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## PENTECOST/FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS/FEAST OF WEEKS

In Palestine there are two annual harvests. The first produced by the early rain, is the spring grain harvest, the second, produced by the "latter rain", comes the main harvest...the much GREATER fall harvest. These annual harvests depict two separate resurrections of human beings. The first harvest represents those God calls during this age to become his begotten children. The second harvest represents those who have not been called during this age but will come to the TRUTH at a much later date, in another age.

If you will recall, Passover symbolizes Christ's sacrifice for the remission of our sins and the Days of Unleavened Bread symbolizes the putting away of sin. So, what does PENTECOST represent? Let's understand a very important point. It is impossible for human beings to develop the mind and nature of God, in and of, themselves. We need help! It was on this day, Pentecost, that God made that help available to mankind. On this day the Holy Spirit FIRST came to dwell within flesh, as prophesied in Joel 2:28. Peter confirmed

this on the Day of Pentecost by saying, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh..." (Acts 2:16-17).

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Remember, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. All must repent of their sins, and accept the blood of Jesus Christ to cover those sins. They must then embark on a Christian life of overcoming sin and putting on the divine nature of God. (II Peter 1:4).

But, God has a Plan. That Plan is to call certain ones, at specific ages, to come to the knowledge of the TRUTH. He does not intend to call everyone at once. Paul explains this in I Cor. 15: 20-24. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die,

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### Called to a Better Resurrection

Does Almighty God require more of some to gain a better resurrection? Is immortality the only reward of the saved? Why are those to be saved in the Millennium not required to war against Satan the Devil.

Jesus Christ said, "Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! (Mark 10:24.) Today it is hard to enter the Kingdom of God! Will it be easier for those in the NEW WORLD to come?"

In this age Christians must fight in a spiritual warfare against the wicked spirits. Notice Eph. 6:12, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,

against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness (the margin reads wicked spirits) in high places."

But in the NEW WORLD to come everything will be different!

Christ, and those of us born into the family of God, will be ruling this earth! Peace will come; Satan and his demons will no longer deceive the nations! There will be no more religious confusion. "And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest." (Heb. 8:11).

Yes, in that happy day there will

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### FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2008!!

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Everyone,

How vividly I remember the excitement of my first love of God's WORD when He began to open my mind to TRUTHS I had never seen before while reading the Bible. I had read the Bible, off and on, all my life but never had I understood it. It was a mystery to me.

The TRUTH about what really happens to us when we die was eye-opening and encouraging to me as I had wondered many times what had happened to my father who had passed away in 1967. The answer was comforting to me. (*If you are new to the Truth of God and have not yet learned what happens to us when we die send for our FREE DVD entitled "After Death, Then What?"*)

The fascination of learning that I was living in a nation (United States) God had actually promised to Abraham's seed was astonishing. And, the fact that I could be a descendant of one of Jacob's sons was truly amazing. That was new to me. (*If you have not yet learned the Truth about Abraham's Blessings, send for our DVD "Abraham's Blessings, Part I & II."*)

Never before had I heard that I, and the rest of mankind, was placed on this earth to one day become members of the very Family of God. This TRUTH was overwhelming. And, it is contrary to many of "Christianities" mainstream doctrines. (*If you would like to learn more about the God Family, send for our FREE reprint article entitled "The God Family."*)

Time and space does not permit me here to reiterate all the TRUTHS I learned when God called me. My purpose, however, in this *Newsletter* is to recount some of the **prophecies** I learned and how they impacted my life. And, how they will impact yours.

I remember reading booklets about "*The Beast*", "*The Mark of the Beast*," "*Revelation Unveiled at Last*," and one fascinating booklet that was later taken out of print, "*1975 in Prophecy*."

After an in depth study of the Bible, Herbert W. Armstrong (*A gentleman who was called years ago and taught the modern day Church of God many of its present day beliefs. Mr. Armstrong is no longer living*) came to understand that the great image constructed for Nebuchadnezzar actually represented four world ruling empires – Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome. These empires were successive empires that would actually cover many centuries. The final resurrection of this empire was to consist of a conglomeration of ten nations that would emerge on the world scene as a Super Power. It would wage war, unite with the great whore described in Revelation chapters 13 & 17, and would ultimately fight Christ at His return to this earth. History proves the existence of all these world ruling governments, and, the final ten nation conglomeration is forming at this moment throughout the European Union.

Through some form of reckoning, Herbert W. Armstrong came to the conclusion that this ten nation combine would emerge in 1972 and would bring about The Great Tribulation. At that time Mr. Armstrong believed the Church would go to a place of safety during the tribulation. So, when we went to the Feast of Tabernacles that year, we truly thought we would go on to the place of safety and be protected during the Tribulation. Now you can see why the booklet "*1975 in Prophecy*" was taken out of print. He was truly incorrect in His reckoning. Mr. Armstrong made the same mistake many other religious organizations make – They set a date for Christ's return! They ignored Christ's admonition that "*no man knows the day nor the hour...*"

Because of mistakes like this, and because "things" appear as they always have been, some have asked the question, "*where is His coming?*" They have grown to doubt the fact that Christ said He would return. Many have slipped back into the "world"!

Does the fact that the Mr. Armstrong misinterpreted the time of the TRIBULATION make it void? Does that mean it isn't going to happen? Absolutely not! It is surer today than 1972, and, to be exact, 36 years closer at the time of this writing. The very signs Christ predicted in Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13 are NOW presenting themselves daily – around the world. Witness the increase in earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, mudslides, volcanic eruptions, droughts, and a whole host of other sorrows. Oh yes, skeptics will say, we have always had these sorrows, so, what's new?

I am not the same foolish young man I was in 1972. I have learned much through the years and am convinced more than ever that when all things are fulfilled, as Christ predicted – HE WILL RETURN! But, not before! We must not ignore the prophecies predicting Christ's return. I say this because I have heard that some of God's Churches are not preaching prophecy today. To ignore prophecy ignores the signs revealing the time of His coming! Ignoring prophecy negates the signs Christ gave us to WATCH!

In just a few months we will be observing The Feast of Trumpets which depicts Christ's return. The Day of Atonement follows, then The Feast of Tabernacles and The Last Great Day. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures Christ's millennial reign on this earth. Will you be a part of that reign? Is it real to you? Will you qualify for a position in God's Government? Or, are these words the "same old story" you have heard for years. I hope you have not become weary with well doing, or, grown complacent because you have heard the same "old messages" for years.

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even so **in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order:** Christ the first fruits, **afterward** they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end..." Notice what John said in John 6 verse 44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." Paul full well understood this concept and wrote to the Church in Corinth, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called...Once you hear the word of TRUTH, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest (down payment) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Eph. 1:13-14).

James stated that God, "of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." (James 1:18). Those called, who believe, who repent of their sins, are baptized, have hands laid on them, and accept the blood of Christ are begotten with the Holy Spirit. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost (Spirit), whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26). How plain! God will call a group of people during this age and begat them with His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will give them the power and ability to keep the Commandments of God and put sin out of their lives. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can put on the Divine Nature of God. Those that are Christ's at his coming will be changed into Spirit Beings and enter the Family of God. (I Thess. 4:13-17; I Cor. 15: 50-52). **(Be sure and read our companion article "Called To A Better Resurrection")**

Just as the True Church of God continues to observe the Passover and The Days of Unleavened Bread, so they continue to observe Pentecost. Read it in your Bible: I Cor. 16:8, Acts 20:16. Moses was inspired to write in Lev. 23:2, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts." Had they not been assembled in a HOLY CONVOCATION on the first Pentecost we would never have read in our Bibles the record of the second chapter of Acts! Make no mistake; God's Holy Days are in effect TODAY! They are in effect because they outline God's Master Plan of Salvation. This plan is a GREAT MYSTERY to the WORLD.

## PENTECOST IS TO BE COUNTED, BUT HOW?

One of the GREAT MYSTERIES in the Bible is God's Holy Days. The majority of mankind has been deceived into believing in the traditional holidays of the world and is totally oblivious to GOD'S HOLY DAYS created for mankind.

God inspired Moses to write one complete chapter outlining HIS Holy Days—Leviticus the twenty-third chapter. In reading this chapter you will find that God specifies the exact day each of these Holy Days is to be observed. Every day EXCEPT Pentecost!

Pentecost is to be COUNTED! It seems simple enough. Let's see how God instructs us to COUNT PENTECOST. Turn in your Bible to Leviticus 23. Let's read verses nine and ten. "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, **then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest:**" Notice verse ten says that a sheaf (handful) of the first fruits shall be brought to the priest. The priest was to wave the sheaf before the Lord (verse 11). When was this waving to be done? On the morrow after the Sabbath (verse 11) Who was the wave sheaf offering for? For YOU! (verse 11). The wave sheaf represents the resurrected Christ.

Read verse 15 of the same chapter. It says, "And ye shall **COUNT** unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete." So when are we to begin our COUNT? "On the morrow after the Sabbath FROM the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering:" And when was the wave sheaf offering brought to the priest? Verse 11 says the wave sheaf offering was to be accepted for you **ON THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH**. That should be clear enough.

For those who understand that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week (Saturday), you surely would know what the morrow (the day after) the Sabbath or Saturday is, wouldn't you? That's correct—SUNDAY or the first day of the week. Now read verse 15 again. It says "ye shall **COUNT** unto you FROM the MORROW (Sunday) after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering (Sunday), the morrow after the Sabbath, (verse 11); seven Sabbaths shall be complete:" Seven Sabbaths is seven weeks. So we COUNT seven weeks. Look on a calendar and begin counting seven Sabbaths from the morrow after the Sabbath. You will begin your count on SUNDAY. After counting seven Sabbaths you will come to a Saturday. Count it for yourself and see. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday is seven days. Counting seven weeks like this will bring you to a SATURDAY (Sabbath).

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Now read verse 16. Verse 16 reads, “*Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number fifty days;*” If you count seven Sabbaths you will have forty-nine days. But you are to count FIFTY days. “*Even unto the morrow (Sunday) AFTER the seventh Sabbath...*” PENTECOST always comes on Sunday (the morrow after the Sabbath), but not always on the SAME DATE as with the other HOLY DAYS.

In most cases it is simple enough to count. You simply begin your COUNT from the morrow after the Sabbath that falls during the Days of Unleavened Bread. But, occasionally the Sabbath falls on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread. What do we do then? Do we count FROM the morrow after that Sabbath seven weeks? Let’s let the Bible tell us what to do.

Notice carefully that the wave sheaf offering was to be brought to the priest to be offered for the people on the **morrow after the Sabbath**. We have already discussed this. Now read verse 14. It says, “*And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, UNTIL THE SELFSAME DAY, that ye have brought an offering (wave sheaf offering) unto your God:*” The people were **NOT PERMITTED** to eat their crops UNTIL the wave sheaf offering had been waved by the priest. Which day was the wave sheaf offering to be waved? On the morrow after the Sabbath—Sunday as we know it.

Turn now to Joshua the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. Read verse 10, “*And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.*” Now read verse 11 of Joshua 5, it says, “*And THEY DID EAT of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the SELFSAME DAY*”. What can we conclude from this passage? Let’s review what we have learned so far. 1) The wave sheaf offering was to be brought to the priest on the morrow after the Sabbath (verse 11). 2) The wave sheaf offering was to be waved ON THE SELFSAME DAY BEFORE the people could eat bread, corn, or green ears. 3) The COUNT was to begin on the SELFSAME DAY that the

wave sheaf was offered, and it HAD TO BE on **THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH**.

Now, read Joshua 5 again. It says that “*they DID EAT of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover...*” When did they eat? On the morrow after the Passover. The Passover had to have been on a Sabbath that year because Joshua 5 says that *they did eat of the old corn of the land on the MORROW after the Passover*. That is perfectly clear! It is obvious that the Passover occurred on the weekly Sabbath that year. The day after the Passover (weekly Sabbath) was Sunday. The wave sheaf offering was conducted by the priest. The people were then permitted to EAT! The COUNT had to begin on that day according to Leviticus 23:15. It says “*And ye shall COUNT unto you FROM THE MORROW after the Sabbath, FROM THE DAY that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering;*” In Joshua 5:11 the priest had to have presented the wave sheaf offering on the morrow after the Passover (weekly Sabbath that year) before the people could eat the corn, green ears, and bread. The COUNT for Pentecost had to begin “*from the morrow after the Sabbath (which occurred on Passover that year), from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering;*” (Lev. 23:15).

This year, 2008, the First Day of Unleavened Bread occurred on April 20, a Sunday. The weekly Sabbath fell on April 26<sup>th</sup>. This year Passover fell on the weekly Sabbath, just as it did in Joshua 5, so we began our count on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2008.

This year 2008, we find a situation as in Joshua 5. The Passover occurred on a weekly Sabbath, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The count for Pentecost began on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April which is a Sunday, the morrow after the Sabbath. Count seven Sabbaths and you come to June 7<sup>th</sup>—a Sabbath (Saturday). The morrow after the seventh Sabbath is PENTECOST – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Be sure and watch the Church’s messages outlining the meaning and purpose of one of God’s vital parts to His Magnificent Plan of Salvation – PENTECOST.

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If God has called you into His TRUTH, I hope it is still as exciting to you as when you first heard it. I know for me it is. In fact, I think it is even more exciting today, so much more as we see the day approaching. I hope to see you all at this year’s Feast.

Sincerely,



George Trent

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be no more persecution from relatives or neighbors. Everyone will know the way of God!

But why has God allowed Satan and his demons to fight against Christians today? Why this added warfare? God has required us to go through more trials today to receive eternal life that will be required of those to be born in the Millennium! Why? Notice the examples of Abraham, of David, and of the prophets. Abraham looked far beyond what many of us do today. He had more prophetic vision than most of us today.

These worthy men of old went through many terrible things in their lives of obedience to God. Notice Heb. 11:34-35. They *"quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed (became) valiant in fight (battle), turned to fight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection."*

Did you notice that? Here is one answer to this enigma. Here is why God has required more of some than others! Those called and chosen in this age, and all the past ages are called to a **BETTER RESURRECTION!**

God has not required more of some and less of others to gain immortality, but He has called some to Higher Offices in a better resurrection. These have required more training, more experience and more overcoming to qualify for higher offices. Remember the gifts and the callings are of God! God does at times call some to higher office than others.

Have you ever thought that one resurrection might be better than another? The first resurrection of which this refers, is to immortality and ruler ship in the Kingdom of God. The second resurrection is one to mortal life -- to a life of trial and testing. And yet, there is in it a possibility to attain immortality. The third resurrection is one of utter destruction. It is for those who have sinned willfully, who have committed

the unpardonable sin, to those who have had their chance for salvation and have rejected it

God has in general called those of this age to higher positions in His kingdom, than those who come after. Notice in your Bible, how God millenniums ago, selected men to rule over Israel. Later He added the twelve apostles to rule various tribes. Now He is calling or inviting others to fill lower positions under these men. God usually calls those with the highest offices first. He is calling us to positions of authority above those who will come in the ages to follow. They too will have opportunity to rule in the Kingdom of God, but, in a lesser way. Think of the billions of people who have either lived and died before us, or who will live after us in the millennium. And yet, how few in comparison He has called in this age. He is now calling out just a few to serve in these higher offices.

On the other hand, some who are called now may not overcome as they should and not attain to the high office that God has called them to. Possibly some who follow after, who do overcome more will be over them in authority.

God has provided a better, a higher calling for us, *"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect"* (Heb. 11:40). In other words, those for the resurrection consist of a definite number. Those of past ages are not complete without us. The bride of Christ is being selected in this age and is a complete body. When it is complete, when it becomes the bride of Christ, others will not be added to it. Rev. 19:7 tells us of the marriage of the Lamb to His wife. The others that come after will have their reward; they will also be a part of the family of God; however, they are nowhere called as part of the bride of Christ. This may have much greater significance than you may realize.

Read on through Hebrews 12, and notice particularly verse 23. Here is mentioned the *"Church of the firstborn."* Remember that in ancient times it was the custom for the first-

born to receive the greater share of the father's estate. God is to make us heir of all things. And yet who will receive the greater share?

The Firstborn! They will have greater opportunity for service. They will be in higher positions of authority in God's Kingdom. The one who has the highest office can more effectively help more people.

In this place the word *"firstborn"* is somewhat misleading. The word in the Greek is plural. In other words if we were to translate it correctly in English, we would say the *"firstborn ones."* There are more than one who will be firstborn. At the resurrection many sons will be born at once. These will have an earlier opportunity for service in the Kingdom of God. They will have a greater opportunity of serving than those that come afterward.

In ancient time God called the firstborn of each family to serve Him. The firstborn failed and God had to call others to do this service. In the millennium, God will again use this same principle of using the firstborn for His special service in governing the world.

When we first come into the Church, we often think that we do not want to rule in God's Kingdom. All we want is to be given eternal life. How selfish we are! We want to receive the benefits of eternal life, and yet we do not want to serve others. The higher the position in God's Kingdom that we might attain, the more we will be able to serve and help others. It is even so today. You and I should want to qualify for the highest office possible in God's Kingdom. If you are faithful over a few things in this life, God will make you ruler over many things in the life to come.

In a business or corporation of this world, the man at the top must have the best training and background. The man who is a janitor or a door-keeper does not need the training or the experience of the president of the company. In like manner, so is the Kingdom of God. Those who have overcome the most, who have had the greatest

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experience, who have proved themselves more effectively than the others will have the highest position. The one with the most experience is Jesus Christ. And He will be the King over that kingdom. The others who have high positions will be those who have the best experience, who have overcome more, and who have grown more spiritually.

Now maybe you can begin to realize why some must go through more in this life than others. They have been invited or called to a higher office in God's Kingdom. God has not put a different price on immortality, but he does require more of some than of others to qualify for the high position that He has called them to.

Think how much more experience those in the first resurrection will have than those who will come after. They will have 1,000 years more experience in ruling in God's Kingdom than those to come later.

It is impossible for us who are now mortal to fully realize the great high calling to which God has called us. We can only see a few of the more obvious things about this high calling. Notice Rev. 3:12. Here is a prophecy concerning our Church. Those that overcome of this Church will be "*pillars in the temple of God at Jerusalem.*" We refer to a strong person in the Church as a pillar in the Church. And so it is in this case too. Those of this Church have been called to be at temple in Jerusalem, the headquarters on this earth of the Kingdom of God. Our calling and office will be at Jerusalem. That will be our abode, our dwelling place. Just as God in heaven has His dwelling place, so will we be at Jerusalem where we can be with Christ personally.

Reading on in this verse notice that we who overcome are to have the name of God upon us. God names things what they are. If we have the name of God, then we will be God. Here is an-

other of the many, many places indicating that those who attain to the resurrection will be a part of the very family of God.

We also will have the name of this city of God, that is, the New Jerusalem. Does this make any sense to you? The city of the New Jerusalem you may think, is that city which God is preparing in heaven. Yes, that is true, and yet a city is more than the buildings and the streets which it contains. A city is composed also of those people who live there. At the beginning of this verse God says that we will no more go out of the temple of God. We then will be residents of that city.

For more proof turn to Rev. 20:9. Here is a time pictured which follows the 1,000 year period, and the 100 year period. This is after the old heaven and the old earth are destroyed and a new heaven and a new earth are made. The New Jerusalem comes to this earth, and God the Father comes to dwell on the earth. In this verse the angel tells John "*Come, I will show you the bride.*" Now remember that we of this age are called to be a part of the bride, those in the first resurrection. But what does the angel show John? A woman? No, he shows him the city the New Jerusalem. Why does he do this? He does this because the bride of Christ not only lives with Him in the New Jerusalem, but also rules from that city! Here is where the saints of this age, those who overcome, and are a part of the bride of Christ will be centered.

During the time of the new heavens and the new earth, we will be at the very headquarters of the Universe. What a glorious opportunity and joy to look forward to! To be at the very headquarters of the universe, at the same place where God the Father, and where Jesus Christ

and many of the Holy Angels will dwell.

But there are many more who will make up God's Kingdom at that time. We find them mentioned in the Rev. 21:24, "*And the nations of them which are saved (they will be immortal), shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.*" Yes, there are still rulers and kings in God's Kingdom. And they are not all at the New Jerusalem. They will come to the New Jerusalem, to visit it, and bring their glory (their divinity, or immortality) into it.

God has called many of us who were the foolish, the weak, the low-born, and the despised to an exceeding "*high calling*" (I Cor. 1:26-31). He has called us to confound the wise. He will confound them through us in the ages to come.

Think how great a responsibility God has offered to us, the firstborn! By serving in a greater position of authority, we will be able to help and to serve more people more effectively.

Because of the joy that was set before Him, Christ endured the stake. Maybe you too can now see better the joy that is set before you. God will not require of you more than you are able to bear. You can endure to the end! The way may seem difficult and hard at times. And yet you need not fall! "*Wherefore the rather brethren give diligence to make your calling and election sure. For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall*" (II Peter 1:10). If you do the things Peter mentions in this chapter, you will never fall. You will endure to the end. You will be in that better resurrection. You too will be a pillar in the temple at Jerusalem, Palestine. You too will be an eternal resident of that Holy City the New Jerusalem.

**F.O.T. NEWS!!!!**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOLIDAY INN SOUTH WILL BE RENAMED THE BEST WESTERN. NOTHING ELSE HAS CHANGED, EXCEPT THE NAME. WE WILL STILL HAVE FEAST OF TABERNACLES SERVICES AT THE SAME BUILDING—ONLY THE NAME HAS CHANGED!!**

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## YOU CAN BECOME GOD!

Are you really aware of what Christians are promised in the Bible? Do you grasp the absolute, marvelous, unbelievable Truth, of what lies ahead for those who will yield to the Ways of God? What is your *absolute trust*, your *hope*, your *faith and YOUR ETERNAL LIFE* in? Are you positively sure that your beliefs are correct? Did they come from God's WORD? For instance: Do you think you are going to Heaven when you die? Millions do! Do you believe you'll float around on a cloud, maybe listening to harp music? Maybe you believe in the "beatific vision", where you gaze at the face of Jesus for all eternity? Some non-Christians think they will be given 72 virgins to enjoy forever. There are many ideas of how we'll spend eternity and what form or body we'll have.

### None Of the Above Are True

The *ideas of men* I've mentioned in my opening statements are totally untrue and are *not* what God has promised to true Christians. And, there are many, many more *confusing beliefs of men*, inspired by Satan the devil, that he uses to deceive this present world. Notice Revelations 12:9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which *deceiveth the whole world*: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." If you have some rudimentary knowledge of the Bible, you may know this is speaking of the time when Satan, then called Lucifer, rebelled against his Creator, attempted an overthrow of the very Throne of God, and was cast back down to the earth. (Scriptures you might want to read in conjunction with this, are Isaiah 14:12--15; Ezekiel 28:12--17; Luke 10:18.)

Now just *how* would you recognize a *deceiver* or a false minister? How do you know that *I am not someone who is trying to mislead or deceive you*? Both false teachers and true ministers of Jesus Christ *quote Scripture* to convince you that they

are of the Truth. Even Satan can quote the Bible! (Luke 4:10) He has his own ministry! (II Cor. 11:14,15)

### False Ministers Are Not Easily Recognized

Just because someone alleges to be a true minister of Jesus Christ, even though he may have great recognition; even though he may be known worldwide and have millions of adherents or followers, does not qualify him as a representative of Christ. You may or may not recognize the person responsible for the following quotes, nevertheless, this is what he said to a question:

Q: "Does God have hands and eyes and feet, and so forth, like we do? I know you'll probably say He doesn't, but what does the Bible mean then when it says we were created in His image? I'm a new believer, and I'm embarrassed to ask this, but I don't know very much about the Bible. --T.M."

Now we hear this ministers reply: (Knoxville News Sentinel, June 7, 2006)

A. "Don't be embarrassed to ask questions about the Bible; God wants you to know what it teaches! The Bible is God's Word, and the main reason God gave it to us is so we could know Him and allow His truth to change our lives. No, God doesn't have hands or eyes or feet; God is a spiritual being without form or body, and He is far greater than any physical being. Sometimes the Bible speaks about God's hands or eyes, but when it does, it is using symbolic language to convey some truth about His activity: "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him" (2 Chronicles 16:9). When the Bible says God created the human race in His image, *it means that God put His character or imprint on our souls or spirits*. We aren't God--but we are like Him (although limited). Because of this, we have the ability to love, and to know right from wrong. Because

we bear God's image, we are different from the animals, and all human life is sacred. The tragedy is that God's image within us has been defaced and twisted by sin (although not destroyed). But Christ came to make us whole, and someday "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2). In the meantime, make it your goal to grow closer to Christ, serve Him with all of your life."

### Anything Wrong With That Answer?

I believe, if we look into God's Word more carefully, we'll see God's answer to be a lot different than this man's explanation. What does the Genesis account say about man's creation? Genesis 1:26 "And God (Elohim) said, Let us make man (Adam = mankind) in *our* (plural, *showing God to be more than One Person*), *image*, after our *likeness*... 27. So God created man in His *own image*, in the *image of God* (*after the likeness of God or the God kind*.) created He him; male and female created He them." Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God *formed* man of the dust of the ground, (*in His shape and image*) and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man *became* a living *soul*." MAN BECAME A SOUL; NOT THAT HE HAS A SOUL.

How do you "put His character or imprint on our souls or spirits", as said in the minister's reply? WE ARE FORMED IN THE IMAGE OR LIKENESS OF GOD, yet in the physical state! OF COURSE GOD HAS HANDS, EYES, AND FEET!! He has all the outward features and appearances of a human being, but He is composed of Spirit and can't be seen at this time. And now, in this mortal form, we are only in a temporary state--a clay model, you might say. But this is only the *First Stage* of our creation!

So, what Great Transcendental Purpose does God have in mind for humankind? God's Plan is to develop HIS HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER in human beings! I

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# FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2008

Our next Newsletter is not due out until September. Since the Feast of Tabernacles is observed during October, we are including some Feast information in our June Edition.

Please note that the Holiday Inn where the Feast of Tabernacles is held will be changing names in September to the Best Western. The location is the same, **ONLY** the name of the hotel has changed.

We look forward to seeing you this year at the Feast!

Below is a list of motels/hotels in the area.  
Make reservations now as the Feast will once again be upon us.  
God willing, we'll see you all there.

## LEXINGTON LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many motels, hotels, suites, apartments and the Kentucky Horse Park campgrounds, just minutes away from the Feast site. Below are a few. Please reserve your room as soon as possible!

### BEST WESTERN (FORMALLY THE HOLIDAY INN SOUTH) LOCATION AND MEETING SITE

Located just off I-75/exit 104, 5532 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington. **1-800-315-2621** or **859-263-5241**. On site laundry, large indoor pool, restaurant, kids eat free, lounge, pets allowed. Waffle House in front of hotel.

### RED ROOF INN

Just one block off I-75/exit 104. **859-543-1877**. Continental breakfast, pool/hot spa, micro/fridge available, pets ok.

### DAYS INN

Just off I-75/exit 104. **859-263-3100**. Park at door, free breakfast, pets allowed (fee).

### ECONO LODGE

Off I-75/exit 104. **859-263-5101**. Park at door, free breakfast, micro/fridge available.

### COMFORT SUITES

Off I-75/exit 104. Some first floor rooms have door parking, micro/fridge, deluxe continental breakfast, pool, all rooms suites. **859-263-0777**.

### EXTENDED STAY, AMERICA

There are three locations in Lexington. They have studio, single or doubles. (Some kitchen units are available, first come-first serve).

1. 2650 Wilhite Drive **859-278-9600**
2. 3775 Tates Creek Road **859-271-6160**
3. 2750 Gribbin Drive **859-266-4800**

### KENTUCKY HORSE PARK CAMPGROUNDS

Call the KHP campgrounds at **1-800-370-6416**. The campgrounds are approximately 16 miles from the Feast site. Sites are first come, first served.

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## COMING SOON — YOUR RULERSHIP IN GOD’S KINGDOM

Jesus Christ is about to restore God’s government to this earth, and Christians are to rule with Him for 1,000 years. That’s what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures

Utopia, the model of society! Humanity has always dreamed of living in an ideal world, one with perfect laws, government and social conditions. This ideal world would have lasting peace, abundance and exciting opportunities for all.

But all of man’s governments, cultures and social experiments have failed to produce this result. Instead we live in a world filled with misery and increasing evils. It is a world tottering on the brink of destroying itself!

Even the dictionary defines the concept of a utopian society as an “impossible ideal.”

But is utopia impossible? NO! In fact, exactly such a society is just ahead of us now. God promises it! Bible prophecy shows that this earth will be changed into a real utopia, and that you can have a part in making it happen. You can assist Jesus Christ, beginning at His Second Coming, in ruling this world (Rev. 5:10).

That is the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, the 6<sup>th</sup> of God’s seven annual festivals. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures God’s spirit-born Family ruling on earth during the Millennium, the Kingdom of God.

Exciting, isn’t it? What a wonderful opportunity it would be to take part in eliminating human suffering so that all can experience true happiness. War will be outlawed. Famine will disappear. Illiteracy will be wiped out. Life will become thrilling!

What a joy it will be to help create these conditions! Never before has such awesome opportunity for doing good existed. As a glorified member of the God Family (Rom. 8:17-21), you’ll be in a position to enforce God’s law, which will automatically produce happiness.

But as a ruler in God’s Kingdom, how will you relate to God the Father, Jesus Christ and other mem-

bers of God’s Family? How will you work with human beings under your care? What laws will you teach and enforce?

Let’s explore our future as rulers in God’s Kingdom. Let’s try to envision the thrill and excitement of being ruling members of God’s Family. Rulership in God’s Family will involve teamwork, working together for everyone’s good.

We will be serving under God the Father (John 14:28) and Jesus Christ (Rev. 19:15-16; Eph. 1:20-22). Those who have qualified during their human lives will hold top administrative positions. David, for instance, will be king over all Israel (Ezek. 37:24). Others will see that the knowledge of God’s way goes forth from Jerusalem to the entire world (Isa. 1-4).

Those at headquarters will work together in unity with those ruling around the world. No longer will division and strife among rulers be tolerated. No longer will anyone work at cross-purposes; no longer will anyone complete for recognition, influence or importance. All will be in harmony with God the Father and Jesus Christ (John 17:10-11).

Imagine such ruler ship on a global scale. God’s divine power will extend this ruler ship to everyone, not just a few, and unheard of productivity and happiness will abound.

Destructive trends from 6,000 years of human misrule will be reversed. Through miraculous intervention, the environment will be changed. Mountains will be lowered and valleys raised. Dramatic climate changes will alter barren deserts, turning them into thriving locations for desirable plants and animals. Miraculous healings will occur and sickness will be abolished (Isa. 40:4; 35:1-7, 9). The very nature of animals will be changed so they no longer harm or fear man (Isa. 11:6-8).

Once the initial geological changes have been made, the land will be ready for resettling. We will resettle the destitute refugees who survive the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord and help them begin a way of life they have not known.

A Temple will be constructed; Christ shall sit as supreme Ruler (Ezek. 43:1-7; 44:1-2). Jerusalem will be rebuilt; much smaller but more beautiful, with verdant agricultural land just outside the city limits (Ezek. 48: 15-19).

The entire land of Israel will be divinely allocated and families will be given a portion of land as an inheritance to own throughout the Millennium without fear of losing it (vs. 1-7, 23-28). Agriculture will become the basis of society. Small, family owned farms will produce bountiful crops without soil erosion or the use of harmful pesticides or chemical fertilizers (Amos 9:13). Proper farming methods, favorable weather and societal respect for farming will bring joy to the farmers of the future.

Business and industry will still exist, but on a far different scale. The emphasis will be on serving others. For example, beating swords into plowshares (Isa. 2:4) will involve manufacturing equipment for constructive purposes from war machinery that was once used to kill.

No longer will huge, impersonal “get” oriented industries pollute the atmosphere, provide monotonous work or waste people’s potential. Workers will enjoy their work as they produce quality goods in a safe and stimulating environment.

Industrial pollution will be halted. Natural energy sources such as sunlight will be wisely used and reusable materials will be recycled, thereby greatly reducing industrial waste.

Even the source of many raw materials will change. Abundant mineral resources from the oceans will be made available for productive use (Isa. 60:5)

Cities will be rebuilt, intelligently planned so that people won’t experience the problems of over-crowding and separation from the beauty and tranquility of an agriculture society. Cities will be architecturally breathtaking, built according to a divinely inspired master plan (Amos 9:14).

Economic uncertainty will be

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want to make a bold statement here that is utterly oblivious to mankind in general:

### GOD IS REPRODUCING HIMSELF!

“Blasphemous!”, you may cry. “Abominable words!”, you may say. “You’re way out of bounds”; “Lock this person up!” “How dare you make such a statement!” In the vernacular, similar accusations were made toward Jesus Christ. John 5:17 “But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that *God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*” John 10:33 “The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because thou, being a man, makest thyself God. 34. Jesus answered them, It is not written in your law. I said, YE ARE GODS? 35. If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36. Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?”

Furthermore, we read in Matthew 26:63 “But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God? 65. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy..”

### We May Be Severely Persecuted, For The Same “Blasphemy”!

Yes, Christ was telling them, they were *potential Gods!* But there is a *process* that we and everyone else must follow, if we intensely want to be *born again* into the very God Family. What do I mean by this statement? Ephesians 3:15 “Of whom the whole *family* in heaven and earth is named.” God is a Family! John 3:3 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Ex-

cept a man be *born again*, (or from *above*) he cannot see (hasn’t seen) the kingdom of God. 4. Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” This man understood that Christ was talking of an *actual birth*. Jesus proceeds to explain what has to take place in this *second birth*. Verse 5 “Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (symbolic of baptism) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” Then He begins to clarify the difference in a *physical birth* and a *Spiritual birth* into immortality, or into the kingdom or *Family of God*. 6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit IS spirit. 7. Marvel not that that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and you hear the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit.”

No, you can’t see a Spirit Being, unless they reveal themselves to you. We will be that way, when we become “born again” into the very Family of God! When we join our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ, as literal Sons of God! Notice this plain truth in the following: I Corinthians 15:20 “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the *firstfruits* of them that slept. 22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23. But every man in his *own order*: Christ the firstfruits; afterward *they that are Christ’s at His coming.*” This is when we are “born again”; “born of the Spirit! Verse 50 “Now this I say, *brethern*, that *flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God*. 52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the last trump*: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (into Spirit Beings in the God Family).” Roman 8:11 “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 your mortal bodies *by his Spirit that dwells in you*. 16. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our

spirit, that we are *the children of God*: 17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and *joint heirs of Christ*; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be glorified together.” NOTICE THIS VERY IMPORTANT VERSE! Verse 29 “For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that he might be FIRST-BORN AMONG MANY BROTHERN.”

Yes, we are to follow our Brother, Christ, into the glorified state of becoming God! Hebrews 2:11 “For both He that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to *call them brethern.*” This marvelous Truth is hidden from most of the world, at this time.

How does Christ appear in His glorified state, “---the glory which I had with thee *before the world was.*” (John 17:5). Jesus Christ *is* the very Creator God of Genesis! John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD. 3. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; and WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANYTHING MADE THAT WAS MADE. 14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)--” This includes man, which He made “in our image, after our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26)

Let us now answer the question: “Does God have hands and eyes and feet, and so forth, like *we do*?” The highly esteemed Evangelist didn’t think so! We must believe God!

Revelations 1:12 “And I turned to see the voice (Oh, He had a *voice* - I would think He had a *mouth*.) that spake with me.” 13. “And in the midst of the seven candlesticks, one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment (He must have had a *body or torso*) down to the *foot*, and girt about the paps (hips) with a golden girdle. 14. His *head* and His *hairs* were white like wool, as white as snow; and His *eyes* were as a flame of fire; 15. And his *feet* like

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unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his *voice* as the sound of many waters. 17. And He had in His *right hand* seven stars: ( I suppose He had a *left hand* too) and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword:(The Word of God) and His *countenance (face)* was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

This is how He looked before and during His Creative acts! Biblical fact shows that God does have hands, eyes, feet and other features that a human has, no matter what any man says. I John 3:1 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be (future) called the *sons of God*: therefore the world (the unconverted, without God’s Holy Spirit) knoweth us not,

because it knew Him not. 2. Beloved, *now are we the sons of God* (In a *begotten state*), and it doth not yet appear what we *shall be* (as fully *born again* Sons of God): but *we know* that (through having God’s Spirit) when He shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see Him *as He is*.”

Christ came to reveal the Father. John 14:8 “Phillip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father... 9. Jesus saith he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;” Hebrews 1:3 “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the *express image of his person*...”

Don’t believe everyone that comes along with a “religious message. Christ warned in Matthew 24:5 “Many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ;

and shall deceive many.” II Corinthians 11:14 “-- for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15. Therefore it is no great thing if *his ministers* also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

And of course, we invite you to check up on us! Here is the criteria we all must follow! Isaiah 8:20 “To the law (reference to O.T.) and to the testimony (N.T.): if they speak not according to this word (The Holy Bible), it is because there is no light (truth) in them.”

Make no mistake, YOU CAN BECOME GOD, and you will be like HIM!

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replaced by God’s financial system, with stability, full employment and job satisfaction. No longer will man be plagued by runaway inflation, excessive taxes and high interest rates.

Happily married couples living in harmony will produce children they truly love and know how to rear. Together these families will enjoy activities that bring them much happiness (Jer. 31:13).

As a ruler you will be able to provide people the opportunity to develop their talents through schooling, encouragement and practical experience. Your relationship with humans will include spending time with them in social situations that you’ll both enjoy. Your ruler ship will not be some distant, impersonal relationship with humans under your rule or with fellow spirit beings. Not at all. You will enjoy being with them, sharing experiences, discussing ideas, doing things together and making plans for the future (Ps. 16:11; 145:110-12).

Does all this mean that there will

be no problems in the new world to come? No! Problems from the lingering influence of Satan-inspired human nature will be prevalent at the onset of the Millennium. The warning that some nations will not receive rain unless they keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:17) implies that some will not initially want to obey God. It will indeed take time for God’s way of life to permeate the whole world (Matt. 13:33).

The Godly power of discernment, though, will enable you to make the right decisions when you’re faced with a problem. You’ll be able to stop problems before they get out of control (Isa. 30: 20-21).

Ruling in the Millennium! Think about this incredible potential you have in your future. Truly a joyous time of ruler ship awaits all of us for all eternity. During the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles you will be hearing more about the wonderful NEW WORLD to come.

But merely knowing about these things is not enough. You must diligently respond to the calling God is

giving you. You must work to develop the attributes of a king by yielding to the will of God (Matt. 7:21; 18:3; James 1:22-25). As a ruler of the future you must look beyond the difficulties now facing you, to your ultimate reward (Rom. 8:18). That is what Jesus Christ did (Heb. 12:2-3; I Peter 2:21).

Allow this hope to burn brightly in you, for God’s plan extends even beyond what this article has covered. Your ruler ship shall extend to all the universe that now lies dead, awaiting its time for life (Rom. 8:18-23).

Remember the example of Jesus Christ and be obedient to His will. If you do, someday He’ll apply these words to you: “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord” (Matt. 25:21). Plan now to attend this year’s Feast of Tabernacles. Begin now to practice what one day will become a reality.

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## MINI-CORRESPONDENCE COURSE QUIZ

*For those of you presently enrolled in The Church of God New World Ministries Mini-Correspondence Course and would like to know how well you have comprehended the information you have studied so far, we are providing a QUIZ for Lessons 25, 26, & 27. (The previous Lessons were covered in past Newsletters). The questions are self-explanatory. Simply write your answers on a sheet of paper and when you are finished you may check your answers found on page 14.*

### TRUE or FALSE:

1. \_\_\_\_ You must work hard and produce many works to earn salvation.
2. \_\_\_\_ Righteousness is developed in the human being by the keeping of God's Commandments.
3. \_\_\_\_ The prophet Samuel was inspired to write that it was actually a sin not to pray.
4. \_\_\_\_ When one fasts spiritually he/she should drink a little water for strength.
5. \_\_\_\_ The second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself.
6. \_\_\_\_ God divided the nations after the Noachian flood because they tried to unite against his wishes.
7. \_\_\_\_ The Church places great emphasis upon the need for Christians to serve their fellow man.
8. \_\_\_\_ The three members of the God Family are: The Father, the Son, & The Holy Spirit.
9. \_\_\_\_ Adam and Eve developed the institution of marriage after they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
10. \_\_\_\_ The marriage relationship between a husband and wife is a type of Christ and the Church.

### MATCHING:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ____ 1. To be in Christ      | A. without ceasing                  |
| ____ 2. All thy commandments | B. to visit widows & the fatherless |
| ____ 3. Pray                 | C. hold fast to that which is good  |

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| _____4. Prove all things             | D. family                          |
| _____5. Greek word <i>aion</i>       | E. first commandment with promise  |
| _____6. Pure religion                | F. you must have the Holy Spirit   |
| _____7. God is a                     | G. Christ                          |
| _____8. Logos or Spokesman was       | H. union of Christ with the saints |
| _____9. Marriage                     | I. are righteousness               |
| _____10. 5 <sup>th</sup> commandment | J. world; society                  |



**FILL IN THE BLANK(S):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is an individual matter between a person and God.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is enmity against God: it is not subject to the law of God.
3. God's laws are shed abroad in our hearts by \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The only Holy Day God commands his servants to fast is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is dead.
6. Though Christians are "in the world" they are not to be "\_\_\_\_\_".
7. God is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of persons.
8. Present members of the God Family are: \_\_\_\_\_.
9. God has placed the \_\_\_\_\_ as head of the family.
10. Those who believe on Christ can actually become "\_\_\_\_\_".

## Don't Believe a Lie About The Truth!

Did you ever attempt to relate some information to a lawyer, or some law enforcement person, or an insurance investigator? Did you become irritated when every time you told a crucial part of the story you were interrupted and asked, "Now how do you know that? Did you actually see that happen? Do you know that for a fact or did someone else tell you?"

It would seem that he was forever interrupting and never willing just to accept your statement of the way things happened. He insisted on getting to the ultimate source of the information. He only wanted the firsthand facts and was never willing to accept your assumptions.

On the other hand, did you ever talk to someone who never bothered to question one iota of your story? To the contrary, whatever was said was accepted with, "Oh! Is that right?" or "Oh! I didn't know that." The difference is that in the first case you were dealing with a professional fact finder; in the second case, with a gullible gossip believer.

The professional fact finder has learned through diligent training and experience that the majority of information that people relate is exaggerated, colored, misinterpreted, based on assumptions or just altogether false. He knows that in order to arrive at the actual truth of the matter, diligent inquiry is necessary to sift fact from falsehood. To these professionals, the comment "they say" does not establish the truth of a matter, but usually is a sure sign that the statement is pure gossip.

On the other hand, the gullible gossip believer isn't interested in the facts or the truth of the matter. All he wants to hear is something interesting and exciting. It doesn't matter how false or inaccurate. He wants a story, usually derogatory, that he can relate to someone else. Then he can leave with the feeling that he knows something somebody else doesn't, no matter how erroneous it might be in fact. This elates and inflates his ego and vanity.

In times past, certain people caused some to reject God's truth (II Tim. 2:16-18; Jude 4, 8, 15, 18). Such people are active today (II Peter 2:1-3; 3:1-3; II Thess. 2:7). And Jesus Christ warns

you to take heed, lest anyone deceive you (Matt. 24:4-5). Then, as now, there was a great master professional behind them; inspiring them; using them. That great mastermind is Satan the Devil (Rev. 12:10; II Cor. 4:4; 11: 13-15).

Satan has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9). One device he uses is plain, bold-faced lies (John 8:44). He knows human nature and recognizes that one of its proclivities is to be a willing hearer of gossip and falsehoods (Jer. 5:30-31).

There are many biblical examples of how gullible gossip believers fell victim to Satan by believing a lie against the truth. The following are just some of them:

1) The angels under Lucifer were duped into believing they could dethrone God (Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:9).

2) Eve carelessly accepted Satan's explanation of the situation and rejected God's. She didn't make inquiry to ascertain truth from error. She carelessly assumed Satan was correct and reaped the disastrous penalty.

3) Noah preached of the impending Flood for 120 years (Gen. 6:3). During all this time the world had the witness of Noah's preaching and saw or knew about the construction of the Ark. The world, however, with the exception of eight people, rejected that witness. They accepted the lie that all things would continue as they were (II Peter 3:4).

4) God's prophet told Ahab that he should not go to war, but Ahab rejected the warning and chose to believe a demonic lie that was in accord with his own physical desires (II Chron. 18).

5) A prophet of God chose to disobey a direct instruction from God. He chose to believe the lie of a false prophet; to believe that an angel could countermand God's command (I Kings 13).

6) Some individuals rejected the preaching of the apostles and accepted the false teachings of those who claimed that the resurrection was already past (II Tim. 2:14-18).

7) Others believed such totally false doctrine that Peter was inspired to call such doctrines "*damnable heresies*" (II Peter 2:1-2).

The disastrous effect of believing lies, even through carelessness, is that it turns one from the truth (Titus 1:14). Do you grasp that even a little error, a little false doctrine, is like a cornerstone of a

building? By believing error you reject the truth of God on that particular point. That little bit of falsehood is like leaven; it begins to grow (Matt. 16:6).

Soon a little more knowledge is built upon this foundation. Since truth does not fit with error, the additional building blocks of knowledge, built upon this initial cornerstone of falsehood, must be altered to fit the foundational error. So error grows until the person has built himself a fortress of falsehood, a bastion of error. And the pathetic truth is that he is deceived, and may actually believe he has built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, the apostles and the Bible (Eph. 2:20). In actual fact, he has built it upon sand (Matt. 7:26-27).

God has given ample warnings against becoming a gullible gossip believer. He encourages you to become a professional fact finder. He is concerned because your salvation could be at stake. He wants to be certain that you don't believe a lie about the truth and reap the dire consequences without at least being warned. "*Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie*" (II Thess. 2:10-11).

The Apostle Peter wrote: "*But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies. And many will follow their licentiousness, and because of them the way of truth will be reviled*" (II Peter 2:1-2).

So God exhorts us to become professional fact finders: to test the spirits (I John 4:1); to prove all things (I Thess. 5:21); to study and acquire a thorough understanding of God's Word (II Tim. 2:15). He gives us the example of the Bereans, who searched the scriptures daily to prove whether or not the things they heard were true or false (Acts 17: 10-12). The Bereans were professional fact finders.

God clearly warns us that today there are a great many who speak evil of God's truth. They come with the grossest of errors, although they are often cloaked in subtleties. Unfortunately, some fervent gossip believers will accept what they say without question and never even attempt to seek

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## Answers to Mini-Correspondence QUIZ from pages 12&13

Each question is worth five points. If you score below 90% you should go back and review lessons 25, 26, & 27 again.

If you are NOT yet enrolled in the Mini-Correspondence Course and would like to be, simply write The Church of God New World Ministries and advise us you would like to enroll in the course and we will send you Lesson One in our next mailing. Don't forget to give us your name and address. Or, if you wish, you may go online and enroll at [www.COGNWM.org](http://www.COGNWM.org).

### TRUE/FALSE

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False
9. False
10. True

### MATCHING

1. F
2. I
3. A
4. C
5. J
6. B
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9. H
10. E

### FILL IN THE BLANK(S)

1. Salvation
2. Carnal Mind
3. The Holy Spirit
4. Atonement
5. Works
6. "Of The World"
7. Respector
8. The Father, Christ (or the Son)
9. Husband
10. Sons of God (Children of God)

**DON'T BELIEVE A LIE...***Continued from page 14*  
out or test the truth of their accusations.

There are many different types of false charges that these messengers of Satan will bring. Much misinformation about this very Work of God has found its way into circles of gossip.

But gullible gossip believers are a simple target of Satan. It's as though they were hungry to hear some new negative misinformation about the Work or another person! How simple it would be to ascertain the truth, just go to the source and ask. But they are more willing to believe a lie and fall under the very condemnation warned of in II Thess. 2:10-11. God says that people perished "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." For this reason God sent "them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

People who so readily accept unfounded gossip and slander against God's Work should realize that every time they hear an accusation it is strong evidence that this is the Work of Almighty God. Even a cursory exami-

nation of Scripture reveals that preaching the Word of God brings persecution and false accusations (John 15:20; Mark 10:30).

God says "to speak evil of no man" (Titus 3:2); we are to lay aside all "evil speaking" (I Peter 2:1). God commanded His true Church to preach the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God to this world (Mark 16:15) and to feed the flock, the individual members of His body (John 21:15-17; I Cor. 12:12-13).

Gods' commission to His true ministers was not to go out and malign, ridicule, castigate and bring false charges against individuals. That is why this Work has never, and will never, use the powerful means of communication to malign and castigate other individuals.

So do not assume that accusations against this Work are true just because we do not take up time with continual denials. To do so would fall right into the hands of Satan. Becoming enmeshed in petty bickering would cause the preaching of the gospel to go wanting.

Withhold judgment when you hear an accusation brought against this Work.

Don't judge according to appearances (John 7:24). Regardless of how innocent or malicious the accusation may be, know that it will sound convincing. "He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour comes and searcheth him" (Prov. 18:17). The inclination of humans is to believe the first story they hear; but a false story can be exposed for what it is if the accused is given an opportunity to tell his side.

There is one more thing you might do, something that might prove very, very interesting. Write the accuser and challenge him to forward you copies from the source upon which he bases his accusations.

Don't believe derogatory charges against this Work or another person without at least writing and presenting the charge to us or the individual. Then you can learn the true facts regarding the subject.

Be a professional fact finder. Go to the source. Don't believe a lie about the truth or another individual!

## SECRET RAPTURE - FACT OR FICTION?

Will Jesus Christ return invisibly, to secretly "rapture" or take away the Church to heaven BEFORE the coming great tribulation? Are you waiting on this alleged momentous event to occur?

A common idea today among fundamentalists is that Christ may return invisibly, secretly, "at any moment" to "rapture" or "catch away" the Church before the great tribulation and the appearance of a super-human "Antichrist." This secret return of Christ they call "the first phase" of Christ's second coming.

Jesus, we are asked to believe, may suddenly descend from heaven this very night! But He will stop in mid-air. Immediately, the righteous dead will be raised and all true Christians who are alive will be "translated." Then Christ returns to heaven-- some say for 3 1/2 years-- others say for seven (7) years. During this period, according to this teaching, God will vent His wrath upon the world by permitting an Antichrist to deceive the nations and torture all who won't submit to Him. This time of torture they call indiscriminately the "tribulation" and "Day of the Lord."

Then, they say, the "second phase" of Christ's coming will occur. Jesus will come visibly, in power and glory, with the saints, to conquer Antichrist.

But is this what the Bible really teaches? Are there "two phases" to the second coming of Jesus Christ? Will He return secretly? Why is the word "rapture" not mentioned once in the entire Bible if this theory is true? Isn't it time you learned the truth?

Jesus Christ has given us a time sequence of events soon to occur. This sequence you will find in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. These three chapters contain the order of events at the close of this age

of man's rule. Notice what Jesus told His disciples. Following false teachers proclaiming a false gospel, yet coming in the name of Christ, would be wars, famines and pestilences, occurring in that order. Then there would be what? The secret return of Christ to take away the Church in a secret rapture immediately before the tribulation? No! Just the opposite! Here are Jesus' own words: (Matt. 24:6-9) "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." [*Be sure and watch our DVD entitled "The Perfect Storm"*]. "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My names' sake."

Did you notice that? Jesus' own disciples, those who follow Him, "YOU", are to be delivered up to tribulation! The disciples of Jesus could not be in tribulation if they were secretly raptured to heaven before the tribulation and if only unbelievers remained on earth. Besides, Jesus said that it is "for His name's sake" that the nations would hate you. This obviously must be referring to believers, not nonbelievers.

Mark records the same statement of Jesus: "And ye shall be hated of all for my name's sake" (Mark 13:13). A martyrdom of Christians! Luke records the same (Luke 21:12, 17).

### Is The Tribulation God's Wrath?

Is the tribulation the time of God's wrath? This is another great mistake that all who believe in the rapture theory have carelessly taken for granted without proof. Some believe that the "tribulation" and the "Day of the Lord" represent the same period of time.

The Bible reveals that the tribula-

tion is the wrath of Satan, the wicked spirit ruler of this present age. You can read of that in Revelation the 12th chapter. Notice! The devil is angry. He is responsible for the persecution of the Christians. Satan hates God's way. So does this world. It is Satan's world. Little wonder that it hates the good news of the Kingdom of God.

What did Jesus say would immediately happen after Satan's wrath, the tribulation? The Rapturists would have you believe that the "second phase" of Jesus' return would immediately occur. This is not what Jesus said. Notice: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" (Matt. 24:29).

Now turn to Joel 2:31. "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood BEFORE the great and terrible day of the Lord comes." The "day of the Lord" is the time God steps in to world affairs directly. It is the time of His wrath against the nations! Read I Thessalonians 5:2. This is not speaking of the rapture, but of the time of God's intervention in world affairs very shortly before Jesus returns.

Compare this with Revelation 6:12-13, 16-17: "The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; and the stars of the heaven fell to earth, And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, 'Fall upon us, and hide us from the face of the one sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: because the great day of His wrath is come; and who can stand?'" This day of God's wrath comes unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. The tribulation, however, occurs before the "day of the Lord's wrath"!

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Notice that during this "day of the Lord" the trumpets begin to sound (Rev. 8:6). "And the seven angels that had the seven trumps {trumpets} prepared themselves to sound." Trumpets are a symbol of war. This is the time when God's restraint over the nations is loosed, when the nations war upon one another with horrifying new weapons till they learn that God alone can bring peace and that His Laws make life worth living.

Notice, now, an amazing fact which very few have grasped! What happens when the seventh and last of these trumpets is sounded? "And the seventh angel sounded; and the great voices in heaven came saying, 'The Kingdoms of the world is become our Lord's and His Christ's, and He shall reign unto the ages of ages. We thank thee, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because thou hast taken thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great: and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth'" (Rev. 11:15, 17-18).

Notice that this is the time for the prophets to receive their reward. It is the time of the resurrection! And this, remember, occurs at the seventh or last trump!

Now compare this with I Cor. 15: 51-52. "Lo, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet ... "shall sound, and the dead" ...and that includes the prophets ( Rev. 11:18) ... "shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Do you grasp the significance of this scripture? After the tribulation,

after the intervening heavenly signs, during the Day of the Lord, at the sounding of the seventh trump the dead are resurrected and those alive, who believe and practice the truth, are changed from mortal to immortal.

There is no secret rapture before the tribulation. The dead are not resurrected twice! Those who are still living are not changed to immortality twice! There is not the slightest indication of a "Secret Rapture" and a resurrection of the saints before the tribulation.

But this is not all! Now open your Bible to Matt. 24:30 "And then after the heavenly signs which follow the tribulation" (not before, but after the tribulation and during the Day of the Lord) "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of the heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send forth His angels with a great trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

This verse pictures the second coming of Christ, at the seventh and last trump, the great trump. And it is the time of the resurrection! The ELECT are gathered together. Who are the "elect" or chosen ones?

Luke 18:7 tells us: "And shall not God avenge His elect, that cry to Him day and night?" Any concordance will provide you with scriptures (I Peter 1:1-2; Col. 3:12; Rom. 8:33, etc.) proving that true Christians are the ELECT. These are the ones to be gathered when Jesus returns with the sound of a great trump!

Paul also mentions the same tremendous noise of the 7th trumpet that will rend the air at Christ's return. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with an archangel's voice, and with the trump of God: AND THE DEAD IN Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds to meet the

Lord in the air" ( I Thess. 4:16-17).

Did you notice that this is the time of the resurrection? It is the time of the LAST TRUMP, according to I Cor. 15:52. Again, in Revelation 11:15, 17-18 the seventh or last trumpet is also the time of the resurrection. And the time order of Jesus' Mount Olivet prophecy and of the book of Revelation places the sounding of the 7th trumpet and the resurrection after the tribulation, at the very climax of the "day of the Lord"! These verses describe the same trumpet, not different ones.

There is no possible room for a "secret rapture."

One famous text used to contradict these plain passages of Scripture is the 14th verse of I Thessalonians 4, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, even so them also that are fallen asleep".... (the dead are asleep in their grave, not awake in heaven-- according to Paul), "will God through Jesus bring with Him." This verse is supposed to teach that 3 1/2 or 7 years before Christ returns a "secret rapture" occurs; the dead are secretly taken to heaven and now they return with Jesus from heaven.

But is this what the scripture says? How is Jesus going to bring those who are asleep in death with Him? Notice: "For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the presence (or coming) of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven." With the saints? NO! "... And the dead in Christ shall rise first" (verses 15-16).

Notice, that Jesus, with the angels from heaven, descends toward the earth, not with the saints, but in order to resurrect the saints! "The Lord shall descend... and the dead shall rise"!

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After Jesus descends toward earth the dead rise first! They meet Christ in the air. Now the dead are with Christ in the air, the atmosphere surrounding this earth. "Then we that are alive and remain shall together with them be caught up in the clouds" (verse 17). We, too, shall be together in the air with those who have just been raised, those whom Jesus is bringing with Him to this earth. Notice that being "caught up"..... Paul does not say "raptured up" .... occurs after the tribulation, at the last trump when Jesus descends visibly in power and glory.

How did Jesus leave this earth? "He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight"... the disciples were looking at Him, and while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, "Behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him

go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet" (Acts 1:9-12).

Were there two phases of Jesus' ascension? NO! Then there will not be two phases to His return, He will come in the same manner in which He left. Notice the prophecy concerning the fulfillment of this very promise: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh ... His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives" (Zech. 14: 1-4).

There is no secret rapture before the tribulation or at any other time! The resurrection is at the mighty sound of the 7th trump in the day of God's wrath which follows the tribulation. The tribulation is not the Day of the Lord. There are two separate and distinct periods of time. Christ does not return in two phases, one secret, the other visible. He returns in the same manner as He ascended, and that was no secret rapture! He ascended visible, He will descend visible.

Some, of course, seize on minor scriptures and misinterpret them to attempt to prove their theory. Take

Rev. 4:1-2, for example. This, we are told, represents the rapture. But these two verses do not say that! John saw the prophecy in the Book of Revelation unfolded in heaven because that is where Jesus is, not because of a secret rapture!

One prominent writer attempts to prove that II Thessalonians 2:7-8 refers to the rapture. His theory is that this prophecy has not yet begun to be fulfilled, that Christ must come first "to rapture the Church before the tribulation." But notice the first part of verse 7: "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work"-- even in Paul's day! Notice the time sequence! An apostasy shall have come first and the man of sin shall have been revealed before the day of Christ.

Do not be deceived into believing the false doctrine of a rapture! Don't go on blindly believing in the traditions of men and the theories they have advanced without proof? Read your Bible! Check carefully! "Prove all things" (I Thess. 5:21). Your very life is at stake!

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## ANOINTED CLOTHS

The Bible is explicit on God's promise of healing. We read in Isaiah 53:4, "*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: **and with his stripes we are healed.***"

David was inspired to write in Psalms 103: 1-3, "*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; **who healeth all thy diseases;***"

Truly, God is our healer. He proclaimed in Exodus 15:26 ..."***for I am the LORD that healeth thee...***"

James asked the question, "*Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the LORD: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the LORD shall raise him up;*"

Many times people may want to be anointed but do not have contact with a minister of Jesus Christ, while others may not understand the principle of healing. Paul gives us an example in Acts the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter where he sent anointed cloths to those who requested and God performed the healing for them. (Acts 19:11-12). "*And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs (anointed cloths) or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.*"

If you, or one of your loved ones, would like to receive an anointed cloth please write to Church of God New World Ministries, P.O. Box 5536, Sevierville, TN 37864 and we will send you an anointed cloth along with a letter explaining how to use it. Thank you for allowing us to serve you in this capacity.

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## WHEN THE WIND BLOWS

Author Unknown

Years ago a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received nothing but refusals. Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer.

"Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him.

"Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man.

Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work.

Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!"

The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows."

Enraged by the old man's response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, and he returned to bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

The Moral of The Story Is This: When you're prepared, you have nothing to fear. Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life? The hired hand in the story was able to sleep because he had secured the farm against the storm. We secure ourselves against the storms of life by accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior and by grounding ourselves firmly in the Word of God.



## NEWS FROM THE WEBSITE

Hello, and welcome to the COGNWM web site!

Month after month, year after year, the numbers of people searching topics like “God”, “Angels”, and “The Holy Spirit” are finding answers at the web site of OUR Church! Not only are they finding the Bible Q&A section, they are ordering DVDs, audio CDs, and articles on nearly every subject. There is on average 35 new requests for the Mini-Correspondence Course per month.

And let’s talk articles—since January 1, 2008 *over 4,491 articles have been viewed, with 2,141 of them printed!!* That is an ASTOUNDING number!

In the last newsletter in March, I reported that the mailing list had grown to just over 500 people. As of June 8th, we now stand at 622. So the work is growing, and the word is reaching people.

The “Online Prayer Request” page of the site continues to get requests for prayers from people struggling with the issues they are experiencing. Last year we received over 73 requests for prayer, and this year we are at 23. We encourage you all to visit this section of the site and include these folks requesting prayer in your own prayers

These are significant increases, and we thank each and every one of you for the prayers that we keep to the truth, and God finds favor in the work that we do to spread His good news to those that would listen.

### Ongoing Work

1. We’ve added the monthly letters from the President to the site.
2. Work is continuing on the “Ask a Minister” section. We are still testing this feature to make sure all is well before we turn it over to the site. Look for it to come soon.
3. We have started developing the “Favorite Church Recipes” part of the site. We expect that in the next couple months it will be up and running.

### Moving Forward

We have begun shooting short video clips on the subjects that brought people to the Truth in the past. We are planning on advertising these subjects on the search engines around the world to invite people to the site to watch a short video on the advertised subject. At the end of the message, the speaker and the video will then offer the viewer additional materials to order related to the subject from the web site. The first three of these videos are “Angels”, “God”, and “The Holy Spirit”. In addition, we’ll be offering these videos up for viewing on godtv.com and other video web sites.

We are hoping that this piques the interest of people who are being called and makes them want to research further into the subject that drew their interest.

In addition, we now have more capability to process DVD’s and Audio CD’s than we have before, so we will begin advertising more on the world’s web site engines and will be using a new automated system to fill the orders that people place from the site.

### Thanks and Request for Feedback

In closing, I would like to thank ALL of you for your continued support and feedback. Please check the website often as information is continually added and updated.

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## America: Land of the Disrespectful, Home of the Ignorant

Every day the principal's voice comes over the announcement: "Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance." And every day I rise and dutifully slur out the tired words of the Pledge. I look around me at my classmates, who do the same, or worse; some classmates stand with their hands on their hips, staring sleepily off into space. Most people in general don't even recite the pledge. Similarly, at sporting events, the crowd doesn't even stand up for the singing of the National Anthem. People don't take off their hats, don't pay attention and, in general, lack enthusiasm for any display of American pride. But worst of all, American citizens forget the meaning of the words they mumble daily, sing often, and more so than not, refuse to say at all.

Most Americans lack of enthusiasm comes from lack of knowledge. What I mean is: Americans either aren't aware of or don't care about the basic foundation of the United States of America. I have been reciting the pledge and singing the national anthem since kindergarten. At that young, naive age, I was not aware of the meaning of the words that my teacher told me to memorize. As the years passed, the repetitiveness of verses I did not comprehend caused them to dull over time. Like eating my broccoli, it was just another thing I had to do.

Now, as a high school student, I am able to understand these words. History classes give me a context to put them in too. But even so, I still find it hard uncover a sense of enthusiasm inside of me for the dead guys that gave me rights that I take for granted. This generation of Americans doesn't know what it's like for their freedom of press, assembly, petition, religion, speech, etc. to be challenged. We just consider it a given that we can do what we want, say what we want, believe what we want, etc.

I find it kind of interesting that Abraham Lincoln saw the future, in that he saw the inevitability that Americans will overlook the struggles to create the land of the free and the home of the brave.

*"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the **great task** remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

Now, throughout the test of time, it seems as if Abe Lincoln's foreshadow has come true; the living have forgotten the struggles of the dead.

This is why I have formed this conclusion: Until some assumed right is challenged, until some heartstring is pulled we will never be able to fully appreciate these verses. It is the past that created our present. But the present will *always* chose to step forwards towards the future, rather than step backwards to appreciate the past.

# YOUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Work the top part of the puzzle first. Then put each letter in the matching numbered square below. The squares will spell out part of David's prayer of repentance as found in Psalm 51.

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| 1.  | — — — — —<br>19 12 22                                | Father of heads of tribes of Israel                    |
| 2.  | — — — — —<br>32 37 41 5                              | Land in which Israelites were slaves                   |
| 3.  | — — — — — — — —<br>41 17 15 43 11 22 49              | Title of ruler of Egypt                                |
| 4.  | — — — — — — — —<br>9 42 35 50 15 52                  | Sister of Moses  |
| 5.  | — — — — — — — —<br>11 26 43 24 16                    | Brother of Moses                                       |
| 6.  | — — — — — — — — — —<br>36 40 2 4 53 13 7 21 3 40     | The people of Israel                                   |
| 7.  | — — — — — — — — — —<br>46 34 8 25 14 29 10 28        | Roamed without plan                                    |
| 8.  | — — — — — — — — — —<br>33 44 13 25 30 20 51 18 40 40 | Uninhabited, uncultivated region                       |
| 9.  | — — — — — — — — — —<br>1 24 6 27 11 31 48            | Binding promise between God and His people             |
| 10. | — — — — — — — — — —<br>23 24 13 47 4 45 49           | Philistine giant slain by David                        |
| 11. | — — — — — — — — — —<br>16 26 39 38 11 51             | Priest God sent to David with story of poor man's lamb |

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# INSIDE THE CHURCH OF GOD NEW WORLD MINISTRIES

## DAYBREAK

The sun breaks through the early mist,  
Of hazy cloudy sky.

As day begins and night recedes,  
And morning hastens nigh.

The clouds are gathered round the sun,  
With firelight shining through.

As all creation on the earth,  
Begins the day anew.

Behind the light, with hues of gold,  
Daylight comes so bright and bold,

With streaks of fire across the way,  
The heavens turn from night to day.

Upon the scene with shades of red,  
The light continues now to spread.

A ball of fire begins to rise,  
And take its place up in the sky.

The clouds move back and roll away,  
As morning breaks, another day.

## SPOTLIGHT ON....

London, KY

London, the seat of Laurel County, began as a settlement on the Wilderness Road running north from the Cumberland Gap. The town was formed and named for the city in England in 1826.

Winding its way throughout the area is the massive Daniel Boone National Forest. Also flowing throughout the region are the Rockcastle, Laurel and Cumberland Rivers, each offering unique opportunities to marvel at the beauty of this corner of the world. These rivers, coupled with the lakes that dot the landscape here, offer the finest fishing and water sports possible anywhere.

The Church of God New World Ministries meets as a group at:

**Laurel County Courthouse Annex 2  
103 S. Broad Street  
London, KY 40741  
606-330-2078**

Services begin at **11:00 a.m.** Please contact the local host to verify starting times, as sometimes the Courthouse room is unavailable or the times have been changed.

Please contact **Mr. Scott Stephens** at **606-376-3989** for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOLIDAY INN SOUTH WILL BE RENAMED THE BEST WESTERN. NOTHING ELSE HAS CHANGED, EXCEPT THE NAME. WE WILL STILL HAVE FEAST OF TABERNACLES SERVICES AT THE SAME BUILDING—ONLY THE NAME HAS CHANGED!!**

**F.O.T. NEWS!!!!**

**CALL 865-774-8485 FOR ANY QUESTIONS.**

## HOLY DAY CALENDAR

2008-2010

Roman Year	** Passover	*Days of Unleavened Bread	* Pentecost	* Feast of Trumpets	* Day of Atonement	* Feast of Tabernacles	* Last Great Day
2008	April 19	April 20-26	June 8	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21
2009	April 8	April 9-15	May 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10
2010	March 29	March 30- April 5	May 23	Sept. 9	Sept. 18	Sept. 23-29	Sept. 30

\* Begins the evening before    \*\*Observed the evening before

## Church of God, New World Ministries

### Financial Statement

January 1 through June 12, 2008

	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Total Income		\$ 155,846.21
Operational Expenses	-\$16,053.94	
Business Expenses	-\$33,739.05	
Contract Services	-\$820.25	
Facilities and Equipment	-\$16,815.00	
Operations	-\$6,918.56	
Computer Equipment	-\$ 6,084.46	
Computer Software	-\$945.46	
Web Site	-\$461.70	
Misc. Expenses	-\$873.55	
Payroll Expenses	-\$14,600.00	
Travel and Meetings	-\$7,677.70	
Total Expenses	-\$104,989.67	
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 50,856.54</b>

#### FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2008

This year's Feast of Tabernacles will soon be upon us

**(October 14 thru October 21, 2008).**

Be sure to look at **Page 8** for this year's Feast information.

Hope to see you there!!

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