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Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas, is becoming the showpiece and cultural center of East Texas!

This cover shot features the newly completed, luxurious Dining Hall, built WITHIN what used to be the "New Tabernacle"! Read the lead article in this number for a complete report describing how Ambassador College—Big Sandy Continues to Grow!!

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Wonderful World Tomorrow

"I, too, cried and laughed and rejoiced and lost myself in the 'World Tomorrow' booklet. The matter-of-fact statements in the newspaper — as though these things had already happened really made it more real and gave me a greater vision. And that's not all! The same week preceding my receiving the booklet, our churches in Oklahoma had added blessings which altogether really opened our eyes and enhanced our vision. Mr. Roderick Meredith preached on the Sabbath, giving us a sermon on this very subject, and coming from one of God's high-ranking ministers of Headquarters added more impetus. Then the following Wednesday Mr. Gerald Waterhouse showed his slides. The following Friday night he had Bible Study in which he told us many of the things in the booklet and he preached to us on the Sabbath. So you see, we in Oklahoma got a triple dose and I, for one, am just still in the clouds. Not only myself but everyone else expressed their delight and amazement. So we thank you for all this work, planned out for us. I'm thankful that it all came together here at once — two ministers preaching on the same subject, then following their visit the very next Monday, the booklet and newspaper in the mail."

H. B., Oklahoma

Is This Possible?

"What astonished me almost out of my wits was that paper (*New-World News*) you sent me. Boy, I didn't know

all that had been happening. I saw L.B.J. make a talk tonight on the St. Louis station. I could tell they were shook up about something, but I could not tell what it was. I appreciate the help you have given me."

O. P., Iowa

"I have just received the wonderful book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What it Will be Like*, and I think positively that it is the best book (beside *The New Morality*) that you have ever put out. It is inspiring to the point of absolutely making you WANT God's Kingdom to come before everything else, which it should anyway. But I just can't get over how inspiring it is!"

L. W. C., Ohio

Good News

"Thank you for the December issue of *The Good News*. I have not finished it as yet since I just received it today. The birth of God's first Church in modern Reuben was really a thrilling and exciting experience. The epistle of Mr. Armstrong is worth the whole magazine. I know the Reubenites must have really been touched by it. It is so filled with the love of God. This is another proof what prayer can do."

C. D. N., Kansas

"I was so inspired by this latest *GOOD NEWS* that I could not keep back the tears even though I tried. I was so moved by Mr. Charles F. Hunting's article that I could hardly read the

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Ambassador College—Big Sandy Continues To Grow!!

It has been two-and-a-half years since readers of The GOOD NEWS have had a full report concerning the newest Ambassador campus. Here our Associate Editor and faculty member reports from Big Sandy.

by Ronald Kelly

PIONEERS in education! This was the theme set for the incoming Freshman class in the fall of 1964. The doors to the THIRD Ambassador campus swung open—and another *new frontier* unfolded.

The pioneering Freshmen are now about to complete their *third year* of college. Several men from this class have just been added to the *sermonette list* here in the Big Sandy Church district. Others are working as second men on the visiting program.

Ambassador College—Big Sandy—is beginning to BEAR FRUIT and *produce LEADERS* for God's Work just as the campus in Pasadena has for nineteen years and the Bricket Wood campus has for the past six years. We thought you would enjoy "catching up" on the news from Texas.

Many New Facilities

You'll have to go back to your November, 1964, GOOD NEWS to really get the picture of the *extraordinary GROWTH* which has taken place here in Texas. That was the last time an article appeared about this campus. Now—two-and-one-half years later—even those of us on the college staff are *AMAZED* at the *tremendous progress* which has been made!

The Texas campus was started with some *real pioneering conditions!* The only places in which the students could live were the little metal booths used for *temporary dwelling* places during the Festival seasons. They were *never* designed to be occupied full time—at first there were not even electric lights in them; and no heat. But before

school started, a lot of **HARD WORK** made the booths quite livable. Students have been very grateful for "booth city" and several booths are *still* being used as dormitories.

Dormitories

But most of the students now live in the *most modern and beautiful dormitories* on any college campus anywhere! These dormitories, of the latest architectural design, allow the maximum amount of *privacy* for studying and sleeping and contain a beautifully decorated lounge room, complete with a magnificent fireplace. There are also individual **PRAYER CLOSETS**, something no other college puts in its dormitories—except Ambassador College in Pasadena and Bricket Wood. Ambassador students make it a part of their *everyday life* to **PRAY** to God on their knees in a *private place*.

EIGHT of these modern dormitories have already been completed—four in the women's section—four in the men's.

Between the men's and women's dorm areas is the area many will remember as the spot where the baptismal pool used to be. Hundreds of you brethren were baptized there, but you would never recognize the area now. A completely *new redwood bridge* now spans the valley over the pool—the pool itself has been *expanded* and is now about **TEN TIMES** larger than before. The lake created by backing up the water then cascades over an *eight-foot waterfall* before flowing down the creek through the green valley. All the work on this project was done by our own men—many stu-

dents spent hours working to improve the *ever-expanding BEAUTY* of the campus.

The most significant addition to the campus has been the brand-new *elegantly appointed* **DINING HALL**. It is literally a building within a building. The eastern one third of the big metal Tabernacle is the outside—but inside is a fabulous new dining hall, equipped with the most *modern* kitchen and all the very best and latest cooking facilities.

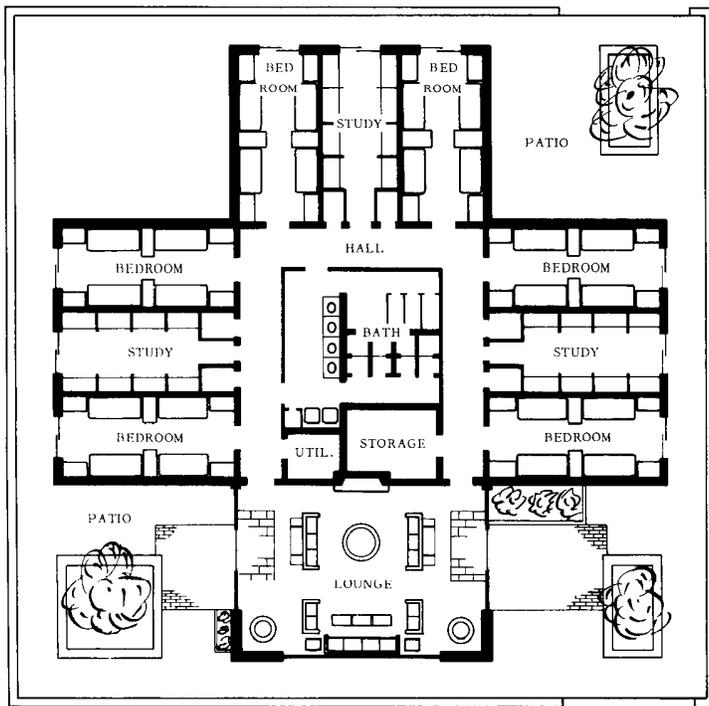
Fresh whole wheat flour is ground daily. Students working in the kitchen bake bread and prepare all the meals under the direction of Ron and Rick Hoffman—twin brothers from the Denver, Colorado, Church—who have spent several years cooking in the *finest* restaurants in Denver.

The Old Buildings Still Serve

Two-and-one-half years ago *all* student activities centered in the old redwood building—the very first building ever constructed in this era of God's Work (back in 1952), and it still serves us well.

The dining area has moved away—forums and assemblies are no longer held there. Still *many hours* a day are spent in the redwood building; it now houses the library and the student union.

The redwood building is scheduled soon to undergo some work on the roof and receive a new coat of paint. It will then see the *expansion* of the **LIBRARY** into the large auditorium area and the
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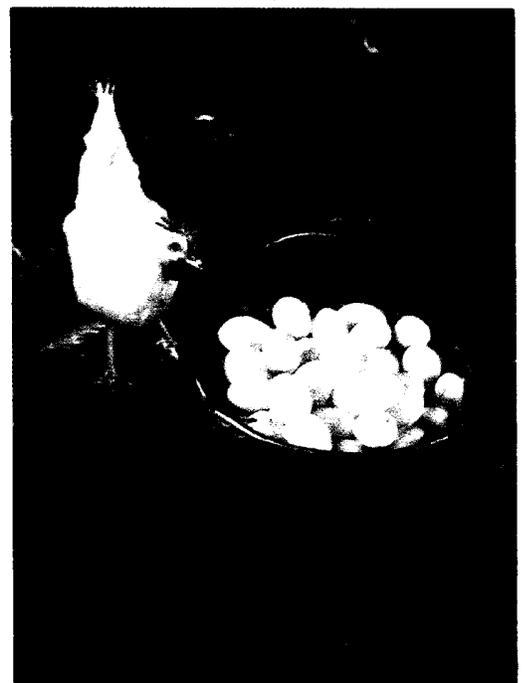


Ambassador College Photos

TOP — Elegantly appointed girl's lounge overlooking landscaped East Texas campus.

INSET — This is the floor plan for the new men's and women's dormitories. Twenty-four men (or women) sleep and study in the three "wings," and share the lounge area, pictured above. In the center is the bathroom facility, adequate storage, and a small utility room.

RIGHT — A very feminine hen surveys her year's production!



Are You UNpredictable?

What kind of character do you have? What makes a person unpredictable? Is God unpredictable? Here's what God's Word says about this point of character.

by David L. Antion

"CALL ME irresponsible. Call me unreliable, Throw in undependable too . . . Call me unpredictable. Tell me I'm impractical. Rainbows I'm inclined to pursue."

These words from a popular song indicate the trend of our times. Young girls in High School fall for the irresponsible, *unpredictable*, undependable type.

Why is this? *Should* men be irresponsible? Should they be UNpredictable, unreliable, undependable?

Why Some Girls Fall For This Type

Somehow an unpredictable man appeals to women. Women love surprises. They love to have a trinket, a box of candy, a bouquet of flowers. They love their husbands to surprise them with little niceties that spark up a marriage.

But in their quest for this type of husband, many young girls fall for the unpredictable, undependable, unreliable fellow. All they can see about this man is the glamour of being unpredictable. To them, he seems exciting, different. Perhaps you have heard young girls say, "Oh, he is so unpredictable!"—as if it were a point in his favor!

It is a different story, however, once they are married. This undependable, unpredictable, unreliable, irresponsible man *is now her husband!* She wanted someone to bring home surprises—but not someone who neglects the family. She didn't want someone *so* undependable that he lost his job. She didn't want someone unreliable to the point of not paying his bills. And she didn't mean for him to be so unpredictable as not to come home at night.

Is God Unpredictable?

Can you predict what God will do? Do you know how God feels about things?

God is not *unpredictable*. God is very predictable. God tells us what He will do. We can know that He will act the same always.

What does God think about murder? Is His opinion about it always the same? Yes!

You can be *sure* that God is absolutely rigid, predictable in His principles. God's character is always the same. God's patterns of behavior—once known from the Bible—are absolutely predictable. We can know that God is merciful, kind, just, absolutely fair. We know God *hates* sin. We know God does not tolerate rebellion, wrong attitudes, or self-will.

God is predictable, dependable, reliable, responsible!

Are *you*? Are *you* always the same?

Where does the unpredictable quality come from? Why do people have changeable character? Why do they vary in their principles?

You have heard this statement: "You never know what he'll do next!" Does this describe you?

Unpredictability comes from not having a set of standards. It is the result of not being faithful to one's word.

Notice God's unalterable integrity and character. In Jeremiah 9:24 God says He delights in loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness.

In Proverbs 6:16-19 we read, "These six things doth the Eternal hate: Yea, seven are an *abomination* unto Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that devises wicked imaginations,

feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

God hates these things! He *never* loves them!

Will God ever change? NO! You can be sure of God's standards—His feelings!

God's Set Of Standards

God has an absolute set of rules. In giving the Ten Commandments, God made known His predictable feelings.

For instance, God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

God will never allow us to have *another* god!

God forbids us to make any graven image or any likeness of anything in heaven, on earth, or under the earth. We are not to bow down to it or serve it. Does God punish for this? Notice Exodus 20:5, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Eternal thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

What are God's feelings toward those who love Him? "And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments" (Exodus 20:6).

God does not vacillate, change, alter, or vary his character.

It is a sin to do normal, common servile work on the Sabbath day. God says further: "Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day *thou shalt rest*: in eaving time and in harvest THOU SHALT REST" (Exodus 34:21).

How definite can you be?

People like to think God is like them.

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WHO KILLED JESUS CHRIST?

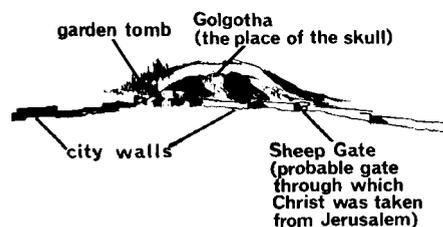
Historians are divided on who killed Christ. The Jews argue their innocence. The Romans deny any part in the slaying of Christ! No one will admit killing Jesus Christ! Do you know who killed your Savior?

by Paul S. Royer

THIRTY or forty Mongolian pack animals, under the control of fifteen or twenty Burmese, labored to cover the last hundred rugged miles between Tengchung and Mandalay.

The sun pushed lazily over the horizon, casting eerie shadows in the mountain foliage. The pack train disappeared in the heavy thicket, then reappeared in an open stretch of continuous sunlight.

It was a beautiful, clear sunlit day — *a day worth living!*



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Jerusalem today. The most prominent dome-shaped building is the Dome of the Rock, built on site of Solomon's Temple. Directly above the Dome is the hill of the Skull — Golgotha — where Jesus Christ was crucified. Just behind and to the left of Golgotha is the garden tomb. (See INSET.)

Mountain birds in search of grubs, insects and the delicacies of sustenance, permeated the air with cheerful, spontaneous song. The air was clear and crisp. A blue sky, a wisp of white cloud framed the rugged mountain peaks of the Himalayas accenting the mighty Irrawaddy River.

Life had meaning and purpose. Here was a place of peace in a war-torn world!

The elderly, greying packmaster casually spoke to his fellow companions about home, their wives and children. Home was a small village of thatched-roofed huts near Tengchung, China, on the Burmese border. Not much in Western terms, but to these happy Burmese it was home, a place to work, love and rest from their labor.

The pack train moved southward. Thoughts turned to the strange war that had brought them food and money — it was a war that they didn't understand. Rice was needed in Mandalay. A foreign power contracted the pack train to haul rice to feed a Japanese army. The supply job meant full stomachs and prosperity. It meant happiness for their families left behind in the little village near Tengchung.

Order of the Day

Hundreds of miles to the east — but only a few minutes by air — quite a different scene was taking place. A group of young, spirited fighter pilots were engaged in conversation awaiting

orders from Kunming — the mission assignment of the day!

Outside the pilot ready room stood an array of shark-nosed fighters glistening in the bright sun. Deadly fifty-caliber machine guns protruded from their wing tips, ready to inflict a volley of death and ruin on the triggered command of the pilot.

As they waited for orders, the pilots talked about home — the good ol' United States! It sure would be great to see a traffic light, to drive down Main Street — eat a thick, juicy steak and sleep in a bed that had a mattress. A year and a half was a long time away from home!

Discussions drifted to Dad and Mom, to the girl back home, to the wives and children who were waiting for Dad to return from war.

Theirs was a fast-moving life — a life that all too often ended in violent death! Privately, each wondered if he would ever see home again!

Sudden Destruction

Several hours passed. The sun rose higher in the sky. The early morning chill changed to warmth and then it became very hot. Beads of perspiration trickled down the foreheads of the Burmese. The shaggy coats of the pack animals turned a dark, sweaty brown and black from prolonged exertion and heat. The sacks of rice grew heavier as the day wore on.

Rounding a bend in the trail the elderly packmaster noticed four specks

on the horizon. The pack train moved on, gradually descending into an open stretch of twisting mountain trail.

Glancing again over his right shoulder the packmaster watched the four specks grow. There was no doubt now, they were some type of aircraft that seemed to be headed north. Then all of a sudden they veered right, heading toward the pack train!

The clatter of the horses hoofs dimmed and finally was lost in the heavy sound of powerful engines. No doubt now—they were coming his way—in fact, they were going to pass directly overhead.

He smiled, thought again of how good life really was and of home and his wife. He waved—then in an instant of horror he knew something was desperately wrong!

The high-flying fighters were in a dive. They were diving directly into the pack train as if to split it wide open. The drone of their engines was now a thunderous roar, an angry whine! Six bright red flames of fire flashed before his eyes—then silence!!

Behind the Guns

The lead pilot peered down the electric gun sight of his deadly weapon of destruction. The pack train moved into position "center." The range was right—he squeezed the trigger. The fighter shuddered in response to guns and bullets. A lethal barrage of lead was on its way—! Then horrified, the pilot pressed the throttle mike button crying out to his wingmen—"My God, don't shoot, don't shoot!!"—But it was too late!! The ground was already red, rivers of blood flowed from man and beast alike—DEATH WAS EVERYWHERE!!

At the last instant, *after* squeezing the trigger, the lead pilot had seen a little old white-haired man wearing a smile, waving—all perfectly framed in his gun sight!!

I was that man!

I was the pilot of the lead plane—I killed the little old Burmese with the greying hair along with his companions and a good part of the pack train.

Just as surely as I killed that little old Burmese—the men and horses of that pack train—I KILLED JESUS

CHRIST—AND JUST AS SURELY, *SO DID YOU!*

A startling experience and a startling statement! Yet it is easily proven that *you* killed Christ as surely as if *your* hands were on the spear that pierced His side. This article gives the proof—proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that *each one of us* and YOU in particular killed your Savior! You need to understand this truth and comprehend what kind of a Savior you killed. *You need to know what He sacrificed for you and for me!*

Proof Positive

Notice in Acts the second chapter, verses five through thirty-six. Christ was crucified fifty days prior to this passage of scripture.

Jews and devout men out of *every nation* on earth were gathered in Jerusalem. There were Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Judaeans, Turks, Egyptians, Libyans, Cyrenians, Arabians, strangers and Jews alike gathered in Jerusalem (verses 9-11).

The men from every nation dwelling in Jerusalem were there to witness a great event. Yet none had been told that such an event was about to occur. Even so there was a feeling that something big was about to happen.

Everyone was talking about that man called Jesus of Nazareth. The events surrounding His death and crucifixion were strange indeed. Evidence of the great earthquake which had split huge rocks wide open were everywhere to be seen. The quake happened at the precise moment of His death! Then there was the rent in the great veil of the Temple—strange signs indeed! Some even said they had seen dead men, risen from their graves, walking the streets of Jerusalem.

Rumors were that the eleven, who had been with Him, were hiding out in the city. They had been heard to say that Jesus of Nazareth had instructed them to wait for some sort of power from on high.

Some said this was to be "the Day of the Lord," the day that Joel the prophet had written about! Others laughed and said the men were fanatics and that nothing would be altered, that

all things would continue as from the beginning of the creation!

Then on Monday morning, June 18, 31 A.D., it happened! It shook the city with its power. There was a great rushing of wind that caused the populace to shrink in fear. Everyone living in Jerusalem heard it. As they regained their composure, their courage, they began to walk, then run toward the spot from which this sound seemed to emanate.

A crowd began forming around a house that had an upper room. The multitude stood outside bewildered, not knowing what to make of this strange phenomenon. Then the door opened and the eleven plus one stepped forth—and others with them. There was a hush as they began to speak.

Then an amazing thing happened—every person, regardless of his nation or language, heard them speak in his native tongue.

They were amazed and dumbfounded. What did all this mean? In an attempt to explain, some began to accuse the apostles of drinking too much wine—of being drunk!

The man called Peter held up his hands, stilling the crowd. He began to speak in a powerful voice, delivering the first recorded sermon of the New Testament. He denied their mockings. He preached the Word of God, *especially inspired*, by Divine Power for this SPECIAL OCCASION!

He brought an electrifying message that *you* and *I* are to UNDERSTAND!

Peter addressed the men of Israel, *and* the men of *every nation on earth* and said, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, *ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain*" (verses 22 and 23).

How could Peter say such a thing? How could he accuse such a large group of crucifying Jesus Christ? These men, the men from *all over the earth* had not participated *physically* in the crucifixion! Yet Peter said under inspiration, "YOU have taken, and [YOU] by

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HOW TO SOLVE BIBLE DIFFICULTIES

Puzzling problems and questions of many kinds crop up when you study the Bible — God's Word. You can find the answers if you search for them. This article shows why there are difficulties in understanding the Bible and how you can solve them.

by Robert C. Boraker

AGNOSTICS and atheists attack the Bible by claiming it cannot be divinely inspired because of its "many contradictions, discrepancies, absurdities and immoralities." You may have been confronted with these claims. Or you may have found what you thought was a contradiction in the Bible.

But you don't need to doubt the authenticity, authority and inspiration of God's Word. You *can* find the truth and answers to these difficulties. You *can* KNOW, and strengthen your faith in God and His Word with a few, simple guidelines.

The Foundation of All Knowledge

The Bible is God's divine *revelation* of the most necessary, basic knowledge of all life. It is the very FOUNDATION of all right knowledge — knowledge which mankind could not otherwise discover.

The Bible is the revelation of God's mind, will and character. And God is far *greater* than man in knowledge, wisdom and spiritual character. And yet God has given the Bible — His revealed and inspired Word — to men who are imperfect in knowledge, character and spiritual understanding.

Therefore, when carnal, narrow-minded, spiritually ignorant, and puny men try to understand the revelation of an *infinite, all-powerful, all-know-*

ing God, there is bound to be difficulty. It's like a young child trying to understand a lecture given by a college professor. He may understand the words of themselves, but he will not grasp all the *meaning* of the ideas expressed.

Expect to Find Difficulties and Have Questions

You may find it difficult to understand certain parts of the Bible. *This is to be expected.* The apostle Peter wrote that in Paul's epistles there were "some things HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, *unto their own destruction*" (II Peter 3:16).

Realize that some parts of the Bible will be hard to understand at first. You will find things in the Bible that will puzzle you. You may even find some *apparent* contradictions that you cannot reconcile. But don't become deceived into thinking the Bible is filled with errors. Squarely face these difficulties and "search the scriptures" (John 5:39) to find the answers.

Many difficulties arise because of man's ignorance of the facts. But anyone who gives up his belief in the divine origin and inspiration of the Bible because of some facts he cannot reconcile, is a shallow thinker indeed. The one who denies that the Bible is of divine origin and authority has more

numerous and weighty difficulties to explain than one who believes the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

The very fact that you may not be able to solve a difficulty does not prove it cannot be solved. If *you* can see no possible solution, don't jump to the conclusion that a solution is impossible to find. Should a beginner in algebra, after having tried for hours to solve a problem, declare there is no possible solution because he couldn't find one? Of course not! And neither should Bible students think there are unsolvable difficulties in the Bible, simply because they themselves are not able to solve them.

When some people come to a difficult scripture, they decide immediately what the doubtful text *must mean!* Having made up their minds quickly as to the meaning of this particular verse, they must then *change* their minds about other verses and misinterpret them in order to make them fit with the new one! Trying to *put your own ideas* INTO the Bible is the surest way of MISUNDERSTANDING it entirely.

Reserve your judgment about any difficulties in understanding the Bible you come across. Don't reject truth or the Bible itself because you don't understand certain parts at the moment. Those who make a big issue of some minor points they don't understand, often overlook the really important purpose for which the Bible was written.

The more you study the Bible, the

more questions will be answered. As your knowledge increases, more and more difficulties will disappear. God intends that we understand *all* the Bible.

The Reason for Difficulties

Why are there *apparent* contradictions and discrepancies in the Bible? Why has God permitted them to exist? And what good are they? These are questions you may have and they need answering.

The apparent contradictions and discrepancies in the Bible *stimulate the mind*. They prompt men to search the scriptures for the solution. They attract the inquiring mind. Whately says: "The seeming contradictions in scripture are too numerous not to be the result of design; and doubtless *were* designed, not as mere difficulties to try our faith and patience, but as the most suitable mode of instruction that could have been devised, by mutually explaining and modifying or limiting or extending one another's meaning" (*On Difficulties in Writings of St. Paul*, Essay vii., Sec. 4).

Concerning the differences in the spelling, choice, and arrangement of words in the Greek text of the New Testament, Wordsworth says: "*These discrepancies being such as they are found to be, are of inestimable value*. They show that there has been no collusion among our witnesses, and that our manuscript copies of the Gospels, about five hundred in number, and brought to us from all parts of the world, have not been mutilated or interpolated with any sinister design. . . . These discrepancies are, in fact, evidences of the purity and integrity of the sacred text. They show that the scriptures which we now hold in our hands in the nineteenth century, are identical with those received by the church in the first century as written by the Holy Spirit" (*Preface to Greek Four Gospels*, p. xxii.)

Difficulties Are a Stumbling Block

The apparent discrepancies and difficulties in the Bible are also there as a stumbling block to people whom God is *not* calling today. Remember that

God is not revealing His truth to everyone in our day (see the article, "Is This the Only Day of Salvation?"). Most people's eyes have been blinded and the way God has blinded people is by writing the Bible in such a way they couldn't understand it unless they diligently studied it with a humble and open mind and had the help of God's Spirit.

The parables of Christ, for example, were for this purpose of hiding the true meaning of Christ's teaching (Mat. 13:13-15). The Bible was not written in a clear-cut, right-down-the-line manner. In order for it to be preserved for us today, it had to be written in a way so people could interpret it to suit themselves, and so the atheists, agnostics and critics could find fault with it and "*stumble at the word*, being disobedient: whereunto they were appointed" (I Peter 2:8). Also see Isaiah 28:9-13.

Make no mistake about it. If the Bible is inspired by God, there can be no errors in it as originally written — because God could not make a mistake. The Bible plainly says, "The scripture CANNOT BE BROKEN" (John 10:35). The Bible CANNOT CONTRADICT ITSELF! There can be no real discrepancies. "It should never be forgotten that in spite of what critics have said, no error or contradiction of any kind has ever been proved to have existed in the Scriptures as originally given by God" (*Scripture of Truth* by Sidney Collett, p. 81).

The major cause of difficulties in understanding the Bible is *carelessness* in studying the Bible with a prayerful and humble mind. So to eliminate these difficulties, it is necessary to *study the Bible in the right way* and to have the *right attitude* about it.

Attitude Is Key Factor

Those who study the Bible merely to find errors, will never come to understand it properly. Such people do not fully comprehend *and apply* the PURPOSE of God's Word. This *purpose* is given in II Timothy 3:16, "ALL scripture is given by *inspiration* of God, and is profitable for *doctrine*, for reproof, for CORRECTION, for *instruction* in righteousness."

If you recognize the *authority* of the Bible — as being the inspired Word of Almighty God the Creator — and study it with the purpose of showing you where you are *WRONG* and to find the right instruction that will help you grow to spiritual maturity, then the *supposed* contradictions and other Bible difficulties will be no problem to you.

You must have this right attitude of heart and mind. God says: "To this man will I look, even to him that is of a *contrite spirit*, and TREMBLETH at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

If you *tremble* at God's Word and respect the *authority* and *power* behind that Word so much that you are *afraid* to reject or disobey it, then you have the *right attitude* and can fully benefit by your study of the Bible. Don't try to correct or improve the Bible. Let it correct, reprove and teach you.

Methods of Bible Study

Many people come across difficulties in the Bible because they don't know how to study it. And you *must study* it to find the truth. The apostle Paul said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

This study of the Bible should be with *zeal*! It is something to put your whole heart into. Devote your time and mind to it. God says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, *do it with thy might*; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave" (Eccl. 9:10).

Bible study and prayer go hand in hand. They cannot be separated. Bible study, to be effective, must be accompanied with prayer. Pray and ask God for guidance and understanding. *Ask* Him to reveal the true meaning of what is said in His Word and then *expect* that He will. Pray for the help of the Holy Spirit.

Man of himself is totally ignorant of God and cannot even understand His Word without spiritual guidance. Jeremiah said: "I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is *not in man* that walketh TO DIRECT HIS STEPS"

(Jer. 10:23). We need guidance through the help of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is necessary to understand spiritual truth. The *natural* human mind is *incapable* of understanding spiritual revelations. Paul explained this in I Corinthians 2:14, "The *natural* man" — that is, the natural-born, unconverted mind — "receiveth not the things of the *spirit* of God: for they are *foolishness* unto him; neither can he know them, because they are *SPIRITUALLY* discerned!" They are revealed by *God's Spirit* as the 10th verse goes on to say, "God hath REVEALED them unto us *by His Spirit.*" The Holy Spirit *within us* is the key which alone can unlock the doors to scriptural understanding.

But the Holy Spirit is given to only those who OBEY God (Acts 5:32).

Bible Questions Answered

What should a Christian do about asking God's blessing on a meal in a public restaurant?

Perhaps you have noticed the scene made when some families enter a public restaurant, sit down at a table, and then bow their heads and pray. This is a very rare thing today, but some religious sects go to great lengths to show others how sanctimonious and "spiritual" they are!

Is THIS the example God would have His people follow? Does God want His people to appear to outsiders as religious fanatics?

Remember the words of Jesus Christ! What did He say about prayer in public, to be seen of men? "When thou prayest, thou shalt NOT be as the hypocrites are: for they LOVE to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be *seen of men*" (Mat. 6:5). Some people want to impress other people! But the impression they usually create is one of fanaticism, leaving a bad taste in the minds of other people.

When eating a meal at home, or in Christian surroundings, it is certainly

The greater your obedience to God, the greater your wisdom and understanding of the Bible will be.

Lesson 4 of the *Ambassador College Bible Course* outlines the proper procedure for Bible study. Review this lesson again as well as the articles, "How to Understand the Bible" (PLAIN TRUTH, Jan. 1963, p. 31), "How to Study the Bible" (reprint article), and "Twelve Rules for Bible Study" (reprint article).

One Study Method

When studying the Bible, one approach is to *study one book at a time* in order to understand its general contents. Find out who wrote each book. When, where, and for whom did he write? Under what circumstances did

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proper to have someone ask God's blessing on the food and the occasion. We should make it a *habit* to give God thanks for the blessings He abundantly bestows (I Tim. 4:4; Rom. 14:6). It is proper to give God thanks for a meal, before partaking of it, even as Jesus Christ often set us an example.

But what about in a restaurant, before unconverted people? Jesus said "... Thou shalt NOT be as the hypocrites are..."! God does NOT want His people making a sanctimonious scene in a public restaurant — out of false and assumed piety! Rather, in such situations it is usually wiser — and more practical — for each individual in the party to ask his own silent blessing, and *silently* give God thanks. Whether a person does this silently, privately, when he walks into the restaurant, or when he sits down at the table, or when he begins eating, is up to the individual. It would not be necessary for the person to close his eyes or bow his head as he personally asks God's blessing.

God looks on the heart. God is more concerned with sincere GRATITUDE on the part of the individual than with an outward "show" before other people! Whether you pray together asking God's blessing, or pray individually and silently, would depend on the circumstances and the particular situation.

What Our Readers Say . . .

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print. When through, I asked God as never before to protect you and Garner Ted, and all of God's ministers in key positions in this work."

K. R. W., Oregon

"Thank you for the personal articles in *The GOOD NEWS* about our brethren of other countries, such as Mr. Aparatian's articles about the French people, and the new Paris Church — also Mr. Hunting's article on the radio ships. By articles such as these we can be more effective in our prayers for our brethren and the Work."

Mrs. J. C., Illinois

• *Many more of these articles are being prepared for you.*

Men

"I have been attending Sabbath Services here in Modesto for over one year and attended my first Feast of Tabernacles in Squaw Valley although I am not baptized. I have never written before concerning experiences, etc., but after reading my wife's current *GOOD NEWS* I noted 80 percent of letters published were from women. I realized I had let my wife be our spokesman, expressing ourselves, requesting literature, etc., due to my poor writing ability. At this time I would like to just thank you for everything. Although I can't express my thanks enough in writing, my heart pours out."

Tom D., California

• *Thanks Tom!*

Heart Where Treasure Is

"As long as God gives me a dollar, I will send it in even if I never get a letter. But the last one you sent gave me the greatest inspiration of any you have sent out yet. You said in it I was called to preach (I never in my life had thought of it in that way) when I gave to God's work. I am sure I will have greater zeal and drive than I ever have had before."

Mrs. R. W., Wisconsin

Ambassador College—Big Sandy

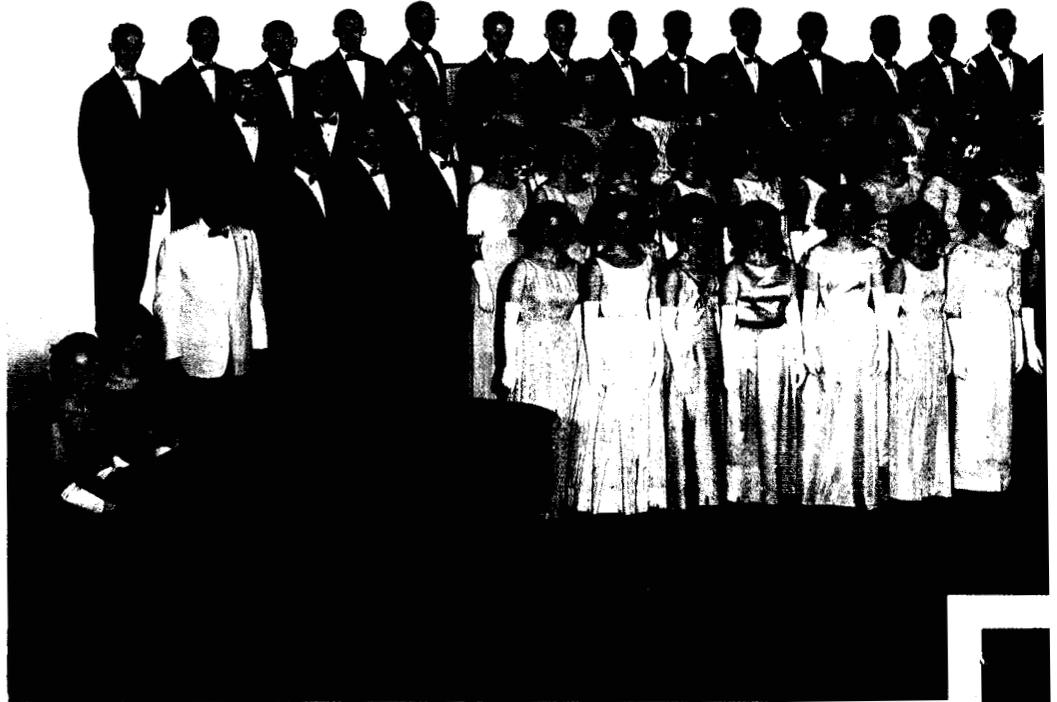
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addition of some fine *new facilities* for the student union.

Going back to 1956, hundreds of Church members found camping on the grounds during the Festival seasons a fine way to keep the Feasts. Many of you will remember the *very first* shower and restroom buildings constructed during that year. They were in the wooded area just up from the redwood building. Well, those first two restroom buildings are now *gone* — moved to a new area on campus! They have had all the fixtures removed and no longer serve as restrooms.

You'll never guess how we put them to use!

They are now, *believe it or not*, two very modern CHICKEN HOUSES! That's right! They've been moved out to the farm — had a little work done on



Ambassador College Photos

TOP — The Ambassador Chorale, Big Sandy, in formal attire. RIGHT — The Big Sandy Big Band, under the baton of Mr. Leo Bogdanchik. LEFT — Ambassador, Big Sandy students have a full athletic program. From top: Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior rally squads for evening basketball games.



them, and now several hundred chickens call them "home." The site where the restrooms once stood is now the location of the girls' dormitory area.

Another of the "old-time facilities" you would never recognize is the western two thirds of the big metal Tabernacle building. So changed is this building that it is no longer called "the Tabernacle" — it is now the dining hall, the auditorium, and the field house all under one big roof. You just *can't believe* the changes which have taken place unless you come here to see for yourself.

Inside this auditorium area we have installed a suspended *ceiling* of acoustical tile. The walls have been sprayed with the most recently developed acoustical material which serves to insulate and beautify at the same time. Right now, as I write this article, workmen are busily laboring on installing *light birch* PANELLING which will go around the *entire* area.

Athletic Facilities

A full-size, professional-quality *basketball court* has been installed in the field-house portion complete with the best quality glass backboards. New bleachers were erected for spectators to view the games.

Every Saturday night during the season the stands are *filled to capacity* with students and members of the local Church who come out to see basketball at its best. Ambassador College does not enter into intercollegiate competi-

tion, but our intramural league, with class and faculty teams, plays a pretty *exciting* brand of good, clean basketball *the way basketball should be played!*

Referees from the local college leagues are hired to officiate. Every single one who has come here wants to come back to work for us again and again. This because of the *friendly*, clean atmosphere, the respect for officials and rules, and because of THAT *SOMETHING* which sets Ambassador students above all other college students nationwide.

Adjacent to the far western end of the former "Tabernacle" we have constructed another fine new facility — a very modern *SHOWER* and *LOCKER ROOM* building. With glistening tile and *fully carpeted* locker areas, it is one of the finest locker rooms in Texas. Amazing as it may sound, we have *proved* that carpeting in areas like this

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TRUE LOVE

-What Is It?

EVERYONE thinks he knows what real outgoing LOVE is — but few do. Even fewer realize the absolutely vital importance of having it.

by Jack R. Elliott

EVERY human being is just naturally interested in his *own things*. He knows *nothing else!* He is interested in his own pleasures. His own happiness. His own profit. His own importance. Charm. Effectiveness. Success. Friends who mean a lot to *him*.

He is concerned for others only when he is *reminded* that he should be, and then, it is because doing nice things makes *him* feel like a better person. A small sacrifice, a charitable act becomes a means of self exaltation. To do something nice for others makes *him* feel good, and makes others admire *him*. Yet, in his own mind he thinks he has "love." Truly man's heart is deceptive above all things and desperately wicked. (Jer. 17:9.)

A Loveless Generation

One of the saddest commentaries of our time is the lack of genuine love and concern for other members of the human race.

Almost everyone suffers from the loneliness of being shut out from the thoughts and actions of others.

Loneliness has come to be the number one problem in the American way of life. It has probably been the cause of more delinquency, destructive acts, and desperate behavior than any other single factor.

As Norman Roston wrote in the article "The Ones Who Wait," published recently in the *Saturday Evening Post*: "You can see them [the unloved] in the city or town, men or women, the young and the old, gather-

ing in the late afternoons or evenings, strolling in the streets, or wandering through stores or the parks, or sitting on park benches, or heading for bars. They are in search of others, the unnamed, the yet-to-be-found, the hour-long or night-long companions. And the numberless unseen who merely wait alone in separate rooms, in small, desperate rooms, their hope behind, accepting defeat. These are the ones who have somehow missed the miracle. Passed by while others were chosen.

"Perhaps the saddest of these are the aged and ill, betrayed by the world, forgotten by kin. The living turn cruelly and irrevocably away from the dying. And love, the root of life, withers.

"I don't know why they're keeping me alive," said the man in the sun-filled ward of the hospital, his hands flat upon the sheets, his head turned toward the window where the sun danced. 'I'm not going anywhere if I get better. I've got a sister living in California, but she hasn't written for years, and I never hear from my daughters. No one visits me now except a nun sometimes, who is very nice, but I don't even know her name. *It doesn't mean anything.*' [Emphasis mine.]

"... It is not merely a matter of age. The loveless exist wherever life may be. They are the obviously scarred or the seemingly well, the wounded with the scar hidden; they are married or single, in and out of careers, in and out of marital beds or motel adventures, all touched by that shadow

of having been denied, forgotten, un-blessed.

"... The search for love is [also] the desperate anxiety of youth. Nothing is more frightening to them than the idea that they may remain among the loveless. And so they grope in an affluent, confused society, seeking those symbols that give them an outward proof of desirability. The guitar, the motorcycle, the beard, marijuana, the hip clothes, the sexual pose, and the new 'trip' — LSD . . ."

This a pitiful, sad commentary on real life! Perhaps you feel that you are being left out of the affection and concern of others. But what are *you* doing for *others*? *How about you?* Do you have any loved ones going hungry for a word of encouragement, a note or visit which says *you* care about *them*?

Truly, outgoing love is in desperately short supply in this generation. If you and I are not careful, we will fall right into the trap that so many of the unconverted people are in. But if we will begin to exercise outgoing concern ourselves, our own loneliness will evaporate!

Real Help is Hard to Give

Today, even when one sincerely desires to help another, he is often faced with many problems. People who want help don't really want the *kind* of help that will enable them to become more responsible or productive themselves. Instead, they want the results of *your* productivity. They want you to give

them their desire, with no strings attached. In other words, they want the blessings that come from industriousness without doing the work themselves.

Welfare and charitable organizations have tried to fill the void of loneliness, but they have met with little success. Professional social workers, no matter how often they visit, cannot fill the void in the heart of the lonely. The aid they give *"doesn't mean anything."* It is given by persons paid to give it, from persons unknown. There is no individual tenderness, no personal compassion which spans the gap between the donor and recipient.

Love Absolutely Necessary

Even though this Godless generation makes goodwill difficult it is still necessary for human happiness. Life without personal warmth and goodwill is not real living. People need to see a smile and receive a cheery greeting that somehow conveys interest in their welfare, with a willingness to stop and help when necessary. Such love is a vital part of any happy society. And it will be a PROMINENT, PERSONAL, DAILY QUALITY in God's Kingdom.

Those of us who are able to see that outgoing love is a part of God's way of life, and who have chosen to come out of this world and to learn and practice GOD'S WAY, MAY NOT EXCUSE OURSELVES from having and practicing outgoing love and concern for others. It is an ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT for *any* who expect to enter His Kingdom. Those who have not demonstrated it in their daily lives *will not enter at all!* (Mat. 25:31-46.) To those who do not aid the stranger, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick and the confined, Jesus Christ will say, "Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

TRUE LOVE is so important that Almighty God warns those without it that they are as worthless as a "noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (I Cor. 13:1).

A personality devoid of outgoing love is a sick personality! It is unpleasant, unwholesome and ineffective. On the other hand, an outgoing per-

sonality adds immeasurably to health, happiness and prosperity. It is a delight to everyone, and it will certainly make the lives of those around you much brighter and more worthwhile.

The apostle Paul wrote: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [outgoing love, goodwill], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity [outgoing love, goodwill], I am nothing" (I Cor. 13:1-2).

This knowledge comes only from the Bible; and understanding comes from God's Holy Spirit, and no man has it naturally.

Without God's Holy Spirit the only genuine interest we have is SELF-interest. Unconverted people are interested in others only in relation to what others mean to them — what they *get* in return.

Since this world's advisers are without God's Spirit, their writings or examples unwittingly advocate "putting it on" *in order to receive*. But, doing in order to receive is not goodwill! It is pursuing self-profit!

All of us have heard about love and goodwill from people who don't really understand it. We have seen other's examples of what it is *supposed* to be, but we have seen and received WRONG information. Right knowledge was simply not available because of a lack of spiritual understanding.

Some Are Asleep!

Yet even some who are baptized, *have God's Spirit*, know the plan of God and hope to enter into His Kingdom *lack this outgoing love!* They just never think about others. Their fruitless lives make it obvious that THEY DO NOT ACTIVELY CARE FOR OTHERS. They *intend* to do right. They often *think to do* good works, yet seldom, if ever, get around to *actually* doing them. They *try* to be nice. They often say and do pleasant things. They try to be fair. *Yet, no one is benefited.* No one's life is being changed. No one's hope is lifted up. No happiness is radiated to

others. No joy is spread. Instead, they are forced to rationalize, defend themselves, argue or retreat. This kind of behavior falls far short of truly outgoing LOVE.

In fact, IT IS *NOT* LOVE AT ALL!

It is merely living up to what we feel is required of us. It is a person's way of demanding credit for being a nice guy. It is selfish! It is carnal!

Goodwill or true love must come from a spirit-led heart. Even though the heart of man is not naturally inclined to love his fellows, through *God's help* WE CAN change. *And there is a lot we must do ourselves!*

What Can WE Do?

The formula for receiving God's Holy Spirit is given by the apostle Peter in Acts 2:38. Peter said to those pricked in the heart and wanting to do something about their condition, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Repentance means turning from your human way or self-centeredness and pursuing God's way. It means repenting of breaking God's law and setting your will to obey from here on.

God will then give you His Holy Spirit, a spirit of a sound mind — wisdom by which you can intelligently love and consider others. You cannot work up goodwill by yourself.

To act like you have it is to be *false*. Any *act*, no matter how good the actor, is eventually discovered to be just that — *acting!*

On the other hand, when we receive God's Holy Spirit we do not just automatically and mysteriously become perfect. It is arrived at by much effort on our part — USING THE SPIRIT GOD GIVES!

God's Spirit opens our minds to realize the importance of others in our lives and our importance in theirs. The goodwill we give and receive is a vital commodity. We come to realize that fellowship of kindred spirits is most beautiful. God's Spirit also gives us the assurance that this harmonious love and goodwill is worth working for.

Outgoing love requires work along

with willpower and determination. It is an uphill pull because human nature is not outgoing. Human nature is selfish. To be outgoing in love cuts against the grain of our human nature.

WISDOM to try — WISDOM to correctly guide your efforts — WISDOM to keep trying in spite of all adversity and WISDOM to discern God's will is an ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.

This Wisdom is THE WISDOM OF GOD

"If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:5-6).

In FAITH you must *stand* unwaveringly on your trust and conviction.

In HOPE you *guide* your action *expecting* to receive the desire you have set your heart on. This hope adds the spiritual motivation to go forward.

In LOVE you must *act* with unselfishness, with initiative and genuine concern for EVERYONE.

These three important ingredients are added to your gift of wisdom through effort on your part. They are all important, but the most important, and the one which takes most effort, is *love* (I Cor. 13:13).

Your Part

This is what life is all about. This is how you have your part in your own salvation.

This process of creating Godly character in us is God's plan of creating sons. It is His doing, but we also have our part. Besides our WILLPOWER and DETERMINATION, it takes our RESOURCEFULNESS, PERSEVERANCE and DRIVE.

It requires breaking old habits — habits of thinking and acting selfishly. It then requires building new habits — habits of thinking and acting in outgoing love. The old habits are deeply ingrained just as the new habits must *become* deeply ingrained if they are to become part of us.

To build a habit you must do a thing over and over until it becomes

automatic behavior. It has been said, "we are what we habitually are," and you become Godlike when you become *habitually* and *consistently* Godlike.

God is love and He acts habitually and consistently in outgoing love. That is what we are learning to do through His Holy Spirit. We are developing the CHARACTER of habitually and consistently acting in outgoing love and concern for others — all others! The basic laws of God are given for the purpose of developing Godly love and goodwill. They are laws of love (I John 4:8).

The Meaning

I Corinthians 13 makes it clear what TRUE LOVE is. The word translated "charity" here does not mean *giving to the poor*. Verse 3 clearly demonstrates that! Read it! Also, the Greek word translated "charity," is *agape*, not *phileo*, which is more commonly used to denote emotional love. *Agape* and *phileo* have very similar meanings, but *phileo* "comes chiefly from the heart," explains *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* while *agape* "comes from the head." It means to THINK AND ACT toward others with GENUINE CONCERN AND TENDERNESS. It means having goodwill — feeling it deeply *but intelligently*.

While either word can be translated "love," the King James translators used "charity" in order to distinguish this *intelligent heartfelt concern* (outgoing love or goodwill) from the kind of *emotion* that the word "love" conveys to the average person.

What True Love Is Like

Verse 4 shows that this *intelligent outgoing love* or *goodwill* is always PATIENT with others; suffering long with any grievance you may receive from them.

It is KIND — unfailingly kind as you will see by comparing verse 4 with verse 8.

Love NEVER COMPARES itself with others (II Cor. 10:12) so that it is never envious (jealous) or never vaunts itself (boasts) to get self-acclaim.

It is never PUFFED UP (arrogant, self-important). Such puffed-up ego

only causes you to show you *have* compared yourself with others and found them BENEATH you.

Goodwill will never behave itself unseemly (unpleasantly, unbecomingly).

Philippians 4:8 also adds information on the pleasant things we should do instead: "... whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

True love SEEKS NOT ITS OWN — is not *self-centered*, not *carnal*. (I Cor. 13:5.)

It is not easily PROVOKED (aroused to anger).

It THINKS NO EVIL — does not dwell on the ugly, wicked side of others' behavior, nor is it resentful or bitter.

And, it never rejoices in hearing or seeing iniquity. Instead, it REJOICES IN TRUTH — in wholesomeness (verse 6).

If a person belittles or insults you, real love never causes you to rail back but it BEARETH ALL THINGS (forbearing in all provocations). It never inflicts harm for harm, evil for evil, or insult for insult.

This *agape* BELIEVES THE BEST in *all things*. It does not show unpleasantness and ill-will by being a doubter, a dissenter, but HOPES FOR THE BEST in *all things* — IS NOT NEGATIVE!

God's love ENDURES all things. Trials, unpleasant episodes, differences of opinions, misunderstandings do not send it off in a corner to mope or to turn away in bitterness. It does not lose friends over them. It does not *give up*. It NEVER FAILS! When everything else has failed, true love — *genuine goodwill and concern* — will still be going strong!

Jesus Christ's example while on the cross is the one we should never fail to follow. He said of all those scowling, bloodthirsty, hate-filled tormentors "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Can *you* still be a friend to those who hate you? Can you *still* have goodwill toward them? Can you still be concerned for their welfare? YOU

MUST, you know! And, you must come to have it *habitually* and *consistently*.

How to Have True Love

If you want to live and act in *love* and *goodwill*, go to the Author of all that is good. Ask Him prayerfully to give you this attitude and show you the way. Expect Him to answer and to keep on giving it to you as long as you are desirous of *giving up* your old self-centeredness and striving to live God's way.

Then follow His Biblical instructions on how to behave toward others in love and goodwill. PRACTICE living by the laws of love.

Your selfish human nature has always had its way in the past and will continue to crop up, so you must continue to resist self-will while you step

out on faith to do GOD'S WILL—GOOD-WILL! HIS INSTRUCTIONS are in the Holy Bible. Besides those written instructions God will supply the other vital ingredients you need if you are diligent in prayer about it. The comprehension, the understanding—the WISDOM to desire and apply TRUE LOVE, will be forthcoming.

Like a baby's first steps, your first attempts will not be very skillful. You will stumble—may even fall. But, dust yourself off, ask forgiveness and try again. And again. And again, until you habitually and faithfully come to have GOODWILL—God's will—toward ALL men.

Romans 13:8-9 says, "Owe no man any thing, but to love [*agape*] one another; for he that loves another has fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not

kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

It takes work to be outgoing. You won't even think to do it without taking effort, and it won't be successful *even then* if you don't stay close to God. This also takes serious effort of WILL and ENERGY.

Yet, *this* love is absolutely required by God. It is a wonderful thing to have. No one—BUT NO ONE, will enter His Kingdom without it. (Mat. 25:31-46.)

Now is the time to marshal your energy to MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE GOD'S GREAT LOVE!

GET IT and KEEP IT all the rest of your life. The time is short, it is later than you think!

Are You UNpredictable?

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False ministers foster the idea that God is unpredictable. They make excuses and exceptions to God's laws.

They preach an unpredictable conduct, an unpredictable religion, an unpredictable God—an unpredictable Christ! In other words, they preach *another* Jesus.

And what they produce is characterless character!

God has expressed His character in the Ten Commandments. Jesus expounded these commandments in the spirit of the law.

But most people think God changes His mind in regard to His Commandments.

Notice what God Himself says: "For I am the Eternal, I CHANGE NOT; AND therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6).

In Titus 1:2 we find that God cannot lie. That is, God *will not* lie—and there is no force in all the universe that can change God's will. God has promised to keep a remnant of Israel to the end of the age—and God *will not* change. Neither does God change any of His commandments. God has changeless character!

Confusion In the Home

Why is there distrust in families today? Why do children doubt their parent's word? Why are wives skeptical of their husband's conduct?

Can your family rely on you—your character—your word—knowing you are predictable?

Many parents confuse their children. Their children never know what to expect. These parents are *unpredictable*.

For instance, a child playing on the steps on one occasion is sternly rebuked for it. Soon he does the same thing again. This time his parent says nothing—smiles pleasantly at him. Then the child feels it is all right to play on the steps. But the next time he does it he gets a sound spanking.

Under these conditions a child is confused, bewildered, unsure of his parents. He cannot depend on their word. He cannot rely on their principles. To him, they are *unpredictable*.

Some wives say, "I never know how my husband will react to a situation." Some husbands say, "One time she's upset by it, and the next time she's happy with the same thing. I never know what she will do."

How about you? Does your set of standards *vary* constantly? Do people know what your scruples are? Can they be sure of your character? Do your children know exactly what to expect from you?

Was Jesus Predictable?

Jesus Christ was *the most predictable man who ever lived!* He had predictable principles—stable scruples. They never varied. You could depend on Christ. He was not irresponsible, unpredictable, undependable, unreliable.

When Jesus was twelve years old His parents took him to Jerusalem to observe the Passover. "And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions" (Luke 2:43-46).

Joseph and Mary spent *three days* looking for Him. They probably went to all the places where twelve-year-

old boys play. Perhaps they went to a water hole where children swim. Then to a play yard to see if Jesus were there. After all, He was only twelve years old.

After three days of hunting they finally found Him in the temple. "And when they saw Him, they were amazed: And His mother said unto Him, Son, Why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not [Did you not know] that I must be about my Father's business?" (Verses 48-49.)

Jesus was amazed that they spent three days looking for Him. "How is it that ye sought me?" He said.

They should have known where He would be. They should have known His character, His purpose, His mission in life.

But "They understood not the saying which He spake unto them" (verse 50). His mother kept these things in her heart and later understood.

Had they understood then, they could have *predicted* where Jesus Christ would be. They did not have to look in swimming holes or play yards. They could have known He would be in His Father's house!

Can you predict where Jesus Christ would be on the Sabbath?

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, AS HIS CUSTOM WAS, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read" (Luke 4:16).

Jesus would be in God's Church on the Sabbath—the seventh day of the week. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Did you know that Jesus' life was so predictable the Jews used this against Him in plotting His murder? They wanted evidence against Christ—something they could accuse Him of in breaking their traditions. They knew just how to get it.

They knew if Jesus saw a person in need of healing, He would heal him—even on the Sabbath. Thus they could predict with certainty that He would heal a cripple, a blind person or a

withered hand. They made sure to place such a person in the temple where Jesus Christ could see him on the Sabbath.

They stood and watched. They knew Jesus would heal the man. He was just that predictable!

Jesus Kept the Feast

Because of strong teaching Jesus was persecuted at Jerusalem. "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for He would not walk in Jewry [Judæa], because the Jews sought to kill Him" (John 7:1).

His life was in danger! So He went back to His home area of Galilee.

But soon it was time for the Feast of Tabernacles. At that time Christ's disciples kept the feast with the Jews because Christ had not yet separated His Church from the Jewish nation.

"Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto Him, depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. *If* thou do these things, show thyself to the world. For neither did His brethren [physical brothers] believe in Him. Then Jesus said unto them, my time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up *yet* unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come" (John 7:2-8).

Jesus did not want to go to the feast with His brothers. He was afraid they would call attention to Him. His brothers did not believe in Him. He knew they would make His presence known at the feast.

"But when His brothers were gone up, then went He also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret" (verse 10).

He did not want to be seen by the Jews. He knew the Jews were out to kill Him—that is why He left Judæa prior to this. It was not His time to die. But He knew if He had much contact with the Jews they would kill Him.

In the face of death Jesus went to the Feast of Tabernacles! He did it secretly!

Because Jesus never missed a Feast, He was predictable. The Jews knew Jesus' character. They knew He kept the commandments! **THE JEWS KNEW HE WOULD BE AT THE FEAST!**

"Then the Jews *sought* Him at the feast, and said, Where is He?" (Verse 11.)

Do you see? He was *predictable*. They did not say, "Is He here?" but rather, "Where is He?"

They knew He would be there!

Here is absolute proof that we are to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. It was not a ritual or connected with the sacrifices of Moses. Jesus knew He had to keep the Feast of Tabernacles—even at the risk of His life. He knew He had to go where God had placed His name. He did not *stay at home* to keep the Feast. But at threat of death went to Jerusalem.

Jesus was willing to risk His life in order to be obedient to the laws of God!

The Jews knew Jesus would not violate the commandments of God. To them it was not a matter of whether He was there—but where? They had no question in their minds whether or not He would be at the Feast.

Jesus Christ was completely predictable!

What kind of example do you set?

We heard this comment about a faithful member of God's Church: "Don't go to his place of business on Saturday, because he won't be there. He *never* opens his business on Saturdays. He *always* goes to church on that day. And he is *always* gone in the fall of the year to a church meeting of some kind."

We should all be that predictable.

God does not want us to waver in faith or in character. He says, "But let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

"For let not that man think that he shall receive *anything* from the Lord. **A DOUBLE MINDED MAN IS UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS**" (James 1:6-8).

Notice! A man double minded—

unpredictable, unstable, of varying character — is UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS!

How can God use this kind of man? *He can't.*

Predictable Instruments

Do you remember this ad line? "You can be *sure* . . . if it's Westinghouse."

The sponsors sought to bring about a trust in people for their product. We might say, "You can be *sure* . . . if it's God's character." *Why?*

Because God is a perfectionist. He is stable, constant, unvarying.

Jesus told us to be perfect *even as* our Father in heaven is perfect. (Mat. 5:48.)

God is using us to perform His Work. He is also perfecting His very character — the character of Jesus Christ — in us.

"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: *but yield yourselves unto God*, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as INSTRUMENTS of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

God must have our cooperation to perfect His character in us. God wants us to be *precision instruments* in His hands.

Would an electronics engineer use a tool or a part that was unpredictable?

Complicated, delicate electronics gear demands stable parts and materials.

Would scientists use parts in rocket ships that were unpredictable? They must be *sure* of manned rocket ships.

Would a scientist say, "I don't know if this part will work — sometimes it does and sometimes it doesn't — but we'll put it in anyhow!" Never!

These men must have instruments that are dependable. They must have predictable parts for a sure shot. They must be able to rely on these parts and materials.

Can God perfect His character in us if we are unpredictable? Would a lumberjack use an ax if the head flew off from time to time — an unpredictable ax?

Do you see the point?

Can God use us efficiently, effectively

if we are unpredictable, unstable, undependable?

An effective ax head must be sharp and efficient. Yet many think they can be dull, lifeless, unenthusiastic, unpredictable — and still be used by God. No! A thousand times no!

What Stradivari Said

Stradivari, maker of Stradivarius violins, once said: "If my hands slack, I rob God. For God cannot make a Stradivarius without Stradivari."

This may sound like blasphemy at first. But notice it! Examine it!

What did Stradivari say? He said in order for this fine violin to be called a Stradivarius; he, Stradivari, had to be diligent, steady, predictable in his work. God could not use him — Stradivari — in making the Stradivarius unless *he* was diligent. And if God did not use him — it would not be a Stradivarius violin.

God could use another man to make a fine violin — just as good as the Stradivarius. BUT IT WOULD NOT BE

A STRADIVARIUS! IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE CALLED A STRADIVARIUS IT HAD TO BE MADE BY STRADIVARI.

In the same way, God needs *your* cooperation to develop His character in you. God cannot — indeed God *will not* — develop His character in you without *your* cooperation.

You are an instrument in God's hands. Stradivari said, "If my hands slack, I rob God." God cannot perfect the character of Jesus Christ in you, *without you*.

But don't forget, neither can you perfect the character of Jesus Christ in yourself without God. You are an instrument in God's hands. You need to be sharp, alert, reliable, predictable. You need to have the character of your perfect, predictable, Heavenly Father! Like Christ you must be reliable, dependable, responsible as well as predictable.

Jesus Christ wants you to say: "*Don't* call me irresponsible, unpredictable, undependable or unreliable. CALL ME . . . a *Christian!*"

How to Solve Bible Difficulties

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he write the book? Does his book contain laws, poetry, history, religious instruction, or prophecy? What are the practical lessons and doctrines taught? What connection has this book with other parts of the Bible? What is the time period when the events were written?

Not only is it important to read a book from beginning to end, it is also important to read a connected set of books consecutively to the end to get the general thought that pervades throughout.

George Mueller of Bristol once said: "There may seem to be apparent contradictions in the Word, but by patiently and calmly going on reading and meditating, these are removed."

The Bible should be studied systematically and thoroughly. Without this systematic study, we may miss some of the gold nuggets hidden in the deepest parts. Nothing that God has had recorded in the Bible can be lightly passed by.

Analyze What You Read

When you read the Bible, hunt for something. Read a chapter over and over again until you understand it. After a chapter has been read, analyze it and write your own table of contents. This will impress on your mind what the chapter is about and will help you retain this knowledge.

Study every single passage with II Timothy 3:16-17 in mind. Ask yourself: What reproof, correction and instruction is here for *me*? Apply the Bible personally — to yourself. Take the plain and simple meaning of the passage as if it were written for yourself. Believe in the Bible as God's revelation to you, and act accordingly.

Approach Bible study this way and there will be no problem solving any difficulties or apparent contradictions that may arise. There is a fair and reasonable solution for every difficulty and discrepancy found in the Bible.

The next installment will give specific solutions to several Bible difficulties and apparent contradictions.

Ambassador College – Big Sandy

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is actually CHEAPER than any other kind of flooring.

Some of our business guests and others who have seen this area are overwhelmed at the quality. The problem any other college would have is *taking care* of such FINE furnishings. Ambassador College can have more fine facilities at a *cheaper price* because our students CARE FOR and appreciate fine things. Obeying and *living* by GOD'S LAWS produces many *uncountable* benefits!

The Farm Program

One of the most significant additions to the campus is the development of the AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT under Mr. Dale Schurter — Ambassador graduate of 1965.

Under Mr. Schurter, a program of farming and ranching has gotten under way which has already *substantially contributed* to God's Work around the world! One entire session of the January Ministerial Conference was conducted by Mr. Schurter. He presented information on farming, ranching, and soil conservation which will be VERY VALUABLE in helping *hundreds* of farmers and ranchers in God's Church.

The ranching section now raises and butchers enough beef to supply the needs of BOTH the Texas and Pasadena campuses. Several times a year our own refrigerator truck transports steaks, roasts, and hamburger to California. Much of the meat is butchered in our

own new addition to the kitchen and dining area, the butcher shop. Mr. James D. Bald, the father of our minister in the Danville and Indianapolis Churches, oversees this department. Mr. Bald came to work after many years



of butchering, and teaching in trade schools. Watching him cut up a side of beef is watching an artist at work.

In addition to being *economically a SAVINGS* to the college, the ranch assures us that Ambassador students will

eat the BEST BEEF POSSIBLE — *unpolluted* and *unadulterated* by modern chemicals, feed, and shots.

You've already read about the chicken houses. The ranch also provides *all* the eggs, many of the frying chickens, and some of the broilers and roasting hens. Soon we hope to be in *full production* and supply all the poultry needs of the campus.

But that isn't all! The college operates and maintains its own DAIRY HERD of some twenty-two to twenty-seven cows. This supplies all the *whole raw milk* for the students, in addition to cream and butter.

As if all that were not enough, the farm is also able to grow hundreds of pounds of carrots, beets, beans, squash, onions, tomatoes, and even watermelons (this area of Texas is especially good for melons).

Any time of day you are likely to see a *friendly* Ambassador student wave from his tractor as he plows a new field for planting.

The farm program has purchased



Ambassador College Photos
 ABOVE — Chamber group consisting of Mr. Leroy Neff, cellist, Mrs. Eugene Walter, pianist, Mrs. Richard Ames, violinist. LEFT — Home Economics Department. RIGHT, ABOVE — The Farm Program picturing Mr. Dale Schurter, Mr. George Moss, and the now-famous Big Sandy Bull! BELOW — Beautiful Lake Loma.

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many new items to help improve efficiency and is presently constructing a new storage warehouse, has already put in grain storage tanks and silage pits, is also building a new *eight-acre lake* right in the middle of the farm area. The lake will be used for irrigation (and several of us have our special spots picked for duck blinds, come next season).

Everyone who lives and works here feels as though we have a special privilege to get a real foretaste of the **WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW** and what it will be like — only we get to experience a little of it *here and now!*

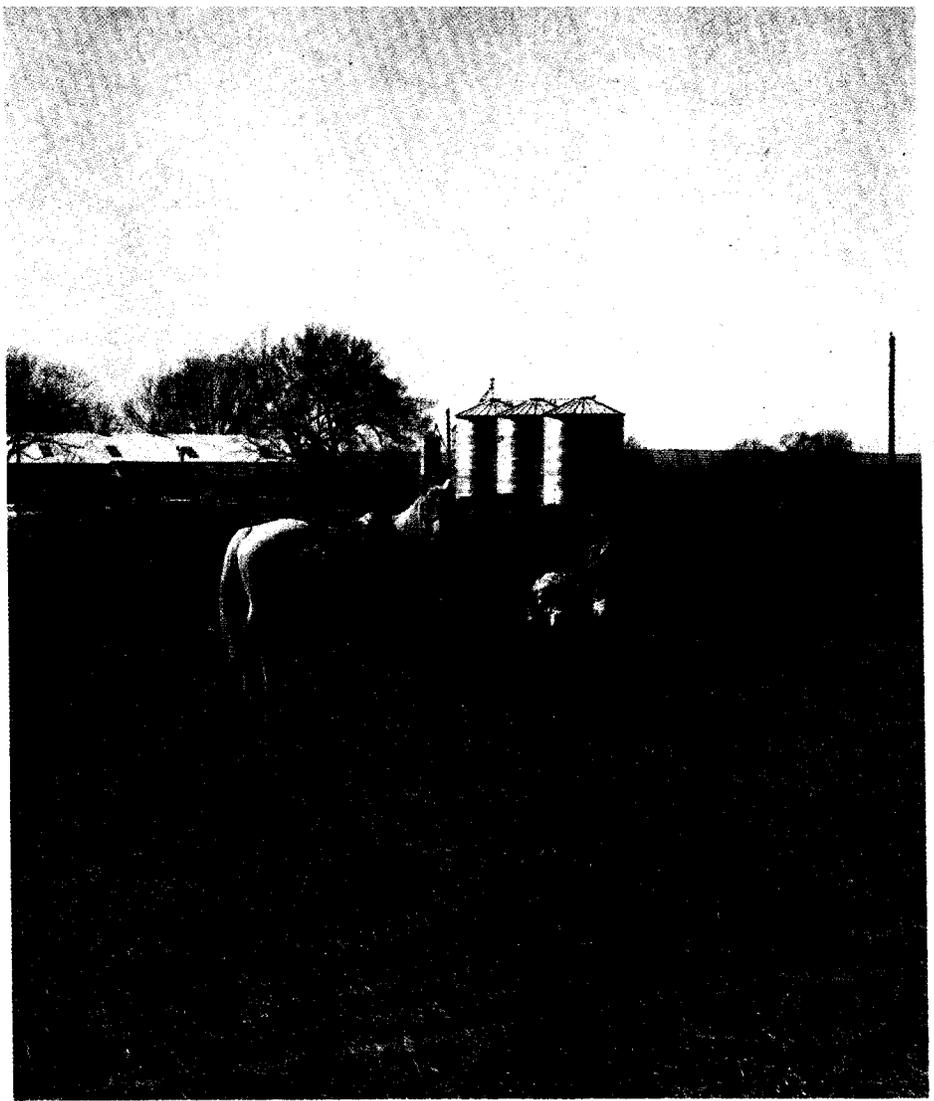
We really wish everyone could move here and share these bounteous blessings with us. But that is not possible now. You can see the **ENTHUSIASM** here in Texas is really catching!

Still More

The more I write about the Texas campus, the more I realize there is to write about. As mentioned earlier, even those of us here are **OVERWHELMED** by the *phenomenal growth!* I remember my **ENTHUSIASM** in the summer of 1964 when we moved here, but that has *doubled and redoubled* since!

You've all read about faculty row around Lake Loma. That will soon be increased by three more beautiful new brick homes. Mr. Dick Ames, Mr. Dale Schurter, and Mr. Sylvester Mayhill will be the occupants of the latest additions.

Can you imagine living in the **MOST IDEAL NEIGHBORHOOD** on earth? That's



what we have here! Every home is occupied by *converted* families all striving to obey God's laws and to *train their children the right way!*

Can you imagine *no quarrels* with the neighbors about noise, or wild, nearly aboriginal children?

To top it all, we live on the edge

of beautiful Lake Loma — now expanded to about three times the size it was back in 1964.

The lake is in *constant use* during the warm months of the year for swimming, picnicking, boating, and water skiing. Nearly every single student who stayed on campus during the summer learned to water ski behind the newly acquired boat.

From water skiing to horseback riding, from doing their own baking and cooking, to studying in class, Ambassador students are learning to *use and enjoy* the magnificent surroundings **GOD HAS PROVIDED** here in the woods of east Texas. Your tithes and offerings have made this possible. Your earnest heartfelt **PRAYERS** need to be behind **ALL** three Ambassador campuses *all of the time.*

The Real Test Yet to Come

A few weeks ago Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong told the students here in



Texas THE REAL TEST IS YET AHEAD!

Next year, in June of 1968, the *first* freshman class to enter in Texas, will graduate. The real test of the value of this college will be in the *quality of its graduates* — the ministers, elders, second men, office managers, and office personnel who will fill the *badly needed* EMPTY SPACES in the *rapidly expanding* WORK OF GOD around the world!

The test will be met when we see *more new Churches*, more people being visited more often — thousands of lives being *changed* because of the *SINCERELY DEDICATED* young men and women who attended Ambassador College and who *dedicated themselves* to serving God's people!

We'll see if the results are more letters being sent from the Letter Answering department. When *new by-lines* appear on articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH AND GOOD NEWS* magazines. When happily married young couples, serving in many capacities in many places, *go to work*. Then we'll know the real value of Ambassador College. It won't be important whether these young people graduate from the Pasadena, Bricket Wood, or Texas Campuses. What will matter is how many people *hear* and *HEED* the WARNING MESSAGE being sent to the world over the *WORLD TOMORROW* program and through the magazines, booklets, and other literature — followed up by the *personal contact* so many write in to ask about.

All of us at Big Sandy — ministers, faculty, and students — want to keep our eyes on the *REALLY BIG JOB* of the *Work of God Worldwide!*

God has given us a college in Texas — a fine faculty, eager students and ever-increasing *QUALITY FACILITIES!*

We hope you will *PRAY regularly* for all the college students and for their *usefulness* in the *WORK* which lies ahead.

We thought you'd like to hear about this one department in God's *Work*. What you've read this month about Texas is *only a part* of the *GIGANTIC WORK* now under way — rejoice with us in God's great abundance. Let's all use the inspiration to produce even more in the coming years which lie ahead!

Who Killed Jesus Christ?

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[your] wicked hands have crucified and slain."

To make doubly sure they got it, to make doubly sure *YOU get it*, Peter said in verse 36, "Therefore let ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL *know assuredly*, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom *ye have crucified*, both Lord and Christ." Brethren, *you* are of the House of Israel!

Therefore, I repeat, by the authority of Jesus Christ — *YOU KILLED JESUS CHRIST! Your wicked hands crucified the Savior just as surely as if you had been there thrusting the spear in His side!!* You killed Christ just as surely as I killed that old white-haired Burmese so many years ago!

We have all read Mark 14:63-65 and been horrified at the conduct of the High Priest who blasphemed and condemned Jesus Christ to death. We have been appalled that they "spit on Him," and that they struck Him with rods, sticks and their fists!

Many of us have read and never understood that *we*, that *YOU* and I personally are guilty of condemning Christ to death, of spitting in His face, of striking Him with our fists until we bludgeoned His face, turning it purple and red. You haven't realized that you didn't stop until His face was raw and swollen, until His skin parted, ruptured and bled!

Most of us have never understood that we literally cursed Jesus Christ every day of the year that we wiped our dirty feet on God's Holy Days. Truly *you* spit in your Savior's face every day that you mocked Jesus Christ by keeping another day other than the true Sabbath! Jesus Christ created and made the seventh day of the week *HOLY!!* He said to sanctify the seventh day and to *keep it Holy!* We have despised Jesus Christ in our disobedience to this command.

"...They cried out again, crucify Him" (Mark 15:13).

Brethren, *you* are part of those from every nation on the earth! *You* are of the House of Israel! *You* — with those

that stood before Peter and those who stood with the Roman mobs — cried out, "Crucify Him," just as surely as if you had been there in person! *Your actions, your words* have crucified Jesus Christ in a *THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS!!* "For when we were yet without strength," Jesus Christ died for us, the ungodly sinners of the earth!

While we were still cursing God, crucifying and condemning God our Savior by our evil behavior and deeds, Jesus Christ was commending His love toward us. He died for us (Rom. 5:8).

Jesus Christ was beaten more than any man. He was punched, jabbed, kicked and then beaten with a cat-o'-nine-tails until he was marred beyond recognition. In the scourging of Mat. 27:26, Jesus Christ was delivered *just short of death!* The beating tore open the flesh on his body until his bones were exposed (Ps. 22:17).

The scourging was preparatory to the most vicious crucifixion yet devised by man. It was a crucifixion in which Christ was nailed face up to a pole.

You were there when a grizzled, unshaven Roman soldier knelt — one knee on the ground, another in Christ's chest! Then slowly, methodically, you began the hammer blows that drove the square-cut nails deep into the red, raw flesh of your Savior and mine, pinning His hands and feet to that stake.

The blood that spurted out of those nail holes at Golgotha did not all run down the stake onto the ground — some of it spurted in your face, on your clothing and on your hands, brethren!!

You were there — driving the nails just as surely as I killed the little old Burmese twenty some years ago in a place called Indochina!

When they raised the pole and dropped it in the hole, when his flesh tore on the nails as the pole hit bottom, you, brethren, were there cheering. *YOU WERE THERE PUTTING TO DEATH THE ONLY SAVIOR THIS WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN!*

You despised and rejected your Savior, "... a man of sorrows, and ac-

quainted with grief: and WE [you] hid as it were OUR [your] faces from Him; He was despised, and WE [you] esteemed Him not. Surely he hath borne OUR [your] griefs and carried OUR [your] sorrows yet WE [you] did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for OUR [your] transgressions, He was bruised for OUR [your] iniquities: the chastisement of OUR [your] peace was upon Him: and with His stripes WE [you] are healed. All WE [of us] like sheep have gone astray; WE [you] have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of US ALL" (Isa. 53:3-6).

That's what YOU did to Christ, however innocent you feel your rebellion has been to His laws and His commandments. *Your disobedience* to God's laws caused His death — every last antagonizing minute of it!!!

Are You Concerned?

How concerned are you over this terrible death *you* inflicted upon Jesus Christ? Do you feel and know your responsibility? Do you take it lightly or seriously? DO YOU TAKE IT LITERALLY?

God the Father and our Savior have forgiven us — their forgiveness has been according to our realization of the seriousness of the crime committed.

Everyone is naturally, selfishly, carnally concerned over his own life, his own health. Most of us have even imagined accidents where our wives or children were concerned. We have found ourselves deeply involved and worried over danger for self and family.

Are you — do you show the same concern over Jesus Christ's sacrifice?

Not if you sin! Not if you just drift along!! Not if you are filled with pride and vanity!!! Not if you are glorifying the self, the number one — the big you!

We all need to be concerned over our gigantic sin and part in crucifying Jesus Christ. We need to be genuinely humble, "... for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God . . ." (I Pet.

5:5-6). In so doing we show our concern and exercise true repentance of our past misdeeds.

When we come to this attitude, when we come to true repentance and are baptized — then we have God's complete forgiveness, His love and His deep concern. God — the God we crucified abounds in loving-kindness. Through a multitude of tender mercies He is able to blot out our sins, our transgressions — no matter how wicked we have been (Ps. 51:1).

What Kind of God Was It That You Killed?

The God that you killed *made the world!* He was appointed heir of all things by His Father. He was the very express image, brightness and character of the Father and His power. This God, Jesus Christ, purged our sins and then sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High, God the Father (Heb. 1:2-3).

He is made perfect, the One who works to bring us, the first begotten, into perfection. He is worthy of angels' worship (Heb. 1:6)!!

"Behold your God" — THE GOD YOU KILLED!! He, in His magnificence, is capable and able to measure all the water in the hollow or palms of His hands. He can weigh all the mountains of this earth as easily as we would weigh a few pounds of salt on a scale!

We have not counseled this great God in His wisdom or instructed Him. In reality, we are in comparison as a fraction of a speck of dust. All "nations [on earth] are as a drop in a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance. . . ." (Isa. 40:9-15).

No, we never counseled this great God — but we did kill Him — just as surely as I killed that little old Burmese twenty some years ago!

Have you ever contemplated how great you are by comparison — or contemplated the net worth of you, your value to God — your worth in terms of Christ's sacrifice?? When all nations in totality are only a *drop in a bucket* — how large are you?

That drop of water in Isaiah 40 represents the billions of mankind! We as men would be totally incapable to

separate a drop of water to the fraction that would represent *one of us!*

Yes, this great God we now worship is not likened to anyone or anything. No one, no thing is equal to the Holy One — OUR GOD!!! He is merciful, kind and full of compassion!

YET FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS — WE — YOU KILLED JESUS CHRIST!

He Gave All — For Your Life

This God, the One who suffered and died, lay down His life for His friends — friends that spit in His face and cursed Him in wicked disobedience (John 15:13). He has chosen you and ordered that you would bring forth fruit to the giving of eternal life in a soon-coming kingdom — The Kingdom of God!

He was made a man, just a little lower than the angels to suffer death for you and for me! He tasted death for *every* man. He humbled Himself to be flesh and blood that He might destroy death, pain, sickness, disease and misery (Heb. 2:9, 14).

Jesus Christ, the God that *you* killed was tempted just like you are tempted — yet He resisted without sin (Heb. 4:15).

Our Savior fought the downward pull of the flesh just as you and I fight the battle. He was wearied by the flesh that cries out, "Oh wretched man that I am!" (Rom. 7:24.) But He conquered this pull of death and sin perfectly to qualify to die for *you!*

He resisted the carnal pull of flesh even unto blood. In agony He prayed earnestly for you and for me. "... and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

None of us is worthy of so great a sacrifice, yet it took this Great One to pay for *your* sins! His life as Creator of all mankind, of all matter of the earth and the universe is greater than all our lives rolled into one!

He sat down with the Father and made the plans to come to this earth and suffer that we might live! He did this with joy. He took the job willingly. He predetermined to endure the cross that we might live (Heb. 12:2).

Yes, this is the God that *you* killed!! Just as surely as I killed that old

Burmese man — you killed Jesus Christ!!! All of us individually are responsible for His death.

His sacrifice, the thousands of years of *positive, unfailing* prophecy from Exodus 12 to Matthew 27:50 that predicted His death should inspire each one of us to work harder — to give a little more—going on to resist evil with greater determination, putting sin out of our lives so that we, too, can

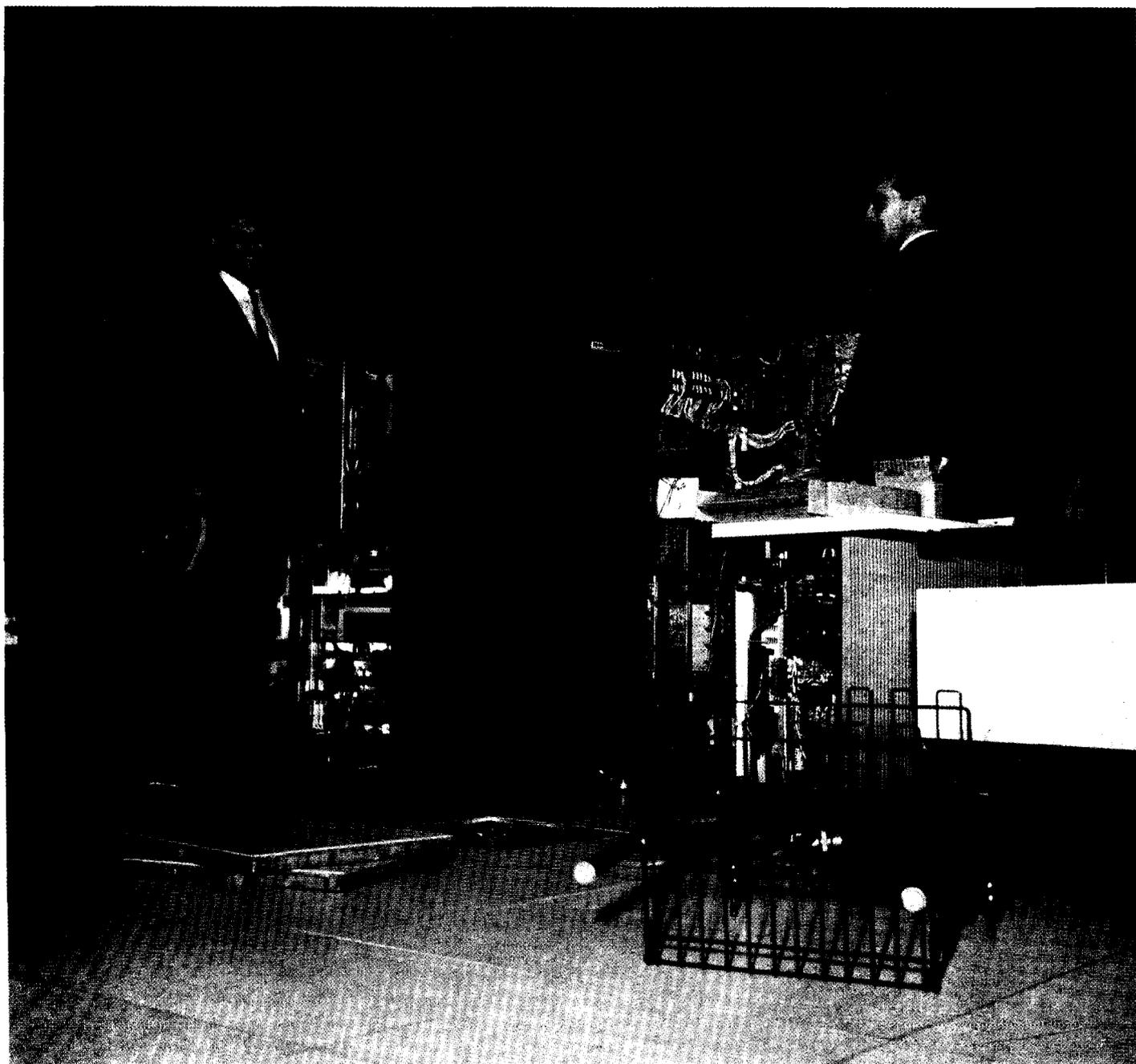
qualify to sit with God and rule from His throne.

Christ's sacrifice, His love, inspires me to write of this great God who has given His all!!

One day I'll be there with Jesus Christ when that old white-haired Burmese headmaster of the pack train is raised from the dead! I'll have one hundred years to teach him God's way! I'll be able to tell him, with tears in

my eyes how sorry I am — and how his death over twenty years ago helped clarify the fact that each one of *YOU* **KILLED JESUS CHRIST!!!**

"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore **LET US KEEP THE FEAST**, not with old leaven, with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread [the bread of life — Jesus Christ] of sincerity and truth!"



As we go to press the final components for the new 360 Computer System are arriving at the Circulation Department from the I.B.M. Corporation. Above, Mr. Hugh Mauck, Circulation Manager (left) and his assistant, Mr. Keith Hunter, inspect the control panel for the new equipment. Watch the **GOOD NEWS** for a full report coming soon!