

The Grave Danger of Deception

In the overview of end-time prophecies, Jesus Christ responded to questions from His apostles about the time of His coming back to the earth while making known the dangers His true chosen people would continue to face from human instruments used by Satan the devil to try and destroy each one in one way or another while being overshadowed by catastrophic world events:

Matthew 24:3 “Tell us . . . what will be the SIGN of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Though persecution would be/and is/ a terrible trial to bear for a true Christian, yet an even greater danger would be **DECEPTION**; Jesus Christ made this known in His first warning. From the Garden in Eden throughout the millennia

Satan the devil has continued to use his wiles and cunning to deceive God’s true people while using men to portray themselves as being true **PROPHETS AND APOSTLES** of Jesus Christ!

The **WARNING OF DECEPTION** continued to be spoken of by God’s true prophets and apostles throughout the Scriptures alerting God’s people to this great danger that was spoken of by Christ Himself: **Matthew 24:4-5** And Jesus answered and said to them: **“Take heed that No One DECEIVES you. For many will come in My Name, saying (*acknowledging*), ‘I am the Christ (*symbolized by the White horse Revelation 6:2*),’ and will DECEIVE MANY.”**

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The image shows the front cover of a book titled "MYSTERY OF THE AGES" by HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG. The title is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters with a blue outline, set against a dark blue background. Below the title, there is a white rectangular box containing three lines of text in a smaller font: "Did you ever ask yourself? 'If I live now I'll be lost?' If so, you are lost! Now here is mystery. I tell you about you. It is at mystery. Now, you can understand!" At the bottom of the cover, the author's name "HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG" is printed in white capital letters. The entire cover is tilted slightly to the right.

Satan brought into the early Church false apostles who sought to destroy it. Following the instructions of Jesus Christ the true members put them to the TEST (*Matthew 7:15-19*): ***Revelation 2:1-2*** “To the angel of the Church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who hold the seven stars (*messengers, 1:20*) in His right hand, who walks in the MIDST of the seven candlesticks

Revelation 2:7 “He who has an EAR, let him HEAR what the Spirit says to the Churches. To him who overcomes I will give to EAT from the Tree of Life, which is in the MIDST of the Paradise of God.”

In the context of this present time, Jesus Christ warns of an even greater source of deception by Satan the devil by using deceived KNOWN PASTORS to deceive the members that had been left in disarray from the parent Worldwide Church of God in 1994-5 and brought them into their newly individual corporate churches: **Matthew 24:11-13** "And THEN (- at that time-) MANY false prophets will RISE UP (Strong's C. - can also mean preachers; perhaps 700 or more corporate

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Satan deceived these two men with the same cunning tactic he used with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden enticing them to eat of the forbidden fruit of human reason with the tantalizing lying promise—



“ . . . your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God . . . ” When the woman saw the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took of the fruit

and ate. She also gave to her husband and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were OPENED (to faulty human reason and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden from the Tree of Life—a parallel of today unless there is repentance) . . .” (Genesis 3:1-7).

The enticement was to eat of this attractive poisonous fruit with the lying promise to make these men have SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE! This would make possible for them to rise over and above all the other corporate churches who also have eaten of the same Tree.

begin performing great signs and miracles. This will bring about the revival of the Roman Empire (**Revelation 13:11, 13-14**).

Very probably about the same time, Satan the devil will also attempt to destroy the true ELECT MEMBERS of God’s Church by his beginning use of two or three pastors of the corporate churches by giving them the POWER OF MIRACLES to deceive them into believing they are the true apostles and prophets. This will be his last ditch effort to destroy God’s true Elect by deception (**Revelation 12:13**).

(**Matthew 24:24**). All others will be further blinded by these false prophets and will follow these men. Jesus Christ warned of what they would then say to their followers regarding His imminent return to this earth:

Matthew 24:23-26 “THEN if anyone says to you (these power-houses of Satan), ‘Look here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do NOT believe it. FOR false christs and false prophets will ARISE and **SHOW GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS**, so as to DECEIVE, if possible, even the Elect (the intense gravity of the deception).



Warning from the Apostle Paul

The Apostle Paul goes into great detail in his letter to help God’s true people to recognize how Satan and his instruments appear and work on those connected to his powerful wave length:

“For such are **FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES** into Apostles of Christ. And no wonder! **For Satan himself TRANSFORMS himself INTO an Angel of Light** (**II Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:11-12**).

“Therefore it is NO great thing if his ministers ALSO TRANSFORMS themselves INTO ministers of righteousness (as did Mr. Tkach, and all of the other ministers who later formed their own corporate churches) whose end will be according to their works” (**II Corinthians 11:13-15; Matthew 13:30, 40-42**).

While keeping this warning in mind, we move even further in time just prior to the FAITHFUL ELECT of God’s true Church to flee for the Place of Safety; a very critical time – leading into the severity of the **famine, disease epidemics, and the Great Tribulation**.

False Prophets (Ministers) to Perform Miraculous Signs

This will be about the time of Satan’s beginning use of the false prophet (the pope) to

This deception will be so strong only the ELECT people of God will escape it

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“See, I have told you BEFORE HAND. Therefore IF they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the desert (possibly Sinai – shortly before the time to flee)!’ Do NOT go out;

or 'LOOK, He is in the inner rooms (of their church buildings, etc.! ' Do NOT believe it!

"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (*"coming with clouds and every eye will SEE Him," Revelation 1:7*). For wherever the CARCASE is (Greek: fallen thing; body of Christ rejected and persecuted by the world, *Matthew 10:22*), there the EAGLES (vultures seeking to devour, *Job 39:27-30*), will be gathered together."



The ELECT WILL TEST these men by the Word of God (*Matthew 4:4; John 17:17*) by the warnings given by Jesus Christ—to judge them by their fruits (*Matthew 7:15-23*), just as did the members in the Ephesian Church Era (*Revelation 2:1-3*), and found them to be false apostles from Satan the devil.

Testing by the Word of God

Due to Satan having paved the way for these two men it becomes necessary to

IDENTIFY AND TEST the first pastor by the Holy Scriptures for having recently made some outlandish and erroneous claims to his congregation.

Though discretion is usually used in most cases by not naming names of those who have gone off-track rather than just showing where the teachings of the leadership and their churches are wrong, but due to this prominent leader of several thousand followers having made the claim he is the promised Elijah of the end-time, instead of the true one, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, it becomes necessary to expose him as having been deceived by Satan the Devil!

This has to be done for the sake of the truly begotten people of God who could possibly be at risk, not only now, but how he may further be used in a much greater way by Satan the devil in the near future – by performing miracles!

Following precedent, the Apostle Paul named those who had given him trouble (*Alexander the Coppersmith, I Timothy 1:20; II Timothy 4:13; Hymenaeus and Philetus; II Timothy 2:17*), and the Apostle John, (*Diotrephes III John 9*). So did Mr. Armstrong when he personally had to disfellowship ministers.

A Self-Proclaimed Apostle!

Some few years ago, Mr. David Pack made the erroneous claim of being an apostle of Jesus

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Christ. Recently, he made a gigantic leap by declaring himself to be the Elijah of the end-time (*Malachi 4:4-6*). He further said Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was wrong by his claim of being the promised Elijah of the end-time. By so doing he moved Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to the office of Moses the law-giver, therefore virtually nullifying all of his writings (such as, *The Mystery of the Ages*, books, booklets, articles together with his sermons, Bible studies, radio broadcasts, and telecasts), while replacing them with his own writings, sermons, etc. Note his recent incredible claim.

Mr. Pack's Claims from his own Writings

INTERNET: "New RevELations" MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Benchmark Sermons by David Pack

"I have given a three-part sermon series unlike anything [his church] has posted. Titled "[First a MOSES, Now ELIJAH—130 Proofs!](#)", it explains monumental prophecies with crystal clarity. It carries far-reaching implications for former members of the Worldwide Church of God and others in its offshoots.

"These messages will not even be close to what you expect, nor what angry enemies will report about them. Do not "answer the matter before you hear it" (*Prov. 18:13*). [mis-applying the intent of that Scripture as other Scriptures make known –] "After 15 minutes, you will not want to

stop. And don't let your minister stop you. He cannot give you eternal life!" **[Neither can Mr. Pack!!]**

[This is what Satan wants people to do – get them fully focused on skilful writings by his instruments – follow their train of thought – and the reader becomes mesmerized, hypnotized, by this and other satanic writings, just as did the German populace by Satan possessing Hitler and using his speeches and writings; his book: Mein Kampf = my struggle. The Apostle Paul warned against this very thing as we have already seen from other Scriptures and the following one as well:

“... Now this I say lest anyone should DECEIVE you with PERSUASIVE WORDS (II John 10) ... as you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so WALK in Him, rooted and built up in Him and ESTABLISHED in the FAITH, as you HAVE BEEN TAUGHT (by whom?—Jesus Christ through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong), abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 2:1-7).]

Jesus Christ began His use of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as the Elijah in 1934 to begin crying out with the Gospel and the Ezekiel warning message (Matthew 24: 14; Isaiah 58:1; Ezekiel 33:1-7). He was then used by

Jesus Christ to begin the Philadelphia Church Era and restore within it the original laws and doctrinal teachings from the early Church (the Elijah - Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:10-11; Revelation 3:7-13). And members began being added to God's Church and growing spiritually from those teachings.



Further, there is no promise Jesus Christ would use MOSES in the end-time – only a promise of an Elijah (Malachi 4:4-6)! The only reference of MOSES is in the Vision where Christ was speaking to both Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17:1-13).

From the internet we learn from Mr. Pack's own writings he did not begin

attending Ambassador College until 1967. Though it is said he was PERSONALLY taught by Mr. Armstrong this is not true! This claim leads one to believe he was alone with



him as was the Apostle Paul taught personally by Jesus Christ for three years in Petra (Galatians 1:15-18). This did not happen with Mr. Pack!!!

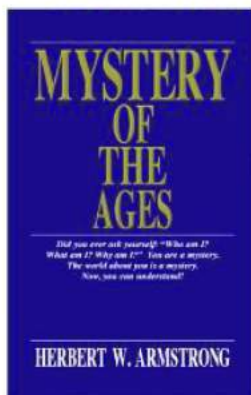
He was one of the many students taught primarily by the faculty of Ambassador College while Mr. Armstrong was busy elsewhere including his beginning visits with world leaders – beginning with King Leopold in Belgium in 1968.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia “David C. Pack oversees the operations of the church. He attended [Ambassador College](#) and entered WCG's ministry in 1971. Following the 1995 schism in WCG, Pack became a minister in the Global Church of God, but was

fired on May 3, 1999, and went on to establish his own church.”

Why his many writings? Due to being threatened by Mr. Tkach of the former Worldwide Church of God (who owned the copyrights of the recorded works of Mr. Armstrong), for uploading the books and booklets, etc., written by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong on Mr. Pack's website, he then had to write his own while following the pattern of those written works.

By his claim of being the promised Elijah, and not Mr. Armstrong, abolishes the last Book of the writing of Mr. Armstrong: THE MYSTERY OF THE AGES in which is a synopsis of the doctrinal teachings Jesus Christ revealed to him. In that same book he makes known he was the Elijah of the End-Time; Mr. Pack once agreed, but no longer does – due to his self-exaltation.



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MYSTERY OF THE AGES – Pages 8-10 – “The True Elijah to Come”

Mr. Armstrong: “There was an ‘Elijah to come’ and to restore things in the church. THAT HAS HAPPENED! And what has been restored is the government of God! And many of the truths, at least seventeen or eighteen principle, vital doctrines of truth, had been added to about the three that had survived in the Sardis era of the church that they still had. But they’d hung on to those three.”

Mr. Armstrong further wrote that sometimes one has to look back on fruits in order to see some things that one could not see in advance before the fruits had been performed. Contrary to lies by the embittered former ministers and members,

Mr. Armstrong did not plagiarize the writings of others. He said he looked at them and found they had some truth but mixed with errors. He then wrote his own writings as Christ, the Word of God, revealed them to him through the years of his ministry.

He makes very plain that he was the promised Elijah and believable by his fruits to the **unbiased mind** in an article that can be read from a transcribed sermon he gave in Seattle, Washington, entitled Building the Temple, February 14, 1981 in the **Philadelphia Remnant Magazine, May/June 2008**. Note a few short excerpts from the closing part of that sermon:

THE TEMPLE CHRIST WILL RETURN TO

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong
14 February 1981

“... YOU, BRETHREN,
ARE THAT TEMPLE!
Now let's go on a little
further. Let's turn
over to the next
chapter now;



of Malachi, the fourth chapter, beginning with verse five. **Malachi 4:5 Behold,** He's talking about the very end of the whole world, and the time at the end of the Millennium even; and they're all part of the fourth chapter. But the fourth chapter, verse five: **"Behold," I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.**

Now, here again, just before the Day of the Lord – when the gospel of the Kingdom is to be preached to the world – and it hasn't been preached for 1950 years. In fact, it was one century of time cycles (or 1900 years) when it began. Exactly, if that means anything to you ...

Malachi 4:5-6 "... before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. (6) And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

The word **"curse"** is used in the Hebrew language; otherwise translated as total destruction, **utter total destruction!** It's just before the earth would be brought to total destruction if Christ didn't come.

Now then, John the Baptist was asked, **"Are you the Elijah that was to come?"** He said, **"No, I am not."** I have been asked, **"Are you Elijah?"** And I have said, **"No, I am not."**

Jesus Christ said one time, **"But if you will bear it, the Elijah has already come."** Then they questioned Him a little further. And then Jesus Christ said Elijah in person, the same Elijah, didn't come. But John the Baptist came **in the power and spirit of Elijah.** That prophecy meant and referred to John the Baptist coming, but that was only the First Coming.

The prophecy is someone to prepare the way for the Second Coming. The first was physical -- the physical Jesus coming to the physical temple, to a physical people. Someone to prepare the way for the Second Coming is preparing the way for THE SPIRITUAL CHRIST to come to HIS SPIRITUAL TEMPLE for the marriage of the Lamb (of Christ) with the Church; and **the Church is that temple! . . .**

Brethren, I would never have preached that to you even one year ago. But how do we know whether anything is true or not? Jesus says by their fruits you know! What are the fruits? HAS ALL OF THIS BEEN DONE? IF IT HAS BEEN DONE, YOU KNOW! YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE. GOD HAS BEEN USING ME TO BUILD THIS TEMPLE. I've said I hope that I am the one of which Zerubbabel was a type, because it says that this is the Word unto Zerubbabel (in Zechariah): Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," saith the [ETERNAL]."

Though unbelievable by virtually everyone, though dead, Jesus Christ is yet using that same man to do His Work by having reactivated his

Recorded Works on our websites during the Passover Season in 2006 (**Habakkuk 1:5; 3:2: Isaiah 29:14.**)



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End of quotes from that sermon

For the sake of God's truth—his members need to ask: "Who do I believe—a tried and proven apostle over many years (*not an assumed title of apostle as with Mr. Pack, but ordained as an apostle in 1931*), or this man who came on the scene some years ago?"

By his proclaiming himself to be an apostle, Mr. Pack is doing the same thing as did Simon the sorcerer who also proclaimed himself an apostle after having been denied that office by the Apostle Peter (**Acts 8:9-24**).

The Follow-Up Sermon by Mr. Pack

Mr. David Pack: Also is the term 'common.'

"Now that's a term we use to describe what you see in the very beginning of the New Testament church within two or three verses of God building His church on Pentecost A.D. 31. In **Acts 2**, it says they had everything in common. Now God's people today have not been taught that. **It was my job to teach it** [*an amazing false presumptuous proclamation!*]. It's absolutely biblical that what we have we sell, whatsoever we

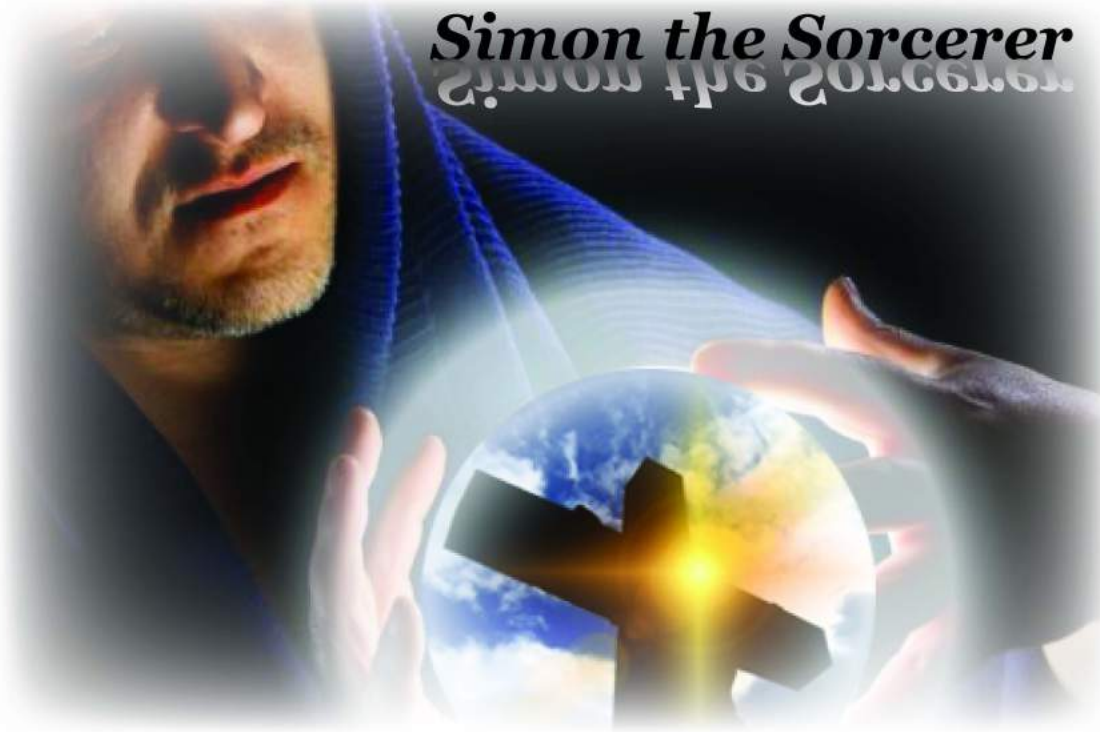
and frankly all through the Bible that God's people have things in common [**a broad sweeping untrue statement**].

This will be the single greatest reason many thousands will not come back to God's church. But others who see the biblical proof, in verse after verse after verse, of this great doctrine that God has used me to restore. It's impossible to miss it. They will believe that they have to obey it. They will see that salvation is attached to it just as it was with the rich man in Matthew 19 [**Luke 16:25 –**

nothing said here about the assets of the rich man belonging to the church or God]. And they will come ready to carry it out. "That's the term common. You're not allowed to hold on to your own assets. You have an income. You live a wonderful life. Life goes on normally. But if you were called by God, and you're to participate in His

work, and walk in His ways, you have to you have to turn over your assets to God's church. That's the pattern. **Acts 2, 3, and 4**. It's what Christ said in the last part of *Luke 14*... Be planning to do it. [**By so doing your assets will be gone.**] You're going to come to be convinced, if you have the

Simon the Sorcerer



Simon used his self-proclaimed office of an apostle to try and destroy the true Church by implanting false teachers within it and teaching erroneous teachings for fame and gain (**Revelation 2:1-3; Galatians 1:6-9**). He also established his own universal church about 33 A. D.

have we give it to God's work. That's why we were called.

You're not allowed to hold on to your own income. It's all through the Gospels, all through the Book of Acts,

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Spirit of God, that **I am who I say I am** *[God's Holy Spirit is a Spirit of TRUTH! David Pack is not a true minister of God; please read my new booklet: "Many are Called and Few are Chosen"]*, and the Bible says who he was. If I am restoring this doctrine *[never a doctrine]*, it is incumbent on you to obey it... And it won't leave you a pauper. It won't break your life... *[Do not bet on it!]* And there will be those who obey God and those who don't.

And when you hear the term common, think of what I will explain to you, because God uses my office to teach truth, not what God's covetous *[who is covetous?]* enemies do not want you to do so that they don't lose your support. That term is very important...

People do not want you to look into the Bible to see what is impossible, impossible to misunderstand—that is the New Testament church had all things in common. **Mr. Armstrong didn't see it.** *[Mr. Pack is correct! Jesus Christ did not lead Mr. Armstrong to believe a lie. Mr. Pack's members need to look into their own Bibles while using the MYSTERY OF THE AGES to disprove his fallacies.]*

This man's erroneous teaching of his claims to be SOMEONE GREAT, as did Simon Magus, with his recent revelations, which is from Satan the devil. The Apostle Peter perceiving how Satan would use Simon Magus in developing a counterfeit church, told him he needed to repent for his heart was not right with God **(Acts 8:21-22)**; so should Mr. Pack.

The Incorrect Conclusions Drawn from the Following Scriptures

Consider the Scriptures Mr. Pack used to try and validate his false claim while seeing the TRUTH of those Scriptures:



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Acts 2:40-47 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common (*sharing, 4:32-37*), and sold their possessions (*pooled their resources to enable all of them to remain in Jerusalem to be taught by the apostles, verse 42*).

Acts 4:32-37 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of those things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

This is similar to the Feast of Tabernacles. Those who have more share with those who have less to enable them to remain during the Festival to obey God and also hear what Christ teaches through His true ministers. While filled with the flush of God's LOVE the resident members in Jerusalem did the same for those who were having to return to their home countries - who were wanting to learn as much as they could from God's apostles before their departure **(Acts 2:5-10)**.

A Qualifying Scripture

Please note a qualifying Scripture that nullifies this man's erroneous teaching:

Acts 5:1-4 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife sold a possession (*that belonged to him*). And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain portion and laid it at the apostle's feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

KEY SCRIPTURE— Verse 4 "While it remained, WAS IT NOT YOUR OWN (*NOT BELONGING TO THE CHURCH NOR ANYONE ELSE!*)? And after it was sold, WAS IT NOT IN YOUR OWN CONTROL? ..."

Valid Considerations: The first tithe belongs to the Church (*to be brought into the storehouse –Church today, Malachi 3:8-12*), but NOT his assets. In addition, why would a person be required to tithe on assets that already belong to the Church? Members also need to consider the Sabbatical year and the year of Jubilee when their properties are released and can return to their OWN lands (**Leviticus 27**). In addition, consider the 2nd tithe that belongs to the member that enables the members to attend God's Festivals.

What does belong to the Church are the 3rd tithe, firstlings, and Firstfruits along with special offerings that are freely given by the members.

Special Offerings Gathered for the Poor



One can also learn from the Special Offerings taken from the Church members that were to be taken by Titus to Jerusalem to give to the poor in need (**Romans 15:24-28**):



II Corinthians 8:1-24 “. . . (**Verse 12**) For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to WHAT ONE HAS, and NOT according to what he does not have.” **Verse 19** . . . but who was chosen to travel with us WITH THIS GIFT (similar to the Love Fund, or 3rd tithe) . . .”

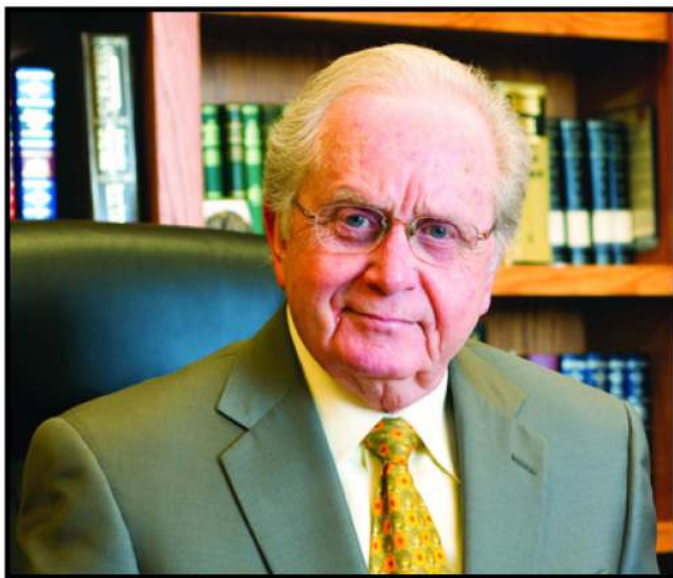


I Corinthians 9:1-15 “Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; for I know your willingness . . . (**Verse 5**) Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare YOUR GENEROUS GIFT (from their assets) beforehand, which you has previously promised, that it may be ready AS A MATTER OF GENEROSITY AND NOT AS A GRUDGING OBLIGATION (**Acts 5:4**).

This should be sufficient to prove the fallacy of a man who has been carried away with his own illusions of grandeur.

Mr. Gerald Flurry an Apostle and THAT PROPHET

Now we will identify ANOTHER PASTOR, Mr. Gerald Flurry, who is also a self-proclaimed Apostle! He has also claimed the office of **THAT PROPHET!** In so doing, without his realizing it, he claims he is Jesus Christ for the Bible makes abundantly clear—**THAT PROPHET** is none other than Jesus Christ. Consider what Moses said about **THAT PROPHET:**



Deuteronomy 18:15-19
“The LORD your God will raise up for you A PROPHET like me from your midst, from your brethren, Him you shall hear. . . . and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that WHOEVER WILL NOT HEAR HIS WORDS, which He speaks in My Name, I will require of him”

Think about what is said here! This is speaking of an infallible Prophet that can only be Jesus Christ (as can be proven in related Scriptures, **Acts 3:22; 7:37**, and Commentaries). And for a mortal man to make the claim of being **THAT PROPHET** is to claim he is infallible (as does the Pope), and His prophecies will come to pass! Have they with this man? **Deuteronomy 18:20-22** makes known his prophecies will come to be known whether true or false.

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Mr. Flurry calls his position a type of Elisha's office and has recently proclaimed to his members that he is "That Prophet" mentioned in **John 1:21, 25**. He says he is in the role of "law-giver to God's Church" and the "messenger

to the Laodicean era," and that God has worked with him the same way that God worked with HWA, even giving his church new truth."

Mr. Flurry also stated: “. . . I have the authority of God's watchman--THAT PROPHET... God sets ONE WATCHMAN at a time (p.17).”

[He is correct, God does indeed use one man at a time but by his claims of being THAT PROPHET, and other lofty titles, Scripture proves he is not the one God is using].

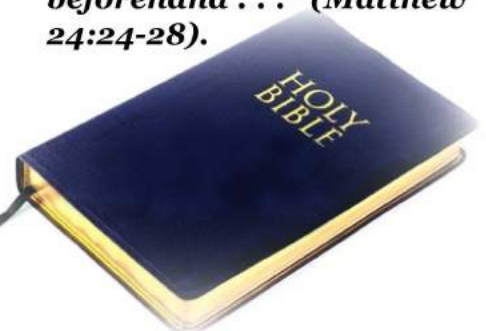
The Greatest Deception of the End-Time

As evident from the foregoing Scriptures, Jesus Christ warned of men being given the power of miracles from Satan the Devil—and their illusions will be so strong that only the true ELECT will not be deceived.

Whether or not these Two Men mentioned by name will be the ones to be given the power of miracles remains yet to be seen. However based on what is already known about them leads one to believe they could very well be two of them. In any case, Scripture reveals the way is now being prepared for whoever they might be.

And by the WISE TESTING these men by the Word of God will recognize them as being false prophets belonging to Satan the devil (**Daniel 12:10; Deuteronomy 13:1-4**). Even so, the warning words of Jesus should always be kept in mind:

“. . . See, I have told you beforehand . . .” (Matthew 24:24-28).



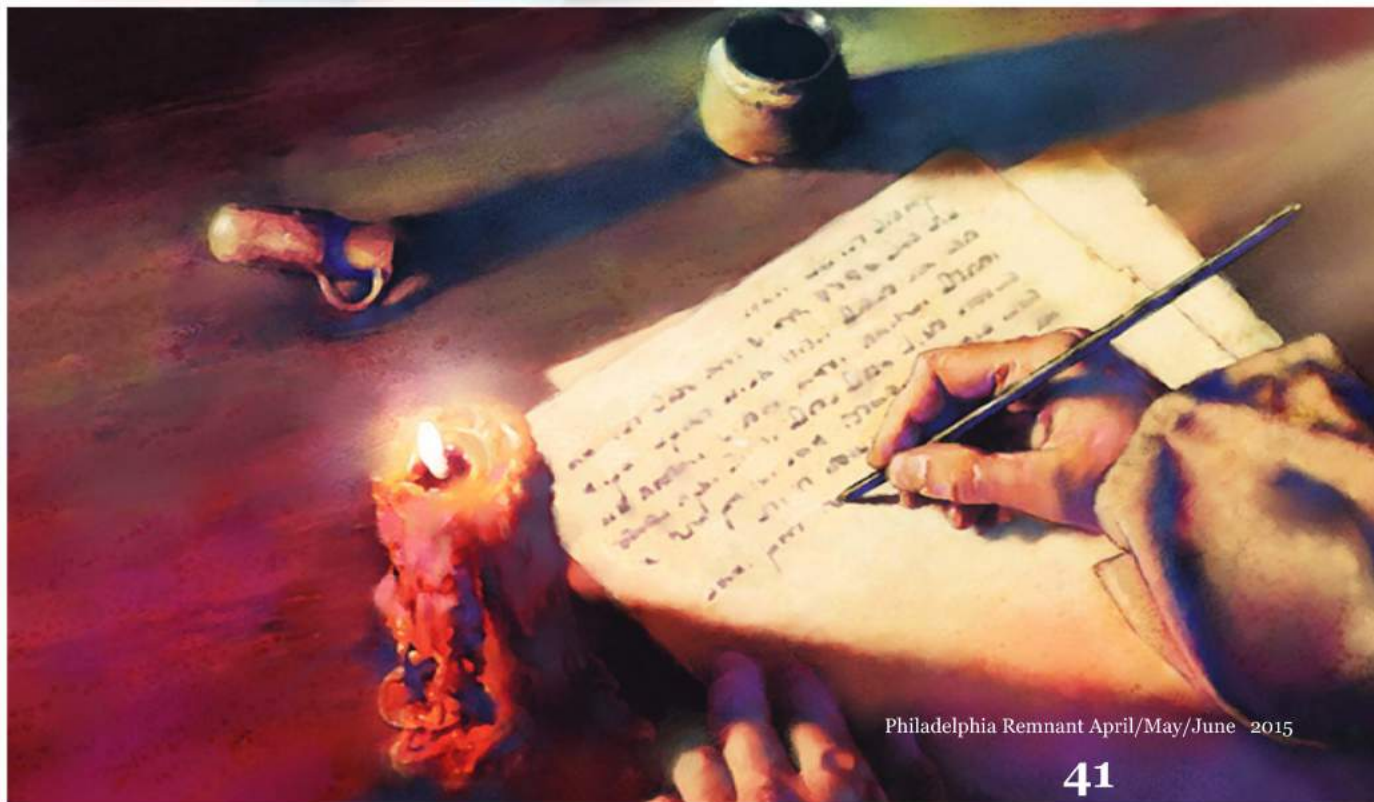
The Struggling Life of a True Christian



Always there is a real uphill struggle for a true Christian to remain faithful to God—struggling against all the enemies that are used by Satan the devil seeking to destroy the ELECT people of God, whether by deception or by persecution that will also come to pass or by other means **(Luke 13:22-30)**.

Deception and persecution will not end this side of entering into the Place of Safety **(Revelation 12:13-16)**.

However there is the assurance from Jesus Christ with His promise to never forsake His true faithful and enduring Elect regardless of whatever the trials might be: **“. . . And lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matthew 28:20)**.



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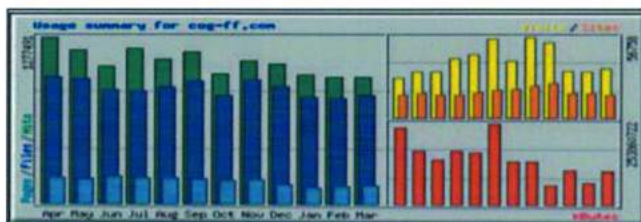
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