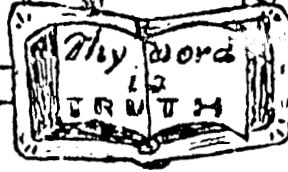


The PLAIN TRUTH

VOL. I NO. I

February, 1934



Is a World Dictator About to Appear?

WE Live today in the most strenuous, anxious, momentous hours of earth's history.

Today we stand on the very threshold of colossal events that will stagger the mind of mortal man. Just now it is like the lull before a great and devastating storm. Everyone senses it!

The Lust for World Power

Ever since the Pharaohs ruled in Egypt---on down thru ancient Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome---on to Napoleon, and then the Kaiser---there has been a lust for power to rule the world.

Today at least three major world powers seek to rule the world.

Soviet Russia admits the theory of Communism cannot be proven until all opposition is wiped out, and the whole world is under its sway.

The amazing Tanaka Memorial of 1927, recently discovered and exposed, outlines a most astounding program of Japanese expansion, involving the defeat in war of the United States, and Russia, and then of the whole world. This program raises Japanese imperialism to the height of insane megalomania! Yet Japan's policies and actions during the past two years supply irrefutable proof of preparation to carry out the aims of this document.

It is commonly known today

WILL It be Mussolini, Stalin, or Roosevelt?

Everybody senses that something is WRONG with the world . . . that some mighty event is about to occur.

What is it? Bible prophecy tells! Here is a solemn warning . . . and it is the plain truth!

that Mussolini's whole aim is to restore the ancient Roman Empire in all its former splendor, power, and glory---and Rome ruled the world!

Today Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain and President ROOSE-

velt are striving frantically to avert, or postpone, the impending next world war---while the nations prepare even more feverishly for WAR!

Three or four short years ago many laughed and scoffed when we said there would be another world war in five to seven years. They do not laugh and scoff today. Everyone KNOWS the next world war is coming, and SOON. Every move for peace has failed

What is Going to Happen?

Will some super-man now emerge? Will the nations get together and appoint a world dictator?

Mortal man cannot prophecy the turns and trends of coming events. Only God knows the end from the beginning.

In words written, some nineteen hundred, some twenty-five hundred years ago, the Bible prophesies every outstanding phase of present world conditions---the depression, the unemployment, its causes, the hoarding of gold, the topsy-turvy political conditions thruout the world, the modern church conditions, and present social conditions. It

has foretold modern science, the automobile, the airplane. It foretold that the Jews would be driven into ALL nations, scattered, yet without ever losing their nationality or their appearance---and that is the miracle of history! It foretold that Jerusalem and Palestine would be in the power of the Gentiles, a barren desert waste, until 1917-1938, when it would once more "blossom as the rose," and the Jews would once again return!

And the same Bible that foretold so unerringly all these amazing events and developments, leading to the very present, just as unerringly tells those who will listen what shall now happen NEXT.

The Pact of Paris

For the first time in world history, the nations of earth got together, in 1927, and "outlawed" WAR. Then, for the first time, the nations began to proclaim "PEACE!" and "SAFETY!"

Now listen. Listen carefully, seriously, to God's prophecy of this event, and His solemn warning of what shall then come quickly and SUDDENLY!

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren," (notice, thru Paul God is here speaking to the BRETHREN, not the unconverted) "ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For WHEN they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and THEY shall not escape." (I Thes. 5:1-3).

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION! Now just around the corner! And the event that brings it will be the dark and dreadful "DAY OF THE LORD." Some have thought this a time of peace.

The Day of God's Fieroe Wrath!

But notice how the Bible describes the "Day of the Lord:"

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light." (Amos 5:18).

"Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a DESTRUCTION from the Almighty!" (Isa. 13:6).

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a DESTRUCTION from the Almighty shall it come . . . a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness." (Joel 1:15;2:2)

The great day of the Lord is near . . . that day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress,

a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." (Zeph. 1:14,15).

Notice that the "day of the Lord" is a time of DESTRUCTION---the day of GOD'S WRATH.

The Time-Sequence of Impending Events

In order properly to understand the Bible prophecies so we may know what now lies ahead, it is necessary that we correctly relate the different prophecies as to time-sequence.

It is in the Book of Revelation that we find most vividly painted in the details of events to happen from this time forward. But the story-flow, and the time-sequence of the events pictured in this book have not been comonly understood.

Notice, chapter 1 verse 1, it is the Revelation, not the concealment, of JESUS CHRIST. The theme of the book as a whole is the condition at the age-end, leading to the Second coming of Christ as the supreme climax of its story. But Revelation is in symbolical language, and we need a KEY to open up its true meaning, its story-thread, its time@ sequence. So we ask, did Jesus ever reveal the story of the same general theme in plain language elsewhere? And we know He did---in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. The general story as told in Matthew 24 is the KEY to the story, in its full lwr details, as told in Revelation.

The disciples had asked Jesus, (Mat. 24:3), "what shall be the SIGN of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

Jesus told them, (verse 5), there would be false Christs and teachers. There have been, in ever increasing numbers.

Second, there would be WARS, but this would not signify the end-time, for, at the time of the end, (verse 7), nation would rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, in real world war. We have had wars on down thru time. From 500 B. C. to 1925 A.D. there were 903 known wars. But, computed in relation to duration, numbers engaged, casualties, and number of countries involved the "index number" of wars has steadily risen. It had become 2.7 in the 12th Century, rising to 13,735.98, for the first quarter of the present century. The world war was the first that fit the description "nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." So the END time is HERE!

Where We are Today in Prophecy

Third, Jesus said there would

be FAMINES (verse 7) There have been, culminating in the most colossal famine in all history recently in Russia.

Then fourth, Jesus said there would be PESTILENCES. (v.7). These, too, have occurred, but the pestilence which was the most terrible ever known was the flu epidemic at the time of the world war.

Following this, Jesus said "Then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time." (v.21). Combining the many, many other prophecies of this great tribulation, describing its every phase and cause, including unemployment, millionaire suicides, hoarded gold and money withdrawn from circulation, general lawlessness, lukewarm and formal churches, etc., we may be absolutely certain that we are in, and for about three years have been passing thru, this great world-wide tribulation.

What Shall Immediately Follow

And "Immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." (Verse 29).

To get the connection of this darkening of sun and moon, and falling of stars, let us now compare carefully with the 6th chapter of Revelation. Remember, in the Matthew story we had False Christs and prophets, wars, famines, pestilences, tribulation, and then the signs in the sun and moon.

In verses 1 and 2 of Revelation 6, the 1st seal is opened, and the "white horse" symbolizes the false Christs and prophets.

The "red horse" of the second seal, Bible students agree, symbolizes WAR.

The "black horse" of the 3rd seal (v. 5,6) symbolizes FAMINE.

The "pale horse" of the 4th seal (v. 8,9) symbolizes PESTILENCE.

And the 5th seal (v. 9-11), describes another phase of the TRIBULATION---the martyrdom of Christians ---and this has been occurring in Russia, Germany, and other countries.

And under the 6th seal, (v. 12, 13), the sun becomes black, the moon as blood, and the stars fall.

The sequences correspond exactly with Mat. 24---false prophets, war, famine, pestilence, tribulation, heavenly signs.

Now let us compare the next event in the two prophecies:

Matthew 24:30 says: "And then shall appear the SIGN of the Son of man in heaven; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn."

The SIGN of the Son of Man

What IS this SIGN of the Son of man, now soon to occur? The corresponding event, described in Rev. 6:14, reveals it:

"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." This rolling together of the heavens like a scroll, then, is the SIGN of the almost immediate coming of Christ. At that time, the unsaved of the earth will be frantic. People will run to hide themselves in the holes of the rocks in the mountains, and cry for the rocks to fall on them, and hide them from the face of Him whom they SEE sitting on His throne in heaven.

Now see what is to be ushered in by this: "For the great day of His WRATH is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (V. 17).

We have seen that the "day of His Wrath" is the "Day of the Lord" which also is a day of DESTRUCTION. WHO will be able to stand it? Will YOU, brother, sister? You can't escape it. It is just as CERTAIN as were all these other events which have happened right on schedule!

But let us carry thru this story-thread of Revelation further,

The Seven Trumpets

We now come to the seventh chapter of this book. It is "AFTER these things" just described, that the opening of the 7th seal is held back until the 144,000, the "first-fruits" of the redeemed (ch. 14:4), of the twelve literal tribes of Israel, are sealed in their foreheads. What is the SEAL placed there? The 1st verse of chapter 14 will tell you. These will be protected from the plagues to come. Those who suffer the plagues have the "mark of the beast", and they, too, have a name written in their foreheads, "BABYLON", which means confusion. But this is a complete, wonderfully interesting and important story in itself, and will be dealt with in a future issue.

After the sealing of the 144,000 we come to the eighth chapter. In verse 1, the 7th seal is opened, and what is this seal? "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given SEVEN TRUMPETS." (Verse 2). The seventh seal, then, comes in seven stages, each called a TRUMPET. The seven Trumpets ARE, and comprise, the seventh seal.

These seven Trumpets are seven plagues, divine judgements from God, which shall soon fall upon the earth, and they form the beginning of the dark and terrible "DAY OF THE LORD." Chapters 8 to 11 describe them.

The Two Witnesses

Then, in chapter 11, is the story of the mysterious "two witnesses." We shall not attempt here to identify them. Sufficient it is to call your attention to the fact that they END their "1260 days" of prophesying at the time of the end of the "second woe," which is the sixth "trumpet." That is an important key.

Now notice, Rev. 11:15: "And the seventh angel sounded." Here is the seventh and last of the "trumpets!" What IS the seventh "trumpet?" The key to it is in verse 18: "And the nations were angry, and THY WRATH IS COME." The Seventh Trumpet is "God's Wrath."

Skipping now chapter 12, dealing with the "two wonders," chapter 13, dealing with the "beast" and "image to the beast", and chapter 14, dealing with the 144,000 again, and the three angel messages of warning---all "inset" chapters, inserted into the main story-flow of the theme of Revelation, we pick up the story-thread again in chapter 15.

And here we read: "Seven angels, having the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES, for in them is filled up THE WRATH OF GOD." Here again, as in the case of the seventh seal, the seventh "trumpet" is divided into seven stages, the Seven Last Plagues. As the end nears, things move faster and faster.

These terrible plagues are described in the 15th and 16th chapters. We have space to leave with you only this hint: The plagues of Egypt, preceding the Exodus under Moses, were a type of these final plagues, following which will be the greatest Exodus the world has ever known!

The 17th and 18th chapters are two more "insets", injected into the main story flow, dealing with Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots. Her identification, and that of her daughters, will have to await a future article.

A WORLD RULER Appears

In the 19th chapter the main story-thread is again picked up. Its time-setting is at the end of the seventh and last plague.

And now the story draws to its thrilling and mighty climax!

It begins with verse 11: The heavens are opened, and there emerges One riding a white horse! He is called "Faithful and True." "And in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

On His head are many crowns. He is clothed with a vesture dipped in blood (v. 13). His name is called

"The Word of God." This name is identified in John 1:1,14, as being that of Jesus Christ!

He smites the nations of all the earth, and rules them with a "rod of iron!" He also bears the name "KING OF KINGS", and LORD OF LORDS." Here, at last, truly, is a SUPER-Man! Here is the True WORLD DICTATOR! His reign will be a righteous one (v. 11), and it will be for ever and ever! (Daniel 7:14).

Other Scriptures Verify

Here we have seen, in brief synopsis, the unfolding of impending world events from this very hour onward!

Do you wonder we stated, in the opening paragraphs, that we stand today on the very threshold of events that will stagger the mind of man? These are TREMENDOUS days. We shall be wise, indeed, to consider solemnly their ominous portent, and to heed the Warning, and turn to seek the Lord our God with our whole heart!

Other Scriptures scattered thru the Bible verify this soon coming of Jesus Christ back to earth.

Notice the 1st chapter of Acts. After His resurrection, Jesus was standing on the Mount of Olives, conversing with His disciples. "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight." (v.9). Two angels appeared and said: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? THIS SAME JESUS, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (v.11):

How did He go? He was standing on the Mount of Olives (v.12). He rose up into the air, was caught into a cloud, and disappeared up into heaven. The texts already of many passages show He will return in the clouds. But some doubt that He will return IN LIKE MANNER as He went, returning all the way to the earth, until He stands again upon the Mount of Olives. Read Zechariah 14:1-4. Compare verse 3 with Rev. 19:19, at His coming. Then notice verse 4: "And his feet shall stand in that day UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES!"

Yes, Jesus is coming! He is coming as He went! HE IS COMING SOON!

Read the first two chapters of Joel. See also Luke 21:25-27, and then verse 28: "And when these things BEGIN to come to pass (They began in 1929!) then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption (Christ) draweth nigh!"

May God help us to heed!

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart!" Will you do it?

The PLAIN TRUTH

Published, the Lord willing, the first of each month, in conjunction with the services of the RADIO CHURCH OF GOD, broadcast each Sunday morning at 10, over KORE, Eugene, 1420 kilocycles.

Editor, Herbert W. Armstrong.

Sent free to all who send in name and address, as the Lord provides. Extra copies for distribution, 10 copies 40¢, 25 for \$1, 100 for \$3. Address communications to the editor, or the Radio Church of God, KORE, Eugene

EDITORIAL

In these anxious days of stress, turmoil and strife; of revolution and economic collapse; of war and fear of war; of confusion before a bewildering onslaught of creeds, dogmas, fables and false teachings, The PLAIN TRUTH makes its humble and modest appearance.

The PLAIN TRUTH comes with a definite mission. It comes in a sincere effort to help lead those who honestly are hungering and thirsting after righteousness out of this modern confusion of tongues, and into the TRUTH as it is in Christ Jesus.

The Master said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you FREE." And, praying to the Father in heaven, Jesus said, "THY WORD is Truth."

The real TRUTH is simple and plain, not hard and difficult. Jesus said "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them unto babes." (Luke 10:21).

Then why is there so little understanding today? Let the Word of Truth answer: "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS." (Psalm 111:10). The Saviour said: "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do HIS will, he shall KNOW the doctrine, whether it be of God." (John 7:16,17).

Thru the words of the Scripture we must be saved and sanctified. In them we have eternal life. By them we shall be judged. It is important that we UNDERSTAND.

The first condition is WILLINGNESS. The precious words of Scripture are for doctrine, for REPROOF, for CORRECTION, for INSTRUCTION in righteousness (II Tim. 3:16). Are you willing to be reproved, corrected, instructed, by its words? Can

you honestly say, with Jesus, "Not as I will, but as THOU wilt" regarding what you believe and do, in order to inherit eternal life in that wonderful Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world?

Then let us diligently STUDY to show ourselves approved unto God, RIGHTLY dividing the Word of TRUTH (II Tim. 2:15), first examining ourselves to be sure we are WILLING to receive and obey it, humbly asking God for wisdom (James 1:5), permitting His Spirit to reveal to us the golden nuggets of TRUTH from this veritable treasure-mine of God, and saying, with David, "How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God!" (Psalm 139:17).

May you receive a rich blessing from this little paper, and, in these last solemn hours of earth's history, find the way into the "secret place of the Most High," safely abiding, thru the woes and judgments to come, "under the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalm 91:1,9,10).

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Write in your questions. We will answer, in this column, all suitable questions which can be answered briefly.

QUESTION: "Where did Cain get his wife?"

ANSWER: This old question seems to have worried so many folks. The answer is in Gen. 5:4. "And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters." Cain married his sister.

QUESTION: Where does the Bible foretell of the automobile?

ANSWER: In Nahum 2:3,4. "The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation" (just before the Second Coming of Christ), . . . "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broadways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

QUESTION: How can we "lay up treasures in heaven? Mat. 6:20.

ANSWER: See I Tim. 6:17-19. See also Mat. 19:21: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and GIVE TO THE POOR, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me." When we do good unto others, thus fulfilling the law of Christ, we lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

What is real Spiritual-Mindedness?

WE Need, just now, to be WARNED against being deceived into a false standard of spirituality.

The Devil, we are warned again and again in the Scriptures, will deceive, if possible, even the very elect---that is, even the most spiritual people. The devil is a spiritual being. His demons are spirits.

The devil is transformed into an angel of light. Angels are spirits, and he appears as a spirit of light and of truth. He is able to counterfeit spiritual blessings and experiences. It is those who feel they are progressing into the deeper spiritual paths whom he finds most susceptible, and attempts most to deceive.

We "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against WICKED SPIRITS" (Eph. 6:12, see margin,) and so God has solemnly warned us to TRY the spirits, WHETHER they be of GOD. (I John 4:1).

Four Things Usually Accepted as Sure Evidence

There are four things many good people regard as sure evidence of a spiritual mind.

1. Speech, noise, or demonstration.
2. Knowledge of the Scriptures.
3. Faith.
4. Rigid standard of righteousness.

Let us briefly examine each, and measure according to the true Scriptural standard.

1. The most commonly accepted evidence of spirituality is the way people talk, write, or demonstrate.

Some people have deliberately cultivated spiritual-sounding language. They have learned that it impresses others with their deep spirituality. Their speech and their writing is prolific with spiritual-sounding phrases and expressions. People say, "My, isn't Brother so-and-so spiritual?"

Many think a meeting does not amount to anything unless there is more or less noise, much enthusiasm,

HOW Often do we hear one say, "He is so spiritual."OR, "Those people are not very spiritual."

What IS it to be spiritual? Do you know?

Here is the plain truth from the Bible, plainly stated.

and a great deal of emotion. They never enjoy a sermon, no matter how edifying, or how much-sound spiritual food it contains, or how much profitable instruction from the Scriptures, unless the preacher is full of emotion, fluent

in the accepted spiritual phraseology, and able to play upon their emotions. If these things are present in the delivery, they enjoy the sermon immensely, whether they learn anything really edifying or not.

Getting a Right Balance

This is not to discount, or to criticise, the emotional or true spiritual language springing from an honest heart. But merely to warn against permitting one's emotional nature to become more highly developed than his love of the TRUTH of God's Word (which often corrects, reproves, and rebukes, II Tim. 3:16 and 4:2), or than his obedience to it, or than his desire and effort to show the fruits of the Spirit in his every-day life.

Some people are naturally emotional. Some are not. Emotion, and spiritual language, when earnestly and sincerely from the heart, and not for a show and pretense---and even "tongues" and manifestations, when truly inspired by the Holy Spirit, and not "worked up" by self, are good, scriptural, and right. But many have been turned and bitterly prejudiced against all emotion, or "tongues", or manifestations, because they have seen so much of the counterfeit---so much of it deliberately worked up by physical senses and emotions and put on for show and effect---so much of it from those who go home from the meeting to criticise, find fault, grumble and complain, lose tempers, gossip, leave bills unpaid, live a worldly life, show spite, jealousy and resentment, and even tell dirty stories.

Other Snares and Pitfalls

2. The second class is well indoctrinated. Usually these folks do not believe in much, if any, noise

of emotion, or any spiritual manifestations. They have a great deal of head knowledge, but most of this class have a great deal of misunderstanding, and often they have queer personal theories and hobbies resulting from misapplied, wrongly-divided Scriptures.

They love to try to trap and corner others with the Scriptures, and especially do they delight in it if they are able to corner up some minister. Arguing Scripture is their one great interest in life.

These misguided folks believe their arguments, contentions, and beliefs will win their eternal salvation, without any real thorough repentance, or living a surrendered, righteous life in Christ Jesus, showing the fruits of the Spirit in their lives.

Saved by Faith Alone

3. And then there is the "faith" group. These folks say they are saved "by FAITH, and faith ALONE." They are not so much concerned about the Holy Spirit, and seldom mention such things as repentance, utter surrender, or any need of submission and obedience to God's will. Their religion never works any miracle changes in their lives. Since "Jesus died for our sins," we do not have to obey. Just BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, is their sole condition to salvation and Christian living. The invitation of the ministers of this group is "Give the preacher your hands, and the Lord your heart." And when, later, you ask such "converts" what they did ---what really happened---when they "gave the Lord their heart," they usually just look blank. They do not know. It really did not MEAN anything. It was merely a FORM. The churches of this class should be called social clubs---they are not soul-saving institutions.

The Self-Righteous Christian

4. Finally, there are those whose spirituality consists of a rigid standard of righteousness. Usually they believe in strictly keeping God's law of love, as defined in the two great Commandments of love toward God and love toward neighbor, and sub-divided into the Ten Commandments, the first four telling how to love God, and the last six how to love neighbor. In fact, they usually are so strict about it they fall into the error of keeping the strict LETTER of the law in their own strength. They are scrupulously honest, severely punctual, critically exact. But, like Paul said of the strictest sect of his day, they are "going about to

establish their OWN righteousness," and have not "submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." (Rom. 10:3). And they are usually harsh, stern, critical, intolerant of those who do not live up to their particular ideas of the standard of righteousness.

The True Scriptural Standard of Real Spirituality

Now let us turn to God's Word, and reverently and humbly seek to learn what is GOD'S standard of spirituality.

Of the true spiritual mind, God says to us, thru Paul, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5).

But HOW can you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus in YOU? Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock: if any man hear my voice, and OPEN the door, I will come in to him." (Rev. 3:20). And Jesus meant exactly what He said! He will come in, thru His Spirit, and literally LIVE His life of true righteousness in you, if only you will surrender all of SELF and let the blessed Saviour IN.

"For to be carnally-minded is death." That is, naturally-minded, actuated by selfish impulses and a love of self. "But to be spiritually-minded is LIFE and peace . . . But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, IF so be that the Spirit of God dwell IN you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, HE IS NONE OF HIS." Unless His Spirit abides within you, living HIS life of true righteousness in you, you are not even saved! "And if Christ be IN you, the body is dead because of sin: but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." (Rom. 8:6-10).

When God first takes us as His children, He takes us who have been earthly, worldly, sensual, disobedient. His ultimate aim is to make us like unto Himself. This transformation (not reformation) is a tremendous undertaking. It requires a miracle. But God stands pledged, upon real thorough repentance, and faith in Christ (Acts 2:38) to start the performance of this tremendous miracle by putting His Holy Spirit literally WITHIN you! But God will work the complete change in your life ONLY if you are willing to SUBMIT to the process! The FIRST condition is real, deep, thorough repentance. You will have to be willing to accept correction and repeated chastisements at His loving hands, for "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." (Heb. 12:6).

The Spiritual mind is the surrendered mind. It is the yielded mind. It is the mind that has given up all wanting its own way. It is the mind that has been thoroughly

CONQUERED in its rebellion against God. It is the mind that, henceforth, is willing to obey God, no matter what the cost, and which continually studies God's Word, not to argue and strive and corner folks, but to learn more of God's will, and to WALK in it! It is a mind FILLED to overflowing with real LOVE for God and all fellow-men--even one's enemies--and which has sympathy, patience, and kindness for others in their faults and mistakes; which speaks softly, gently, kindly; which seeks only to help and to serve. It is the mind that has DIED to SELF.

Christ I N You

The real spiritual mind can say with the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME." (Gal. 2:20). When you can say that, then you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The real spiritual mind is a SOUND mind! "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of A SOUND MIND." (II Tim. 1:7). To those being carried away with a false and pseudo-spirituality, where real manifestations of the Spirit were being counterfeited by DEMONSTRATIONS of SELF in a fanatical emotionalism, Paul, correcting them, said: "Brethren, be not children in understanding." (I Cor. 14:20)

How, then, about emotionalism, manifestations, etc.? Some people are naturally emotional, and others are not. Let not the emotional one judge him who is not emotional. And let not the unemotional condemn as a fanatic him whose emotions express themselves more freely. God looks on the HEART, not the outward show of emotion. And the manifestations? Just leave them to God. If, and when, the Holy Spirit is the real author, let us not criticize, but praise God for it! But do not attempt to work up a demonstration of SELF, which is only to impersonate the Holy Spirit. Neither "quench the Spirit." Seek God with an honest heart. Seek the GIVER of the gifts, not the blessings. If this is done we believe there will be but an infinitesimal part of the so-called "manifestations" so common today, but there will be a great deal more of the real Spirit of God.

The Four Substitutes

REAL Spiritual-mindedness is the mind of LOVE, for God is LOVE.

So let us review our four SUBSTITUTES for spirituality in the light of God's Word.

1. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and

have not LOVE, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." ((I Cor. 13:1). Did you ever hear one speak with the tongues of ANGELS? Spiritual TALK, "tongues", or "manifestations," are only a lot of noise, or a noise like beating old tin pans, if you have not LOVE.

2. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and ALL KNOWLEDGE:" and,

3. "though I have ALL FAITH so that I could remove mountains, and have not LOVE, I am NOTHING." (v.2).

4. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not LOVE, it profiteth me NOTHING." (v.3).

What is it to have LOVE? The next four verses tell. Here is TRUE spiritual-mindedness:

"LOVE is very patient, very kind." Are YOU? "LOVE knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never gladdened when others go wrong; love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (I Cor. 13:4-7; Moffatt's translation.)

Read those three verses again, substituting your own name wherever "Love" appears. Try it as a test on yourself. It will tell you how truly SPIRITUAL you are. Let us seek more real, genuine SPIRITUAL-MINDEDNESS!

COMING ARTICLES

Future issues of The PLAIN TRUTH will contain articles on the following subjects:

"Will the Times of the Gentiles End in 1934? Does the Bible set the date?"

"WHO Is the Beast of Revelation.

"What is the MARK OF THE BEAST?"

"The NEXT WORLD WAR in Bible Prophecy."

"Does EASTER Really Commemorate the Resurrection of Christ?"

"Do Departed Mothers in Heaven Hear the Shrieks of their Lost Children in Hell?"

"EVOLUTION . . . Science, or Folklore?"

"Modern Education at the Crossroads."

"What is Sin?" You will be surprised how few really KNOW!

"What Will Happen During the Thousand Year Reign with Christ? Will it be in heaven, or on earth?"

"Is the PENTECOST Experience Being repeated Today?"

The PLAIN TRUTH will be fearlessly told without mincing words!