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## *A Letter to the Reader*

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Read this book carefully and think about what is said. Compare everything in it to the holy Scriptures. A copy of the New Testament is in the back of the book. The only creed a Christian should have is the Word of God, the Bible.

You must not think of the first part of this book as being divine or as part of the Scriptures. It is only a guide to help you understand the teachings that our Creator has given us through the inspired writers of the Old and New Testaments of His Scriptures. You must never allow any writings of man to replace the divine writings of the Scriptures, but we hope that the messages in the first part of the book will help you to study the Scriptures and to follow them so you can receive the abundant life God offers. Compare the first part of the book with the New Testament Scriptures to make sure we have told you the truth.

The most important decision on earth is to become right with God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Salvation, as presented by the Bible, means being forgiven of sins, entering into fellowship with Almighty God, and receiving eternal life. The saved are blessed with abundant living now and a reward in heaven later. The highest goal of every person on earth should

be to receive and live in God's salvation. The Bible says, "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). Our families, food, clothing, shelter, and education are of great value; but the salvation of the soul is the most valuable blessing that we can ever receive.

Once again, we urge you to read this book carefully. Study the "Guide to Eternal Life" found on the pages following the New Testament. When you understand how to become a Christian, make arrangements to become one immediately. After you have obeyed the gospel, live the Christian life that is outlined in this book and is clearly taught in the New Testament.

Remember to think of others. After you have read this book, share it with someone else so that he or she can read it and be taught how to become a Christian. We want as many people as possible to become Christians and go to heaven. This book can teach the way of salvation to as many people as read it. Take as your mission not only to be a Christian, but also to see that other people read this book as they study the Bible so that they may learn how to become God's children and serve Him.

We at Truth for Today World Mission School wish you a happy Christian life and pray that we will one day meet in heaven.

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# *Dedication*

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To All Those Noble Souls  
who want to serve  
the true and living God  
by obeying the teachings  
of the New Testament

*“And you will know the truth, and  
the truth will make you free” (John 8:32).*

*“Now these were more noble-minded  
than those in Thessalonica, for they  
received the word with great eagerness,  
examining the Scriptures daily to see  
whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11).*





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