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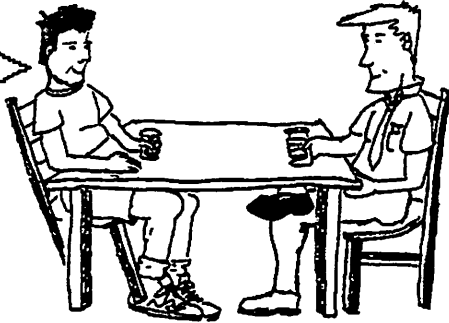


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Tim is a good friend to Bob and is concerned that Bob has never become a Christian. While having a Coke together, Tim decided to bring up the subject.

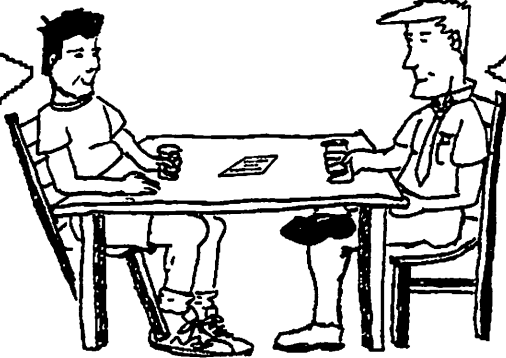
Bob, have you ever thought about becoming a Christian?



Not really, Tim. You see, I just don't know anything about the Bible and what a Christian is!

Tim pulls a small booklet from his pocket and places it on the table in front of Bob. Then the conversation continues.

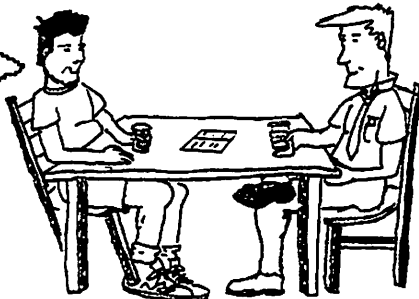
Bob, I have a little self-teaching booklet with many verses from the Bible on the subject of who we are, and our need for salvation.



That's interesting, but do you think I could understand it?

At this point, Tim could see that Bob was interested in this subject, so he explained why he believed that he could understand.

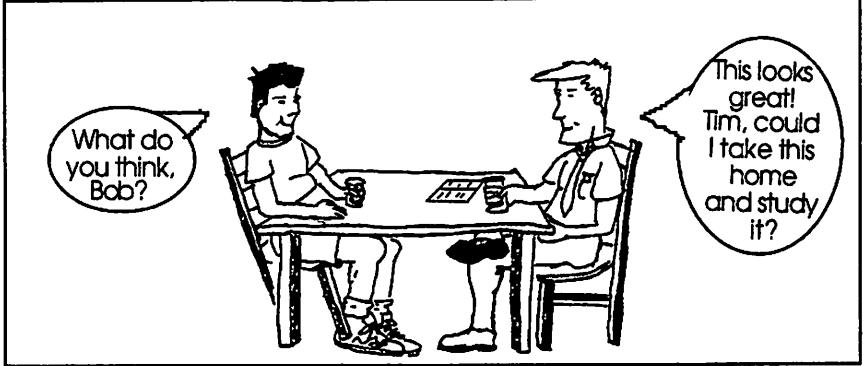
Yes, Bob, you can understand this booklet because it has charts and each verse is self-teaching!



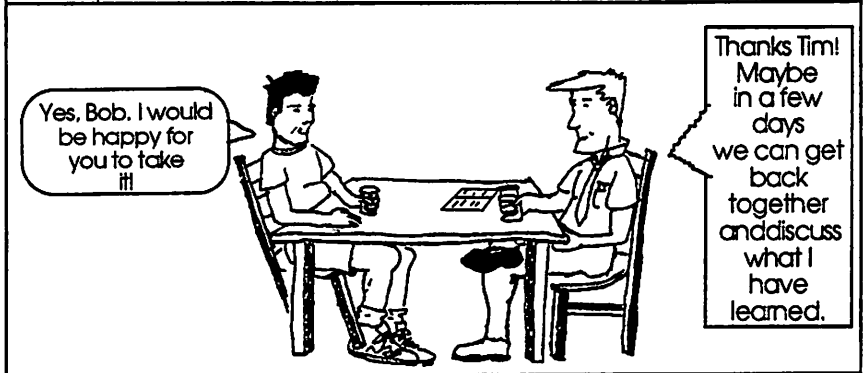
What do you mean by self-teaching?

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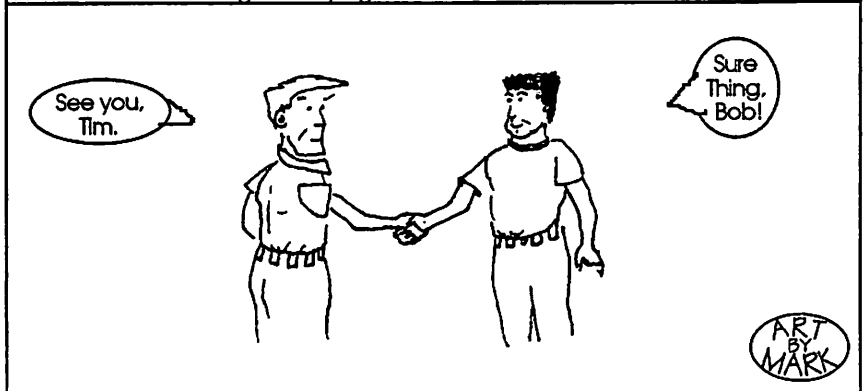
Bob opened the booklet and Tim showed him how the Bible verses had brackets with comments and other Scriptures for study. This was interesting and pleased Bob.



This is what Tim hoped he would want to do. Therefore, Bob could see Tim's expression that he was pleased with his interest.



Tim and Bob went their separate ways and Bob went home immediately so that he could begin studying this booklet.



PATHWAY OF LIGHT

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Here is the booklet, "Pathway of Light"
that Bob studied. Would you also
study it carefully so that you can
know what Bob learned?

Pathway of Light



God's Paradise Valley

The human race began pure with the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. God built their first house, a beautiful garden, and decorated it with trees for both beauty and food. The garden also contained two special trees, "the tree of life" and "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The only restriction given this first couple was not to eat of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." To eat of it would bring death!

The Garden of Eden

Gen. 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man [Adam] whom he had formed [Gen. 1:26,27].

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to grow [God has power to command all His creation] every tree that is pleasant [pleasing] to the sight, [eyes] and good for food. The tree of life [as long as man and woman could eat of this tree, they could live forever, Gen. 3:22,24] was also in the midst [middle] of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil [the only tree in the garden that was forbidden to Adam and Eve, vss. 16,17].

Gen. 2:10 and a river went out of Eden to water the garden; [God knew that water is essential for a beautiful lush garden] and from there it was parted, [divided] and became four heads [riverheads or headstreams].

Gen. 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, [Adam] and put him into the garden of Eden to dress [tend and cultivate] it and to keep it [at this point, the ground had not been cursed due to sin, therefore no thorns, thistles, or sweat of the face, Gen. 3:17-19].

One Tree Is Forbidden

Gen. 2:16 And the LORD God commanded [not just a suggestion] the man, [Adam] saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely [a gift from God] eat; [God was fair in allowing him to eat from ALL trees except one, vs. 17].

Gen. 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, [a test tree to see if man would allow God to direct him--a test to choose obedience or disobedience] you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" [death--will be cut off spiritually from God, and driven from the tree of life to eventually experience physical death].

Woman Is Made From Man

Gen. 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good [the first time (recorded) that God said about His creation, that something was not good] that the man should be alone; [loneliness is a heavy burden to carry] I will make him an help meet [helper suitable or comparable] for him."

Gen. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, [from under his arm close to his heart] and closed up the flesh in its place [the first recorded major surgery performed on mankind--God was the surgeon].

Gen. 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, [Adam] He made into a woman, [in God's image, Gen. 1:27;--Adam named her Eve, Gen. 3:20] and brought her to the man [Adam].

Gen. 2:23 And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; [before the rib was removed, it had been a part of Adam's body, and now in marriage, the oneness is restored, vs. 24] she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" [1 Cor. 11:8].

Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave [be joined or united] to his wife, and they shall become one flesh [Jesus adds, "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate," Mt. 19:6].

The Great Fall

**DARKNESS
IN
PARADISE!**

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden tree. The serpent, as the devil, deceived Eve to believe that eating would make her wise like God. He lied and told her that she would not die if she ate from the tree. Thus, she ate, gave to her husband, and he ate, and death came to mankind.

The Serpent--the Devil

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent [representing the devil, Rev. 12:9] was more crafty [cunning--his aim is to deceive Eve, 2 Cor. 11:3] than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" [the serpent made it appear that she was being deprived if she could not eat of every tree].

Gen. 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; [except one, vs. 3].

Gen. 3:3 but of the fruit of the tree [of the knowledge of good and evil, Gen. 2:17] which is in the midst [middle] of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, or you will die' " [the tree of life was also in the middle of the garden, but at this point, they could eat from it, Gen. 2:9].

Gen. 3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You shall not surely die [the serpent tells a lie to deceive Eve--later he will be called by Jesus the father of a liar, John 8:44].

Gen. 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it, [from the forbidden tree] your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" [yes, their eyes will be opened, but the serpent neglected to mention that Eve, along with her husband, will know shame from being naked, fear toward God, and will know about death].

Adam and Eve Sin

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the [fruit of the] tree was good for food, [lust of the flesh] and that it was pleasant [pleasing] to the eyes, [lust of the eyes] and a tree desirable to make one wise, [pride of life, cf. 1 John 2:16] she took of its fruit, [the kind of fruit is never mentioned--that it was an apple is only a myth] and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate [Eve was deceived in eating, but not Adam, 1 Tim. 2:14].

God Appears To Them

Gen. 3:8 And they heard the voice [sound] of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool [wind or breeze] of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God [sin separates the ones sinning from God, cf. Isa. 59:1,2] among the trees of the garden [sin also brings shame and fear of the presence of God, vss. 9-12].

Gen. 3:11 And He [God] said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, [the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Gen. 2:17] of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" [have you disobeyed Me?]

Gen. 3:12 And the man said, "The woman [passes the blame] whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate" [look what You and the woman caused me to do, seems to be inferred!].

Gen. 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" [the question infers, why would you do the very thing you were commanded not to do]. And the woman said, [to try to justify her sin] "The serpent [representing the devil, Rev. 12:9] beguiled [deceived] me, and I ate" [this was true, he deceived her and she ate, but she could have refused--she was not forced to eat].

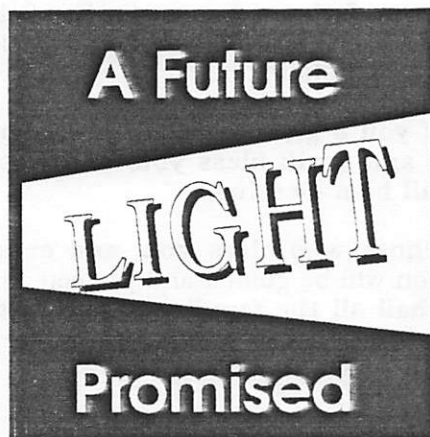
Punishment For Sin

Gen. 3:22 And the LORD God said, [to Adam after sin had been committed by both] "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, [like God--later one can learn that God has three persons, the Father, the Word (Christ), and the Holy Spirit, 1 John 5:7] to know good and evil [they had disobeyed and eaten of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and brought death, Gen. 2:17]. And

now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, [in the middle of the garden, Gen. 2:9] and eat, and live for ever"-- [sin has deprived them of this tree of life--life forever, and they (along with the whole human race) must now depend on the Seed of woman for eternal life, Gen. 3:15].

Gen. 3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him [Adam with his wife] out from the garden of Eden, to till [work] the ground [because of sin, the ground has now been cursed to grow thorns and thistles--man must now sweat and toil, and woman will have pain in childbirth, Gen. 3:16-19] from which he was taken [sin will also cause Adam and Eve to someday physically die and return to the dust, Gen. 3:19].

Hope Through a New Nation



Sin made it very dark in Paradise, but God began a light of hope by promising the Seed of woman. Later, God chose Abraham to begin a nation to be the kin folks of God's Son. This nation would be called the Israelites and Jews. God's Son would have an earthly mother from this nation, but no earthly father. His mother would conceive by the Holy Spirit!

The Serpent Receives a Curse

Gen. 3:14 And the LORD God said to the serpent, [that allowed the devil to appear through it, Gen. 3:1] "**Because you have done this,** [that which had happened to bring sin] **you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.**

The Seed of Woman Promised

Gen. 3:15 And I [God] will put enmity [hatred] between you [the serpent representing the devil, Rev. 12:9] and the woman,

and between your seed [the serpent representing the devil] **and her Seed**; [the seed of woman--the seed of man is not mentioned because a virgin will bring a Savior to earth to bruise the head of the devil, cf. Isa. 7:14; Lk. 1:31,34,35] **He shall bruise your head**, [suggests a death blow to the devil] **and you shall bruise His heel**" [to bring the death blow to the devil, the Seed of woman will be bruised in the heel--from the New Testament we know that this Savior would die to save mankind from sin and the devil, but He would not remain dead].

A Great Nation is Promised

Gen. 12:1 **Now the LORD had said to Abram**, [later called Abraham--God now begins preparation with Abraham for the Seed of woman to someday come to earth] **"Get out of your country**, [in Er of the Chaldees, Gen. 11:28] **and from your kindred**, [relatives] **and from your father's house**, [in Er of the Chaldees, Gen. 11:28] **to a land that I will show you** [a special inheritance for the descendants of Abraham].

Gen. 12:2 **And I will make of you a great nation**, [this nation will be called Israelites or Jews] **and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.**

Gen. 12:3 **And I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you**; [this nation will be guided and protected by the power of God] **and in you shall all the families of the earth shall be blessed**" [by bringing this Seed of woman to earth to bruise the head of the serpent, the devil, Gen. 3:15].

All Nations Will Be Blessed

Acts 3:25 **You are the children** [sons] **of the prophets**, [of the same race, followers, disciples--seeking the same things] **and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham**, [Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 28:14] **'And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed'** [Christ brought the spiritual blessing of this promise, Rom. 4:13,16; Gal. 3:16].

1 Cor. 15:21 **For since by man** [Adam] **came death**, [Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12; 6:23; Heb. 9:27] **by Man** [Jesus Christ] **came also the resurrection of the dead**, [first Jesus, and then those who believe on Him, John 11:25; 5:21; 6:39,40].

1 Cor. 15:22 **For as in Adam all** [human beings] **die, even so in Christ** [a contrast--those who believe on Him to the point of

being born of water and the Spirit, John 3:3,5; Gal. 3:26,27] **shall all be made alive** [will be resurrected to eternal life, John 5:28,29].

The Nation Is Called the Israelites

2 Cor. 11:22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

Rom. 11:1 I say then, has God cast away [permanently] His people? [the chosen nation of the Jews, cf. 1 Sam. 12:22]. **God forbid** [certainly not--may it never be--cf. Ps. 94:14; Jer. 46:27]. **For I [Paul] also am an Israelite, of the seed [a descendent] of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin** [one of the two tribes that made up the kingdom of Judah].

God's Son Born Through This Nation

Gen. 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, [one of the twelve tribes that made up the nation of Israel] **nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh** [the Messiah or Seed] **come; and to Him shall the gathering of the people be.**

Gal. 4:4 But when the fulness of the time had come, [the time appointed by the Father, Gen. 49:10; Eph. 1:10] **God sent forth His Son, made [born] of a woman,** [Gen. 3:15] **made [born] under the law,** [Jesus became flesh under the final months of the Old Testament or law of Moses which ended at His death, Col. 2:14; cf. John 1:14; cf. Mt. 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19;--He made preparation for His kingdom which is under the new covenant, Mt. 4:17; 6:33].

Gal. 4:5 to redeem [buy back or purchase freedom, Rom. 8:3; 1 Cor. 6:20; Col. 1:14] **those who were under the law,** [law of Moses] **that we might receive the adoption as sons** [this gift from God releases those who accept Him from bondage--from under the law, John 1:12].

Prophecies of Hope



Prophets Foretell The Light

Many prophets within this nation foretold the coming of this Savior, but John the baptist was the one who would prepare the way by baptizing Him to fulfill all righteousness, and would present Him to the Jewish nation. Later on, this Savior would be introduced to all other nations of the world.

Born of a Virgin

Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: [miraculous proof]. Behold, a virgin shall conceive [without a man--by the Holy Spirit, Lk. 1:35] and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel [God with us, Mt. 1:23; cf. Mt. 1:21; Lk. 1:31; John 1:45].

Sun of Righteousness Born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, [located in Judea, six miles south-southeast of Jerusalem] though you are little [small] among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler in Israel, [Mt. 2:1-16; Lk. 2:4-15; John 7:42] whose goings forth [origins] have been from of old, from everlasting [from days of eternity, John 1:1-3].

Mal. 4:2 But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings; [He will have power to heal both the body and soul] and you shall go out and grow up [grow fat] like calves of the stall [the Sun of Righteousness will bring a blessing to all].

One Like Elijah to Prepare the Way

Mal. 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah [one of the famous prophets of the Old Testament--John the baptist came in the likeness of Elijah to prepare the way of the Lord, Mt. 11:14; Mk. 9:11-13; Lk. 1:17; John 1:21;--the Old Testament Elijah also returned to the scene of transfiguration, Mt. 17:3-13] **the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.**

Mal. 4:6 And he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, [John made preparation by calling the Jews to repentance, Mt. 3:2] **lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.**

This Elijah was John the Baptist

Matt. 3:1 In those days [when Jesus was about 30 years old, Lk. 3:23] **came John** [son of Zacarias and Elizabeth, Lk. 1:57,58] **the Baptist**, [immerser, one who baptized for the remission of sins, Mk. 1:4] **preaching in the wilderness of Judea**, [desert valley of Jordan, thinly populated].

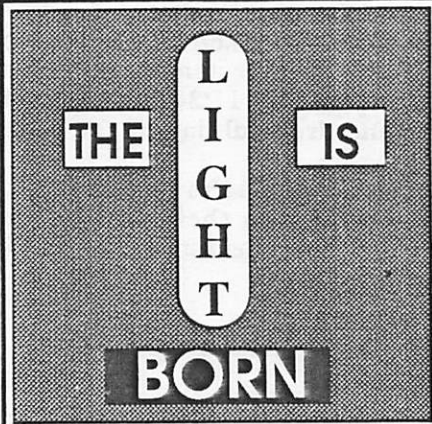
Matt. 3:2 And saying, **Repent you:** [change your mind, purpose, and actions, Mt. 21:29; cf. Acts 2:38; 3:19] **for the kingdom** [Christ's church, Mt. 16:18,19] **of heaven** [foretold by Daniel, Dan. 2:44] **is at hand** [is coming shortly--is near, Mk. 9:1].

Mark 1:6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, [a coarse fabric] **and with a girdle of a skin** [leather belt] **about his loins;** [waste--he was dressed like the prophet Elijah, 2 K. 1:8, cf. Zech. 13:4] **and he did eat locusts** [Lev. 11:22] **and wild honey;**

Mark 1:7 And preached, saying, "There comes One [Jesus] **mightier than I after me**, [has more power and authority, Mt. 28:18] **the latchet** [strap] **of whose shoes** [sandals] **I am not worthy to stoop down and loose** [Matthew says, to bear or carry, Mt. 3:11].

Mark 1:8 I [John] **indeed have baptized you with water:** [the element used in contrast to what Jesus would use] **but He** [Jesus] **will baptize** [immerse, submerge, emerge--dip, Acts 2:2] **you with the Holy Spirit**" [one of the persons in the godhead associated with power, 1 John 5:7; Acts 1:8].

The World's Greatest Event!

 <p>THE LIGHT IS BORN</p>	<p>A woman named Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to God's Son who came to save those lost in sin. Miracles surrounded His birth. He grew up in Nazareth of Galilee, and at the age of twelve, He was doing work for His Father in heaven in the temple.</p>
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The Angel Gabriel Promised Jesus Would Be Born

Luke 1:26 **And in the sixth month** [of the pregnancy of Elizabeth] **the angel Gabriel** [an important spiritual messenger, mentioned four times in Scriptures, Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Lk. 1:11-20; Lk. 1:26-38] **was sent from God unto a city of Galilee,** [northern part of Palestine] **named Nazareth,** [a town in lower Galilee that belonged to the tribe of Zebulun].

Luke 1:27 **To a virgin** [Isaiah foretold of this virgin coming as a sign, Isa. 7:14] **espoused** [betrothed, or formally engaged which was legally binding, Deut. 22:23,24] **to a man whose name was Joseph,** [a righteous man, Mt. 1:19; compare Job's character, Job 1:1] **of the house** [lineage] **of David; and the virgin's name was Mary** [at least five women named Mary in the New Testament].

Luke 1:28 **And the angel came in unto her,** [probably into her house] **and said, "Hail,** [a greeting of rejoicing] **you who are highly favored,** [of God, Lk. 1:30, same Greek word used only one other time, "made accepted," Eph. 1:6] **the Lord is with you** [inferring of all that is about to happen] **blessed** ["to celebrate with praise"] **are you among women"** [not to the point of worship--those who hear His word are more blessed, Lk. 11:27,28].

Luke 1:29 And when she saw him, [the angel] she was troubled [greatly disturbed] at his saying, [word] and cast [considered or reasoned] in her mind what manner of salutation [greeting] this should be.

Luke 1:30 And the angel [Gabriel] said to her, "Fear not, Mary [spiritual beings often frighten people--Zacharias was also afraid of the angel, Lk. 1:13, cf. Rev. 1:17] for you have found favor with God [Jesus also found favor with God and men, Lk. 2:52].

He Will Be Called Jesus

Luke 1:31 And, behold, [calls attention to that which is similar to Isalah's prophecy, Isa. 7:14] you will conceive in your womb, [on her part, a natural birth, but a conception without man] and bring forth [in birth] a Son, and shall call His name JESUS [sex and name given, cf. Mat. 1:23-25].

Luke 1:32 He shall be great, [this is basically an echo of Isa. 9:6,7] and shall be called the Son of the Highest; [Most High, Son of God, cf. Luke 1:35, 76; 2:14; 6:35; 8:28; 19:38] and the Lord God will give to Him the throne [kingdom, but not of this world, John 18:36] of His father David [Acts 2:30-- also Jesus was born of the lineage of David, Mt. 1:1].

Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob [God's Israel, today, God's spiritual Israel, Gal. 6:16; Phil. 3:3] forever; and of His kingdom [church, Mt. 16:18,19] there shall be no end" [until the end of time when it is given to the Father, 1 Cor. 15:24].

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary to the angel, "How shall this be, [how shall this be possible] seeing [since] I know not a man?" [she was a virgin--no sexual relationship with a man. An impossibility without God].

He Will Be the Son of God

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest [power of God through the Holy Spirit] will overshadow you; [cause you to conceive, Mt. 1:18] therefore also that holy thing

[holy One] **which shall be born of you** [by a natural birth] **will be called the Son of God**" [no earthly father, therefore God's Son, John 3:16; Mt. 3:17; 17:5].

Luke 1:37 **For with God nothing shall be impossible**" [God used similar words to reassure Abraham, Gen. 18:14, cf. Mk. 10:27].

Mary Believes the Angel

Luke 1:38 **And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; [your slave or servant to submit to Your will] be it to me according to Your word"** [attitude like Jesus later in Gethsemane, Mt. 26:39]. **And the angel departed from her** [His mission and message was completed].

Matt. 1:21 **And she [Mary] shall bring forth [give birth to] a son,** [Gabriel had foretold a son to Mary, Lk. 1:31] **and you will call His name JESUS:** [a name from the Hebrew, Joshua, a Savior] **for He will save His people** [the Jews and other sheep, Gentiles, John 10:16] **from** [not IN, but FROM sins, Lk. 19:10] **their sins.** [missing the mark of God's laws which separate from God, and bring death, Isa. 59:2; Rom. 6:23].

Joseph and Mary Go to Bethlehem to be Taxed

Luke 2:1 **And it came to pass in those days,** [about the time of the birth of John and Jesus] **that there went out a decree** [a law or official order] **from Caesar Augustus,** [first Roman Emperor, Octavianus Augustus, 29 B.C.] **that all the world** [Roman world] **should be taxed** [enrolled or registered].

Luke 2:4 **And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth,** [his home city] **into Judea,** [southern part of Palestine] **to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,** [a town six miles southwest of Jerusalem, city of David, Lk. 2:11] **because he was of the house [family] and lineage of David,**

Luke 2:5 **to be taxed** [enrolled or registered] **with Mary his espoused** [betrothed, or formally engaged, Deut. 22:23,24] **wife, being great** [near the time for delivery] **with child.**

Luke 2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, [in Bethlehem] the days were accomplished [nine months fulfilled] that she should be delivered [give birth].

Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth [gave birth to] her firstborn Son, [Mary later had other children, Mt.13:55,56 but none before Jesus] and wrapped Him in swaddling [bands of cloth, cf. Ezk. 16:4] clothes, and laid Him in a manger, [a stall] because there was no room for them in the inn [guest room or lodging place].

At Home In Nazareth

Luke 2:39 And when they [Joseph and Mary] had performed all things according to the law [circumcision and presentation at the temple, Gen. 17:12; Ex. 13:1,2] of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, [northern part of Palestine] to their own city Nazareth [a town in lower Galilee that belonged to the tribe of Zebulun].

Luke 2:40 And the child [Jesus] grew, and waxed [became] strong in spirit, [mind, intellect, understanding] filled with wisdom; [ability to discern and apply knowledge] and the grace [favor] of God was upon Him.

Attended Feast in Jerusalem

Luke 2:41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem [only males required to go, but Mary went also] every year at the Feast of the Passover [one of three feasts required of all males, Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, Ex 23:14-17].

Luke 2:42 And when He [Jesus] was twelve years old, [so little is mentioned about His childhood] they [Mary and Joseph] went up [this city was upon a mountain] to Jerusalem [the place where all feasts were observed, about seventy miles from Nazareth] after the custom [in keeping with the custom] of the feast.

Luke 2:43 And when they had fulfilled [completed] the days, [the time required to keep the feast] as they returned, [for home] the Child Jesus tarried behind [stayed behind] in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His [Jesus'] mother did not know it.

Luke 2:44 But they, [His parents] supposing Him to have been in the company, [usually a large number of relatives and

neighbors formed a caravan for protection from robbers] **went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolks** [relatives] **and acquaintances** [neighbors].

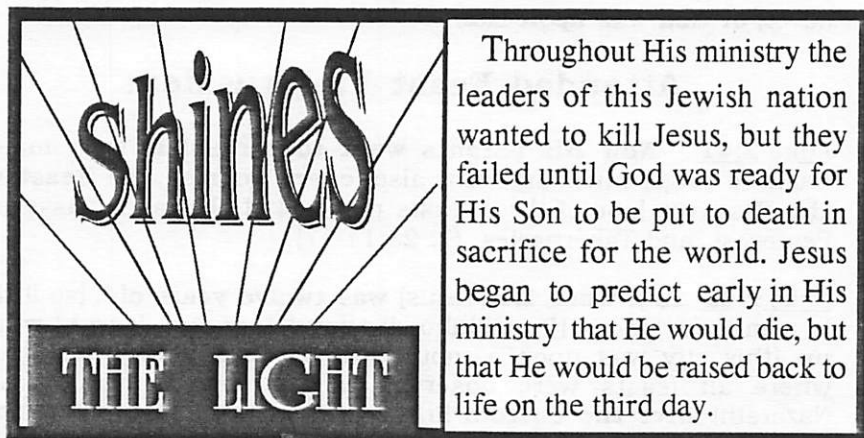
Luke 2:45 **And when they found Him not**, [this must have been frightening to them] **they turned back** [another day's journey] **again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.**

Jesus Attending His Father's Business

Luke 2:46 **And it came to pass, that after three days** [first day away from Jerusalem, second day to return, and found Him on day three] **they found Him in the temple**, [His Father's house] **sitting in the midst of** [among] **the doctors**, [those who taught the people] **both hearing them, and asking them questions** [still the most effective way to learn].

Luke 2:49 **And He said to them, "How is it that you sought Me?** [why did you doubt My safety and purpose?] **Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"** [He recognizes God as His Father, John 4:34; 5:17,36].

Darkness Is Dispelled



Jewish Leaders Try to Kill Jesus

Matt. 26:3 **Then the chief priests**, [reigning and former high priests] **the scribes**, [men of letters, writers and teachers of the law] **and the elders of the people**, [the chief priests and Pharisees gathered a council, John 11:47] **assembled together at**

the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, [this man prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation and bring together the children of God scattered abroad, John 11:49-52].

Matt. 26:4 And consulted [plotted] how they might take Jesus [what do we do, this man does many miracles, John 11:47] **by subtlety,** [deception and trickery] **and kill Him** [put Him to death, Mk. 14:1;--for they feared the people, Lk. 22:2].

Matt. 26:5 But they said, "Not during the feast day, [Passover] **lest there be an uproar among the people"** [Jesus walked no more openly among the Jews, He went to Ephrath near a wilderness, a city sixteen miles northeast of Jerusalem with His disciples. This was wise because the Jews sought, after this, to take Him, John 11:54-57].

John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought [all] the more to kill Him, [this happened throughout His ministry, cf. John 7:19,20,25; 8:59] **because He not only had broken the Sabbath,** [in their thinking] **but also said that God was His Father,** [to accept this would mean accepting Jesus as the Son of God] **making himself equal** [which He was, Phil. 2:6] **with God** [the Jews wanted God to be in heaven and Jesus an earthly impostor--far from being equal with God].

Continues Work in Galilee

John 7:1 After these things [events of the last chapter in Capernaum] **Jesus walked in Galilee:** [northern part of Palestine] **for He would not walk** [go about] **in Judea,** [southern Palestine] **because the Jews sought to kill Him** [they began their attempt in John 5:18].

John 7:30 Then they sought [Mk. 11:18] **to take** [arrest or seize] **Him, but no man laid hands on Him, because His hour** [time of death] **had not yet come** [on His time of death, see Lk. 4:29,30].

Jesus Spoke at the Feast

John 7:37 On the last day, [either the seventh or eighth day] **that great day of the feast,** [of Tabernacles] **Jesus stood and cried,** [out] **saying, "If any man thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink."**

John 8:40 But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, [about His existence, His mission, and His Sonship] which I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did [Abraham loved God and His truth].

John 11:45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed in Him [the spiritual purpose of this miracle was successful].

John 11:46 But some of them [in contrast to the believers] went away to the Pharisees, [a strict religious sect of the Jews who believed in angels, spirits, and the resurrection] and told them the things Jesus had done [went away as spies to the Pharisees].

John 11:53 Then from that day on [forward] they took counsel [plotted] together how to put Him to death [Mk. 14:64].

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Matt. 16:21 From that time [that Peter confessed Him to be the Christ] forth [on or forward] began Jesus to show to His disciples, [slowly by His teaching] how that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things [mock trials, false witnesses, and persecutions] of the elders and chief priests and scribes, [the three groups that made the Sanhedrin] and be killed, and be raised again the third day [John 2:19-22; 3:14; Mt. 12:38-40].

Matt. 16:22 Then Peter took Him, [aside] and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Be it [this awful thing just described in Jerusalem] far from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

Matt. 16:23 But He turned, [and looked on His disciples, Mk. 8:33] and said to Peter, [a rebuke, Mk. 8:33] "Get you behind Me, Satan! [you are speaking as Satan--Jesus spoke these same words to Satan, Mt. 4:10]. You are an offense [a stumbling block] to Me, [the thought of His death was a great burden, and Peter was making it more difficult to carry] for you think not the things that are of God, [the spiritual] but those [things] that are of men" [the fleshly].

Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them, that the Son of Man must [go to Jerusalem, Mt. 16:21] suffer many things, [mock trials, false witnesses, and persecutions] and be rejected by the

elders, and the chief priests and scribes, [the three groups that made the Sanhedrin] and be killed, and after three days rise again [John 2:19-22; 3:14; Mt.12:38-40].

The Great Conflict

DARKNESS

ATTACKS

The Light

Finally it came time for Jesus to die. Since this Jewish nation was under the power of the Roman Empire, after the Jews condemned Jesus to die, they called upon the Roman authorities to Crucify Jesus. Pilate, a Roman Governor, made every effort to save Jesus from death, but the Jews insisted. Then the official order was given to crucify Jesus.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Matt. 26:36 Then came Jesus with them to a place called **Gethsemane**, [a garden, John 18:1;--means: "oil press"--located on the western slope of the Mount of Olives] and said to the disciples, [He had resorted here often with His disciples, John 18:2] "**Sit here, while I go over there and pray.**"

Peter, James, and John

Matt. 26:37 And He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, [James and John, Mk. 14:33] and began to be sorrowful and very heavy [troubled or deeply distressed, Mk. 14:33].

Matt. 26:38 Then He said to them, "**My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death** [He was feeling the weight of death before being nailed to the cross]. **Tarry [stay] here, and watch [keep watch] with Me.**"

Matt. 26:39 And He went a little farther, [about a stone's cast or throw, Lk. 22:41] and fell on His face, [on the ground, Mk. 14:35] and prayed, saying, "**O My Father, if it be possible,**

[Abba Father, all things are possible to You, Mk. 14:36] **let this cup [of death] pass [take this cup away, Mk. 14:36] from Me;** [also that the hour might pass from Him, Mk. 14:35] **nevertheless [yet] not as I will, but as You will"** [there appeared an angel to Him from heaven, strengthening Him, Lk. 22:43].

The Sleeping Disciples

Matt. 26:45 Then He came to His disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on now, [the time for watching is over] and take your rest [it is enough, Mk. 14:41]. Behold, the hour is at hand, [no one could take Jesus before His hour, John 7:30] and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Matt. 26:46 Rise, let us be going. Behold, [see] he [Judas--knew the place in the garden, John 18:2] who betrays Me is at hand" [Mk. 14:42].

Judas Betrays Jesus

Matt. 26:47 And [immediately, Mk. 14:43] while He spoke, Behold, Judas, one of the twelve, [apostles] came, and with him a great multitude [a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, John 18:3] with swords and staves, [clubs--lanterns, torches, and weapons, John 18:3] from the chief priests [and scribes, Mk. 14:43] and elders of the people [Jesus asked, "Whom do you seek?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said, "I am He," John 18:4,5].

Matt. 26:49 And going at once he came to Jesus, [to learn about the reaction of the group when Jesus said, "I am He," see John 18:6-8] and said, "Hail, [greetings] Master, [Rabbi] and kissed Him ["Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Lk. 22:48].

Jesus Before the Jewish Court

Matt. 26:57 And those who had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, [also--all the chief priests, Mk. 14:53] where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

Matt. 26:59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness [evidence or testimony] against Jesus, to put Him to death,

False Witnesses Testify

Matt. 26:60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came, yet they found none [but their testimony agreed not together, Mk. 14:56]. At last [finally] two false witnesses came forward,

Matt. 26:61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, [that is made with hands, Mk. 14:58] and rebuild it in three days' " [build another without hands,--neither did they agree, Mk. 14:58,59].

Matt. 26:62 And [then] the high priest arose, and said to Him, "Do you answer nothing? What is this [testimony] which these witnesses are bringing against You?"

Jesus Finally Answers

Matt. 26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said, [it is as you said--I am, Mk. 14:62] nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, [foretells His ascension to the exalted right hand of His Father, Acts 1:9; 7:55; 1 Tim. 3:16] and coming in the clouds of heaven" [Rev. 1:7].

Matt. 26:65 Then the high priest rent [tore] his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy.

Their Verdict: "He Is Guilty of Death"

Matt. 26:66 What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is guilty [and worthy] of death."

Matt. 27:1 When the morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel [made a decision] against Jesus to put Him to death.

Matt. 27:2 And when they bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him [handed Him over] to Pontius Pilate the governor [appointed by the Romans].

Jesus Before Governor Pilate

Matt. 27:11 And [the council bound Jesus and delivered Him to Pilate, Mk. 15:1] **Jesus stood before the governor** [the Jews would not go into the judgment Hall for fear of defilement--they wanted to eat the Passover, John 18:28] **and the governor [Pilate] asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is so"** [Pilate asked the Jews what accusation they brought against Him, they said if He were not a criminal, we would not have delivered Him, John 18:29,30].

Matt. 27:12 And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, [these accused Him of many things, Mk. 15:3] **He answered nothing** [for Pilate's conversation with the Jews, see, John 18:29-32].

Matt. 27:13 Then said Pilate to Him, **"Do You not hear how many things they witness against You?"** [we found this fellow perverting the nation, forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying He is Christ and King, Lk. 23:2]

At First, No Answer

Matt. 27:14 And He answered him not one word, so that the **governor marveled greatly** [was greatly amazed--He asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus' reply, "It is so as you say." Pilate found no fault, Lk. 23:3,4;--Luke records Jesus being sent to Herod, Lk. 23:6-12].

Pilate Reports to the Jews

Matt. 27:22 Pilate said to them, **"What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"** They all say to him, **"Let Him be crucified."**

Matt. 27:23 And the governor [Pilate] said, **"Why, what evil has He done?"** [He asked them this question three times, Lk. 23:22]. **But they cried out [even] the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"**

Pilate Washes His Hands

Matt. 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, **but rather that a tumult [uproar] was made,** [he gave sentence that it should be done as they required, Lk. 23:24] **he took water,**

and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just [innocent] person. You see to it."

Matt. 27:25 Then answered all the people, [the Jews who wanted Him crucified] and said, "His blood be on us, and on our children [many today choose to crucify Him afresh, and put Him to open shame, Heb. 6:6].

Jesus is Turned Over to the Jews

Mark 15:15 So Pilate, [he gave sentence that it should be done as they required, Lk. 23:24] willing to satisfy the people, released Barabbas to them, and delivered Jesus, after he had scourged [whipped or flogged] Him, [to their will, Lk. 23:25] to be crucified [the Jews rejected their Messiah, and chose in His place a robber and murderer].

Luke 23:24 And Pilate [saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult (uproar) was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it," Mt. 27:24] gave sentence that it should be as they required.

Luke 23:25 And he released to them the one [Barabbas] whom they had desired, who for insurrection [revolt] and murder had been cast into prison, but he delivered Jesus to their will [the Jews rejected their Messiah, and chose in His place a robber and murderer].

Three Days of Sadness

The Light



Temporarily
OUT!

Jesus was taken to a place called Calvary. They nailed Him to the cross, mocked Him, but Jesus courageously gave His life. Then He was buried in the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, but on the third day He arose. He appeared before some women, His apostles, and others, and then ascended to His Father in heaven to reign over His kingdom.

Mocked As a King

Matt. 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor [Pilate] took Jesus into the common hall, [Praetorium, headquarters of the governor, Mk. 15:16] and gathered to him the whole band [company] of soldiers.

Matt. 27:28 And they [scourged Him, John 19:1] stripped Him, and put on him a scarlet [purple, Mk. 15:17] robe,

Matt. 27:29 and when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed [a slender cane grown in Egypt and Palestine, up to twelve feet tall] in His right hand, and they bowed the knee before Him, [as though worshiping Him] and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" [blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face, and said, "prophesy, who hit You," Lk. 22:64].

Matt. 27:30 And they spit on Him, and took the reed, [a slender cane grown in Egypt and Palestine, up to twelve feet tall] and struck Him on the head [spoke other blasphemous things against Him, Lk. 22:65].

Matt. 27:31 And after they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, and put His own raiment [clothes] on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Led To Calvary For Crucifixion

John 19:17 And He bearing His cross [until Simon of Cyrene was compelled to carry it, Mt. 27:32:--on him (Simon) they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus, Lk. 23:26] went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, [some have believed that it received its name from the shape of the hill where Jesus was crucified] which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha, [Calvary, Lk. 23:33].

John 19:18 where they crucified Him, [it was the third hour, 9:00 a.m., Mk. 15:25] and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the middle [the Scripture was fulfilled--He was numbered with the transgressors, Isa. 53:12].

Jesus Was Thirsty

John 19:28 After this, [from noon to about 3:00 p.m. the sun was darkened, Lk. 23:45] Jesus knowing that all things were

now accomplished, [felt the pain of being temporarily forsaken by His Father because of dying for the sins of the world, cried to the Father, 'why have You forsaken Me?' Mt. 27:46] **that the Scripture might be fulfilled, says, "I thirst" [Ps. 69:21].**

John 19:29 Now there was set there a vessel [bowl or jar] full of vinegar; [sour wine] and they filled a sponge with vinegar, [sour wine] put it on hyssop, [a stalk or reed of the hyssop plant--reed, Mt. 27:48] and put it to His mouth.

Jesus Bowed His Head in Death

John 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the vinegar, [sour wine] He said, [cried again with a loud voice, Mt. 27:50] "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up [yielded up, Mt. 27:50] His spirit [the veil of the temple was torn in two, the earth quaked, rocks split, graves opened, and many bodies of saints arose, Mt. 27:51-53].

Burial By Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

John 19:38 And after this [when the evening had come, Mt. 27:57] Joseph [an honorable counselor who also waited for the kingdom of God, Mk. 15:43;--a good and upright man, Lk. 23:50] of Arimathea, [a city of the Jews, Lk. 23:51; near Jerusalem] being a disciple of Jesus, [Lk. 23:50,51] but secretly for fear of the Jews, [he was a council member, Lk. 23:50] asked Pilate [boldly or Courageously, Mk. 15:43] that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission [Pilate commanded the body to be delivered, Mt. 27:58;--he was surprised that He was already dead, and asked the centurion, Mk. 15:44]. He [Joseph] came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

John 19:39 Nicodemus also, who at the first came to Jesus by night, [John 3:1,2; 7:50] came and brought a mixture of myrrh [used by Egyptians to embalm bodies] and aloes, [a powdered perfume] about a hundred pound's [Roman weight--equal to seventy-five English pounds] weight.

John 19:40 Then they [Joseph and Nicodemus] took the body of Jesus, and wound [bound] it in [fine, Mk. 15:46] linen cloths [strips of linen] with the spices, as is the burying custom of the Jews.

A Great Earthquake

Matt. 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, [and when the Sabbath was past, Mk. 16:1] as the first day of the week [Sunday] began to dawn, [very early in the morning at sunrise, Mk. 16:2] **Mary Magdalene** [John singles out the actions of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John, see John 20:1-18; cf. Mk. 16:9] **and the other Mary** [also the mother of James, and Salome were present, Mk. 16:1] **came to see the sepulchre** [tomb of Jesus--they brought sweet spices that they might anoint Him, Mk. 16:1;--and certain other women with them, Lk. 24:1].

Matt. 28:2 [they said among themselves, who will roll away the stone, Mk. 16:3;--found the stone rolled away, Mk. 16:4; Lk. 24:2] **And, behold, there was a great earthquake;** [great in power especially at the tomb] **for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone** [many stone doors for tombs were made round like a wheel so they could be rolled away] **from the door,** [it was very great, Mk. 16:4] **and sat on it.**

He Is Risen

Matt. 28:5 **And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified.**

Matt. 28:6 **He is not here; for He is risen,** [just] **as He said** [Luke records two men in shinning garments who asked the women, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen,' Lk. 24:5.6]. **Come, see the place where the Lord lay** [they entered the (room size) tomb and saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a long white garment. They were afraid, but he announced that Jesus had risen and showed them the place where they laid Him, Mk. 16:5.6].

Appeared to Mary Magdalene

Mark 16:9 **Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week,** [Sunday] **He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven devils** [demons--the women worshiped Him, Mt. 28:9].

Before the Apostles

Mark 16:14 Afterward He appeared to the eleven as they sat at meat, [at the table] and upbraided [rebuked] them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those [Mary, the two disciples, and any others] who had seen Him after He had risen [perhaps He rebuked them for not believing because He had taught them often of His resurrection in three days].

1 Cor. 15:5 And that He [the resurrected Lord Jesus] was seen of Cephas, [Peter, Lk. 24:34] then of the twelve [the twelve apostles, Mt. 28:16,17;--except for Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus, Mt. 10:4, and then hanged himself, Mt. 27:5].

More Than Five Hundred Brethren

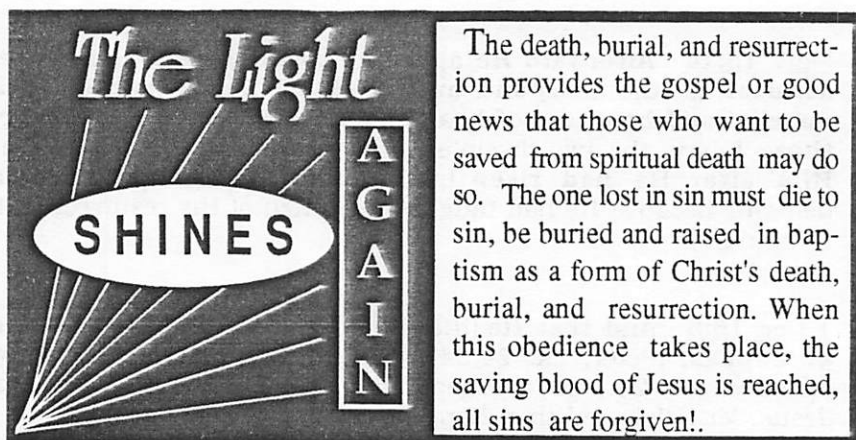
1 Cor. 15:6 After that, He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once, [Jesus appeared to individuals as well as a large multitude of believers who would become eyewitnesses of His resurrection to the world] of whom the greater part remain [are alive] to the present, but some have fallen asleep [have died].

He Ascends to the Father

Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, [had given them their assignments and promises, Acts 1:4-8] He was received up into heaven, [His glorious ascension, Lk. 24:51,52: Acts 1:9-11] and sat down on the right hand of God.

Mark 16:20 And they [the apostles] went out, [after the Holy Spirit came on them, Acts chapter 2] and preached everywhere, [as the Lord commanded] the Lord working with them, [as He promised] and confirming the word with signs following. Amen [so be it].

A Beautiful Spiritual Morning



The death, burial, and resurrection provides the gospel or good news that those who want to be saved from spiritual death may do so. The one lost in sin must die to sin, be buried and raised in baptism as a form of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. When this obedience takes place, the saving blood of Jesus is reached, all sins are forgiven!

The Powerful Gospel

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed [even in this cultured city filled with man's wisdom, cf. 1 Cor. 1:18-20] **of the gospel** [the good news that God the Father will accept and forgive sinners through His Son, who believe and obey Jesus, Mk. 16:16] **of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation** [God's only way to save lost souls] **to everyone who believes**, [to the point of obeying the gospel, Mk. 16:15,16;--God shows no partiality, Acts 10:34] **to the Jew first and also to the Greek.**

Rom. 1:17 For in it [the gospel] **is the righteousness of God** [since God is righteous, He presents a way of righteousness by which those lost in sin are made righteous--the gospel, when obeyed, saves the sinner, and he or she becomes clothed in God's righteousness, cf. Rom. 3:21,25] **revealed from** [by or through] **faith to [for] faith**; [a way of faith, not the law, cf. Rom. 4:14-16] **as it is written**, [Hab. 2:4] **"The just [the righteous] shall live by faith"** [the gospel makes this kind of living possible].

The Gospel Must Be Obeyed

Mark 16:16 He who believes [that Jesus is the Christ to the point of obeying Him, Rom. 6:17; Gal. 3:26,27] **and is baptized** [immersed, submersed--dipped, Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12] **will be**

saved; [from sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21] **but he who does not believe will be condemned** [lost eternally from the wages of sin, Rom. 6:23].

Must Die To Sin

Rom. 6:1 **What shall we say then?** [since grace is so abundant] **Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?** [the forgiveness of sin requires grace, therefore some might come to the false conclusion that they should sin often to receive more grace--some had, in slander, made this accusation, Rom. 3:8].

Rom. 6:2 **God forbid!** [certainly not--may it never be]. **How shall we,** [Christians under grace] **who are dead** [who died] **to sin,** [death brings separation--when they became penitent believers and confessed Christ to be God's Son, they decided to stop sinning and to follow Jesus, Col. 3:3] **live any longer in it?** [in sin].

Baptized Into His Death

Rom. 6:3 **Know you not,** [do you not know] **that so many of us** [Paul included himself] **as were baptized** [immersed, submersed, emerged--dipped, Col. 2:12] **into Jesus Christ** [this is the only way to get into Christ, Gal. 3:26,27--this is where all spiritual blessings are found, Eph. 1:3] **were baptized into His death?** [this is God's way for one who has died to sin to partake of Christ's death].

Buried and Raised Like Jesus In Baptism

Rom. 6:4 **Therefore we are buried** [the dead are buried, thus, those dead to sin are buried] **with Him through baptism** [immersion is a burial, Col. 2:12] **into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk** [in the light with Jesus, 1 John 1:7] **in newness of life** [the penitent believer dies to sin, is buried in baptism, and raised from this death or baptism to walk in a new life].

Rom. 6:5 **For if we have been planted together** [in baptism, vs. 4] **in the likeness of His death, we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection** [one is to die, be buried, and to rise from the

dead like Jesus--not through a physical death and resurrection, but by obeying a form of it, Rom. 6:17].

Crucified With Jesus

Rom. 6:6 **Knowing this**, [the process of obedience just discussed] **that our old man** [sinful self] **is crucified** [put to death] **with Him**, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, [done away with] **that we should no longer serve** [be a slave to] **sin** [the true Christian becomes a slave of righteousness, Rom. 6:18].

Obedied From the Heart

Rom. 6:17 **But God be thanked**, **that though you were** [before turning to Jesus in obedience] **the servants** [slaves] **of sin**, **yet you have obeyed from the heart** [sincere obedience from within--not an outward show] **that form of doctrine** [teaching, 2 Tim. 1:13,14; Titus 1:9] **which was delivered** [instructed or entrusted to] **you** [a form or mold is like, or resembles the real thing--dying to sin, being buried and raised in baptism, vss. 4,5, represent a form of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, 1 Cor. 15:3,4].

His Blood Shed For Remission of Sins

Matt. 26:27 **And He took the cup**, [fruit of the vine, Lk. 22:18:-after supper, Lk. 22:20] **and gave thanks**, [blessed it, vs. 26] **and gave it to them**, [the disciples] **saying**, [divide it among yourselves, Lk. 22:17] **"Drink from it**, [the contents, not the container, that which represented His blood] **all of you** [and they all drank of it, Mk. 14:23].

Matt. 26:28 **For this is My blood** [figuratively so, in the same way He had used figurative language when He taught, the field is the world, good seed are the children of the kingdom, etc., Mt. 13:38,39] **of the new testament**, [covenant, Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:8-13] **which is shed for many** [for you, Lk. 22:20] **for the remission** [forgiveness, Acts 2:38] **of sins** [the main purpose of the cross--to make forgiveness of sins possible--all other purposes are secondary--the bread and fruit of the vine were followed with the words, 'Do this in remembrance of Me,' 1 Cor 11:24].

A Birth For Eternity

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Accepting and obeying the Light is called by Jesus a new birth of water and the Spirit. Also it is called by the apostle Peter, a birth of incorruptible seed, the word of God. After this birth, one is a spiritual child of God, saved from sin, a new creation in Christ Jesus, one who has been added to the Lord's church, and a brother or sister in Christ!

Born of Water and the Spirit

John 3:1 **There was a man of the Pharisees,** [a strict religious sect of the Jews who believed in angels, spirits, and the resurrection] **named Nicodemus,** [mentioned only by John, here, and two other times, John 7:50,51:19:39] **a ruler of the Jews** [member of the Sanhedrin, and a teacher, vs. 10].

John 3:2 **The same** [this man] **came to Jesus by night,** [perhaps because of convenience, or out of fear of being seen] **and said to Him, "Rabbi,** [Teacher or Master] **we** [Nicodemus and other Pharisees, even though as a general rule, they did not accept Him] **know that You are a teacher come from God, for no man** [without God] **can do these miracles** [signs] **that You do, except God is with him."**

John 3:3 **Jesus answered and said to Him, "Verily, verily,** [truly, truly, used by John twenty-four times] **I say to you, except a man** [all Jews, and later all Gentiles] **is born again,** [anew,--1 Pet. 1:23] **he cannot see the kingdom of God"** [Gal. 6:15].

John 3:4 **Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born** [anew] **when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"** [he confused the spiritual birth with the physical].

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, [truly, truly] I say to you, except [unless] a man is born of water [baptism, Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38] and of the Spirit, [the Holy Spirit through the word, produces a believing, penitent heart that submits to baptism, Rom. 10:17; Gal. 3:26,27] he cannot enter into the kingdom of God [the church or spiritual body, Eph. 1:22,23].

Born By The Word of God

1 Pet. 1:23 Having been born again, [to be saved, and to enter the kingdom of God (church), John 3:5] not of corruptible seed, [corruptible flesh--the fleshly body dies and returns to the dust, Eccl. 12:7] but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever [cf. Mt. 24:35].

Children of God

Gal. 3:26 For you are all [addressed to Christians in Galatia] the children [sons, Rom. 8:16,17] of God by faith [a faith that led them to believe and obey the gospel, Mk. 16:15,16] in Christ Jesus [where no condemnation is found, Rom. 8:1].

Gal. 3:27 For as many of you [tells how this happened] as have been baptized [immersed or buried, Rom. 6:4:--God's way of getting into Christ] into Christ have put on [have clothed yourself with] Christ [in Christ is His forgiving blood where all spiritual blessings are found, Eph. 1:3].

A New Creation

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man [anyone] is in Christ, [through faith that leads one to repent and be baptized into Christ, Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26,27] he is a new creature, [creation] old things have passed away; [the old sinful life, Rom. 6:2] behold, all things have become new [Col. 3:3; Rom. 6:4; Gal. 6:15; Col. 2:12].

Added To The Lord's Church

Acts 2:47 praising God, [no doubt in prayers, songs, and the study of the word through the apostles, cf. Eph. 5:18,19] and having favor with all the people [Rom. 14:18]. And the Lord added to the church [added to them or their number--those who had already been called by obedience to the gospel] daily such as should be saved [those who were being saved--only the Lord can

add the saved to the church and the Book of Life, Rev. 20:12-15;-- the saved make up the church or spiritual body of Christ, Rom. 12:4,5; 1 Cor. 12:12].

Heirs of God

Rom. 8:16 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God,** [those who accept and obey the word of God (given by the Holy Spirit) have the witness of the Holy Spirit that they have been born into God's family, and are His children, Gal. 3:26,27;--the word, by the Holy Spirit, guides one to obey by becoming a penitent believer who confesses Christ as God's Son, and is baptized into Christ as a form of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, Rom. 6:17;--when one studies the Spirit-given word, he can know for sure that the Holy Spirit bears witness with his spirit that he is a child of God--then the Spirit bears witness to whether or not one is bearing the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22,23].

Rom. 8:17 **and if children, then heirs--heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ,** [the faithful Christian receives an inheritance from God the Father along with His only begotten Son--eternal life, heaven, 1 Pet. 1:4] **if indeed we suffer with Him,** [in order] **that we may also be glorified together** [with Him--the obedience in becoming a Christian is centered around the suffering and death of Jesus--one must die to sin, Rom. 6:2; be baptized into His death, Rom. 6:3; be crucified with Him, Rom. 6:6; be buried with Him, Rom. 6:4; be planted in the likeness of His death, Rom. 6:5; and (as the context suggests here) share in His suffering as a Christian, Phil. 3:10;--Paul had been crucified with Christ, Gal. 2:20].

Baptized Into One Body

1 Cor. 12:13 **For by one Spirit** [the Holy Spirit, Eph. 4:4] **we were all baptized** [immersed or buried, Rom. 6:4] **into one body,** [into Christ and His church, His spiritual body, Gal. 3:27; Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 4:4] **whether Jews or Gentiles,** [Greeks] **whether bond or free, and have all been made to drink into [of] one Spirit** [one Holy Spirit, Eph. 4:4].

Heavenly Fellowship

Pathway of Light

**BLOOD
and
FELLOWSHIP**

After being born into God's family, one is in fellowship with Jesus, His Father, and other Christians who are walking on this pathway of light. There is continual forgiveness of sin to all who are walking on this pathway, because the pathway of light contains the forgiving blood of Jesus. Only those who choose to leave the pathway will be lost.

One With the Father and Son

John 17:20 **Neither do I pray for [in behalf of] these [apostles] alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their [the apostle's] word;** [His prayer now turns to those who will respond and obey the gospel that the apostles preach--all the disciples of all ages, Mt. 28:19,20].

John 17:21 **that they all may be one,** [unity in Christ's church is essential, Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:10] **as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You,** [the perfect example of oneness] **that they also may be one in Us,** [all Christian unity must be based only on God's word and will] **that the world may believe that You have sent Me** [the beautiful relationship of unity is proof to the world that God's plan for His Son and salvation is true--Christ's teaching gives to all who obey, unity with both the Father and the Son, 2 John 9].

John 17:22 **And the glory which You gave Me [as Your Son] I have given them,** [as sons of God, John 1:12; 1 John 3:1] **that they may be one,** [with God the Father and the Son] **even as We are one:**

John 17:23 **I in them,** [1 John 3:24] **and You in Me,** [one of the great blessings found in being a Christian] **that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me** [this request for unity with Jesus and the Father is just as

important today if we are to show the world that the love of God, gave Jesus through love].

Walking In the Light

1 John 1:7 **But if we walk** [Christianity is a way of life that shows faith by good works, Jas. 2:14-18] **in the light, as He is in the light,** [Jesus is the light of the world, John 8:12;--His disciples are also the light of the world, Mt. 5:13-16] **we have fellowship** [commune together sharing the same goal and spiritual purpose] **with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son** [God's only begotten Son, John 3:16] **cleanses** [continues to cleanse or keeps on cleansing] **us from all sin** [only those who have died to sin in the likeness of His death, been buried and raised in baptism to be saved by His blood, Rom. 6:1-4, are in the light with Jesus for a continual forgiveness of sin].

Made Right Through His Blood

Rom. 3:25 **whom God** [the Father] **has set forth** [displayed publicly] **to be a propitiation** [a sacrifice of atonement] **by His blood,** [Col. 1:20] **through faith,** [must believe and obey the gospel, Rom. 6:17; Heb. 5:9] **to declare** [demonstrate] **His righteousness** [justice to lost humanity] **for the remission** [forgiveness] **of sins that are past,** [former sins--specifically in this context, sins committed under the law by the Jews] **through the forbearance of God,** [under the law of Moses, God waited about final punishment of their sins until under the grace of Jesus through His blood, then those living at this time, could choose forgiveness or punishment, Acts 14:16; 17:30].

Col. 1:20 **And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him** [His Son Jesus] **to reconcile** [to make friends again] **all things to Himself;** [to God the Father] **by Him,** [His Son Jesus] **I say, whether things on earth, or things in heaven.**

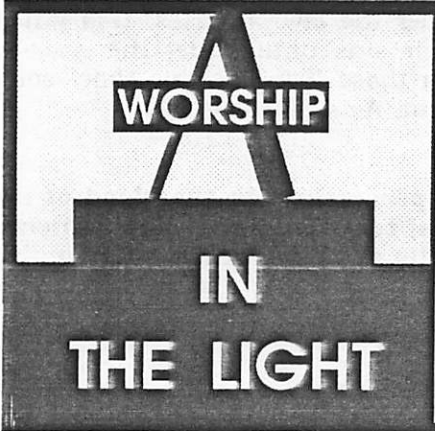
Heb. 9:12 **Not with the blood of goats and calves,** [as was used under the Old Testament which could not permanently remove sins, Heb. 10:4] **but by His own blood** [Eph. 1:7] **He entered the holy place, once for all,** [the High Priest of the Old Testament was required to enter the Holy Place yearly in behalf of the sins of Israel, but one time was sufficient for Jesus to make eternal redemption possible] **having obtained eternal**

redemption for us [those who obey the gospel are bought back from sin and its penalty of death, Rom. 6:23; the blood makes this grace or unearned favor possible, Rom. 3:24].

Redemption and Forgiveness

Eph. 1:7 **In Him** [Jesus who brought salvation through grace, Titus 2:11] **we have redemption** [have been bought back from sin] **through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**, [Mt. 26:28;--to be saved, one must be forgiven, and only the blood of Jesus makes forgiveness possible--when a believing sinner repents of his sins, confesses Jesus to be the Christ, and is baptized for the remission of sins, he is saved by the blood of Jesus, Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9,10; Mk. 16:16] **according to the riches of His grace**; [obedience is essential to be saved, but does not purchase salvation--obedience prepares the heart of the sinner to receive the gift of grace].

Honoring Our Creator

	<p>Steadfastness and faithfulness are required of all the children of God. They are faithful to worship God from the heart according to His truth (God's word), faithful to daily live Jesus, and faithful to share the good news of salvation through Jesus with others. It is a joy to honor God in worship!</p>
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Christians Must Be Faithful

1 Cor. 15:58 **Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, [don't**

let anyone or anything remove you from faithfulness] **knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord** [God will reward the faithful, cf. 1 Cor. 3:8].

Gal. 6:9 **And let us not become weary in doing good**, [2 Thes. 3:13] **for in due season** [at the proper time] **we shall reap**, [no doubt expressed] **if** [a condition] **we do not faint** [do not give up, Jas. 5:7,8].

Acts 2:42 **And they** [those saved and added] **continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine** [teaching--the apostles were guided by the Holy Spirit as to what they taught, Acts 2:4] **and fellowship**, [they experienced all things in harmony, and were together as to purpose and the teaching of the apostles] **and in breaking of bread**, [they remembered the Lord's death on the first day of the week, Acts 20:7] **and in prayers** [this church was a praying church].

Faithfully Attending Worship

Heb. 10:25 **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, [infers assembling to worship God--the church began with faithfulness in coming together, Acts 2:42] **as the manner** [habit] **of some, but exhorting** [encouraging] **one another, and so much the more, as you see the Day** [Judgment day, 2 Cor. 5:10; Acts 17:31] **approaching** [no one knows when the Lord will return for judgment, but in all generations, each day lived is one day closer to this great Day!].

John 4:24 **God is Spirit**, [is not a fleshly being] **and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit** [with his heart] **and in truth**" [according to the word of God, John 8:32; 14:6--Jesus taught the truth, and sent the Holy Spirit to guide His apostles and others into all truth, John 16:13].

Christians Belong to the Lord

Rom. 14:8 **For whether we live, we live to the Lord**; [the goal of every Christian should be to do God's will--to receive salvation] **and whether we die, we die to the Lord** [seek the Lord in life and death, 2 Cor. 5:14,15]. **Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's** [when one obeys the form of His death, burial, and resurrection, he becomes a slave of Jesus Christ, looking to Him in life and death, Rom. 6:17].

Phil. 1:21 **For to me, to live is Christ**, [Paul's purpose in life while upon the earth] **and to die is gain** [his goal after death--whether living or dead, Paul trusted all to Christ, Rom. 14:8].

Sharing the Gospel With Others

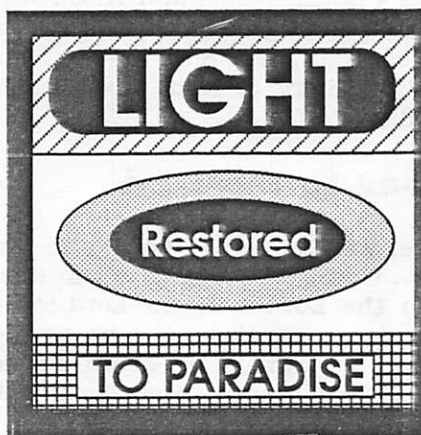
Mark 16:15 **And He said to them**, [all power is given to Me in heaven and on earth, Mt. 28:18] **"Go into all the world**, [all nations, Mt. 28:19] **and preach the gospel** [good news and glad tidings of His death, burial, and resurrection which brings salvation to lost souls, Rom. 1:16,17; 1 Cor. 15:1-4] **to every creature** [the whole creation].

Mark 16:16 **He who believes** [that Jesus is the Christ to the point of obeying Him, Rom. 6:17; Gal. 3:26,27] **and is baptized** [immersed, submersed--dipped, Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12] **will be saved**; [from sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21] **but he who does not believe will be condemned** [lost eternally from the wages of sin, Rom. 6:23].

Honoring God

Rom. 11:33 **O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!** [all of these wonderful truths of God's love and wisdom caused Paul to pause and praise the greatness of God]. **How unsearchable are His judgments, and his ways past finding out!**

Eternity With God



The faithful Christian lays up treasures in heaven, while preparing to die someday to be with the Lord. Faith, hope and love motivate all actions while anticipating heaven. The goal of every faithful Christian is to stay in the pathway of light, and in fellowship with the Lord until they must face physical death, knowing that to die in Jesus means that they will live in heaven with Him forever!

Laying Up Treasures In Heaven

Matt. 6:19 Lay not up [do not hoard] for yourselves treasures on earth, [worldly treasures for worldly pleasures] where moth and rust does corrupt, [destroy or consume] and where thieves break through [in] and steal;

Matt. 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, [commit what you have to the glory of God] where neither moth nor rust corrupt, [destroy or consume] and where thieves do not break through nor steal [nothing is lost].

Matt. 6:21 For where your treasure is, [either on earth or in heaven, Mt. 19:21,22] there will your heart be also [one's heart and treasure go together].

Living For Eternal Life

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Heb. 13:6 So that we may boldly [with confidence] say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear [be afraid]. What can man do to me?" [Ps. 27:1; 118:6].

Living By Love and Faith

1 Cor. 13:13 And now abide [after other gifts such as prophecies, tongues, and knowledge have ceased, faith, hope and love will remain] faith, hope, love, [believing and hoping in God because of His love, and the love of Jesus for lost humanity--and the love that Christians have for God] these three; but the greatest of these is love [because love brings glory to faith and hope, also because love was given priority by the Lord Jesus, Mt. 22:37-39].

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance [being sure--the foundation of hoping for things unseen] of things hoped for, the evidence [certainty or confidence] of things not seen [it is impossible to please God without faith, vs. 6].

Heaven Is A Prepared Place

John 14:1 Let not your heart [singular, applying to each individual] be troubled; [over His going where they could not go, and all other announcements such as one would betray Him, and another would deny Him] you believe in God, believe [even at death] also in Me [you can not separate Jesus from God, all must believe in both of them].

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; [rooms or dwelling places] if it were not so, I would have told you [Jesus never made a false statement or false promise]. I go to prepare a place [heaven, Rev. 12:8] for you [the preparation began with His death].

John 14:3 And if [when] I go and prepare a place for you, [heaven will be a prepared place for all who have prepared themselves by being faithful to Jesus] I will come again, [at His second coming, 1 Thes. 4:17; Phil. 1:23] and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also [one of the greatest joys of heaven is to be with Jesus and all the Godhead, and to be like Jesus, 1 John 3:2].

Walking With Jesus in the Light

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John 8:12 Then spoke Jesus again to them, saying, "I am the light of the world [He gave this same assignment to His disciples, Mt. 5:14-16]. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" [1 John 1:7].

John 1:4 **In Him was life;** [eternal life, John 4:14; John 10:10: 11:25; 14:6; 1 John 1:1,2] **and the life was the light of men** [1 John 1:5-7; John 8:12; 12:36].

When Jesus Returns

John 5:28 **Marvel not** [do not be amazed] **at this;** **for the hour** [time] **is coming,** [at the end of time] **in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice,** [one resurrection, and the saved and unsaved will come forth].

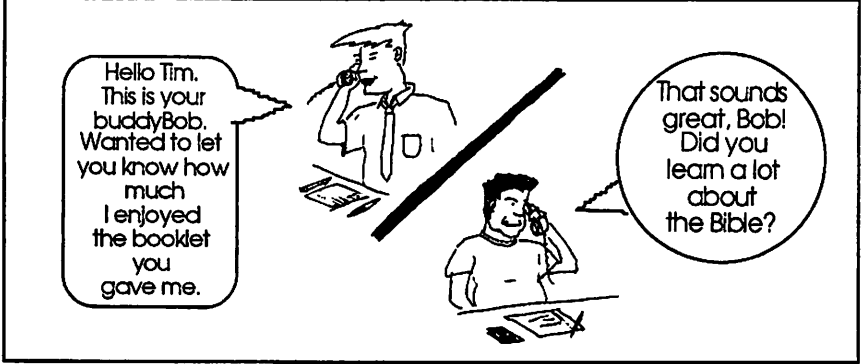
John 5:29 **and will come forth--**[no one can refuse this call to live--they can refuse the call to live spiritually] **those who have done good, to the resurrection of life;** [believed and obeyed the gospel of Jesus, and have walked faithfully in His light, 2 Thes. 2:14; 1 John 1:7] **and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation** [refused faith and obedience in the saving grace and gospel of Jesus Christ; therefore they are lost eternally, Eph. 2:8; Mk. 16:16; 2 Thes. 1:8].

The Victory Crown of Life

Rev. 2:10 **Do not be afraid of those things which you shall** [are about to] **suffer** [they would experience heavy persecution, but God will bless them, Mt. 5:10-12]. **Behold,** [I tell you] **the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested;** [the devil was allowed to test Job, Job 1:12] **and you will suffer tribulation** [persecution] **ten days** [whether this is taken as a literal ten days, or figuratively to represent a short period of time, they are being warned of the coming persecution]. **Be faithful until** [to the point of] **death, and I will give you the crown of life** [those who stay faithful to the Lord will win, Gal. 6:9; 1 Cor. 15:58].

Rev. 22:5 **And there shall be no night there** [in heaven, the prepared place for prepared Christians, John 14:1-3]. **They need no candle,** [lamp] **nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light** [the glory of God and Jesus the Lamb give it light, Rev. 21:23]. **And they shall reign forever and ever** [those who come to Jesus' blood for salvation, begin walking a pathway of light that leads to eternal life--God's Pathway of Light To Heaven--how wonderful to know that Jesus has restored, even a more beautiful Paradise than the one lost by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden].

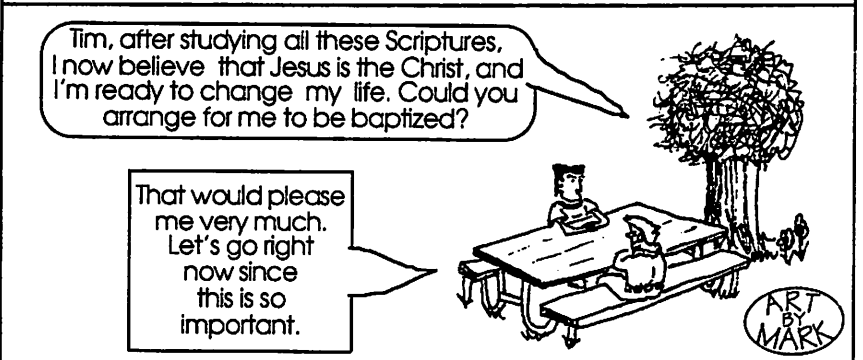
For the next seven days, Tim did not hear from Bob. In fact, he began to think that he was avoiding him. But one Monday morning very early Tim answered his phone and it was Bob.



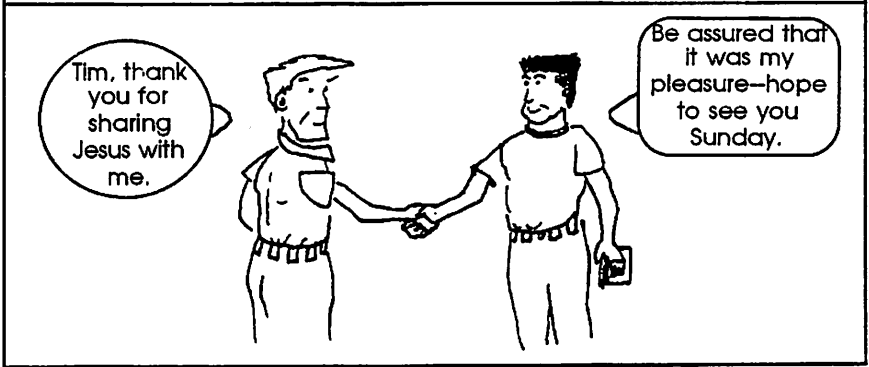
At this point, Bob went on and on about how exciting it was to learn about the history of the human race and about the salvation offered by Jesus.



Two days later Bob and Tim met at the park to discuss further the Bible. Bob asked many questions, and Tim was able to answer them. Bob finally said to Tim:



Within the hour, Bob had been baptized, and the two were now not only friends, but also brothers in Christ. They were looking forward to worshipping and serving God together.



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Review Questions

The Garden of Eden

- 1. The first man Adam was (A) born (B) formed (C) happened by chance.
- 2. The only tree first forbidden to Adam: (A) the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (B) all trees (C) the tree of life.
- 3. Adam was placed in the garden to (A) look after the animals (B) dress the garden (C) to find a wife.
- 4. The forbidden tree would bring (A) death (B) happiness (C) a closer walk with God.
- 5. The one thing that God said was not good: (A) no names for the animals (B) man's loneliness (C) the serpent.
- 6. Woman was made from the (A) dust (B) a miracle from heaven (C) Adam's rib.
- 7. She was called "woman" because (A) she was feminine (B) she was taken out of man (C) she asked for this title.
- 8. The first law of marriage required man to (A) live with parents (B) live close by (C) leave father and mother and cleave to his wife.
- 9. In marriage, men and women are to (A) be independent (B) become one flesh (C) share their lives as individuals.
- 10. Both man and woman were made (A) as the animals (B) as minor gods (C) in God's image.

The Great Fall

- 1. The serpent was (A) more crafty than any beast (B) very spiritual (C) wiser than God.
- 2. The serpent representing the devil (A) spoke highly of God (B) cursed God (C) made Eve feel deprived.
- 3. The fruit on the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" was (A) a tropical fruit (B) an apple (C) the Bible does not name it.
- 4. The devil said, (A) you probably won't die (B) you will be happy (C) you shall not surely die.
- 5. After tempting Eve with the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye, the third temptation was (A) the lust of the heart (B) the lust for wealth (C) the pride of life.

- 6. When God called upon Adam to give an account, he blamed (A) God (B) the woman (C) the serpent.
- 7. When God called upon the woman to give an account, she blamed (A) God (B) the man (C) the serpent.
- 8. God drove man from the garden because (A) he might eat again of the forbidden tree (B) he might eat of the tree of life (C) he would hate God.
- 9. Now that sin has been committed, man must hope for life from (A) the Seed of woman (B) the serpent (C) the garden.
- 10. The tilling of the ground now represents a curse because (A) there will be snakes crawling about (B) it will grow thorns and thistles (C) Adam does not know how to farm.

Hope through a New Nation (true or false)

- 1. Since the serpent represented the devil, he did not receive a curse.
- 2. The Seed of woman would bruise the head of the serpent.
- 3. The seed of the serpent would bruise the head of the Seed of woman.
- 4. A new nation was promised through Abram (later called Abraham).
- 5. Just one nation, the Jews, would be blessed through Abraham.
- 6. Adam's sin brought death, but Christ would bring the resurrection of the dead.
- 7. Christ brings life only to those who believe to the point of being born of water and the Spirit.
- 8. The nation that came through the seed of Abraham was called Israel or the Israelites.
- 9. The Messiah (God's Son) would be born through the tribe of Manasseh, one of the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 10. When the time came, God sent His Son to redeem sinners.

Prophecies of Hope

- 1. Therefore the-----Himself will give you a-----: "Behold a -----shall conceive."
- 2. "But you----- Ephratah, though you are----- among the-----of-----, yet out of you shall come forth to Me One to be-----in-----."
- 3. "But to you who-----My name, the-----of----- will arise with-----in His-----."

4. "Behold I send you-----the-----before the-----
-----of the-----and dreadful-----
of the-----."
5. "In those days came-----the-----in
the wilderness of-----and saying,-----you for the
-----of-----is at hand."
6. "And-----was clothed with -----; and he
did eat-----and-----."
7. "I indeed have-----you with-----, but He will
-----you with the -----."

The angel Gabriel Promised Jesus (Matching)

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| -----1. espoused | A. Jesus |
| -----2. Mary | B. nothing shall be impossible |
| -----3. Nazareth | C. God's message |
| -----4. Joseph | D. source of Mary's conception |
| -----5. Gabriel | E. One highly favored |
| -----6. Holy Spirit | F. Holy Spirit |
| -----7. Jesus | G. Son of the Highest |
| -----8. God | H. a righteous man |
| -----9. Joshua a Savior | I. home of Jesus |
| -----10. power of the Highest | J. engaged |

Events in Bethlehem

1. Who gave a decree to tax the Roman world?-----
-----.
2. What man is associated with Bethlehem?-----
3. Give the modern word for espoused and betrothed-----
4. Jesus was Mary's-----Son.
5. In what did Mary wrap her new baby? -----
6. The first bed of Jesus was a-----
7. Name the two things performed by the law before returning
Jesus to Nazareth.-----
8. Jesus grew and became -----, filled with
-----; and the-----of God was upon Him.

Attended Feast in Jerusalem (true or false)

- 1. Mary and Joseph took Jesus with them to the Feast of
Pentecost.
- 2. When Jesus went with Mary and Joseph to the feast,
he was twelve years old.
- 3. Mary and Joseph left Jesus behind on purpose.
- 4. They went two days journey before missing Jesus.

- 5. Jesus was found in the synagogue talking with the doctors.
- 6. Jesus said that He was about His Father's business.

Darkness Dispelled

- 1. Among those who met to plan Jesus's death was the High Priest, - -la- - as.
- 2. Plans were made to take Jesus by s - - tl - - y.
- 3. These Jewish leaders especially wanted to kill Jesus because they said He broke the S - - - - - .
- 4. Because the Jews sought to kill Him, Jesus moved His work from J - - - - to G - - - - - .
- 5. Jesus defended His teaching at the f - - - - .
- 6. Jesus foretold that He would go to J - - - - ale -, suffer and be - - - - ed, and be - - ise - again on the t - - - - day.
- 7. P - - - - - rebuked Jesus for speaking of His death, but Jesus called him - - t - - .

The Great Conflict

- 1. Name the garden where Jesus prayed-----.
- 2. He took three disciples, -----, -----, and ----- with Him to the garden.
- 3. My soul is exceedingly-----even to death. Tarry here, and-----with Me."
- 4. Jesus prayed that this-----might pass, "not as I-----, but as-----."
- 5. What human weakness was shown by the disciples?-----
- 6. -----betrayed Jesus with a-----.
- 7. Jesus was before the High Priest, elders, and Council as they sought----- against Him to put Him to death.
- 8. Two false witnesses finally said, "this fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the ----- and rebuild it in -----'."
- 9. Jesus finally answered and said that they would see the Son of Man sitting on ----- of power, and coming ----- of -----."
- 10. They accused Jesus of speaking -----.
- 11. The verdict: "-----."

Jesus Before Pilate (true or false)

- 1. Pilate was a governor appointed by Rome.
- 2. Jesus denied being the King of the Jews.

- 3. Jesus responded immediately to the accusations of the Jews.
- 4. The only thing that the Jews wanted was to crucify Jesus.
- 5. Pilate secretly washed his hands to show that he was innocent of this just person.
- 6. Barabbas was crucified along with Jesus.
- 7. This man Barabbas was a murderer.

Three Days of Sadness

- 1. What color robe did they place on Jesus?-----
- 2. Name what was placed on Jesus' head.-----
- 3. Who eventually carried the cross of Jesus? ----- of -----
- 4. Give another name for Golgotha.-----
- 5. ----- were crucified with Jesus.
- 6. What cry from the cross led His enemies to give Him vinegar?
"-----"
- 7. Jesus died after saying, "It is-----."

Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension (matching)

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| -----1. home of Joseph | A. more than five hundred |
| -----2. first day of the week | B. tomb |
| -----3. ascension | C. Peter |
| -----4. Mary Magdalene | D. apostles |
| -----5. came to Jesus by night | E. Arimathea |
| -----6. sepulchre | F. heavenly messenger |
| -----7. tomb door | G. day of resurrection |
| -----8. twelve | |
| -----9. many eyewitnesses
of resurrection | H. appeared first to this
woman |
| -----10. Cephas | I. Nicodemus |
| -----11. angel | J. round stone |
| | K. right hand of the Father |

Salvation in Christ

- 1. What is the power of God to salvation?-----
- 2. "He who-----and is-----will be-----."
- 4. According to Rom. 6:3, how does a penitent believer get into Christ? "----- into Jesus Christ."
- 5. After one is baptized, he walks in ----- of life.
- 6. In Rom. 6:17, one "obeys from -----that form of doctrine."

7. Jesus shed His blood "for the-----or forgiveness of sins."
8. Who did Jesus teach about the new birth?-----
9. "except a man is born of ----- and of the-----
he cannot enter the ----- of -----."
10. The incorruptible seed in the spiritual birth is the-----
of ----- according to Peter, (1 Pet. 1:23).
11. Read Gal. 3:26,27, and state how one puts on Christ-----
-----.
12. In Christ, one becomes a new-----.
13. Who did the Lord add to the church in Acts 2:47?-----

14. Children of God are heirs of God, and -----with Christ.
15. All who obey the Lord according to 1 Cor. 12:13, are-----
----- into one -----.
16. Jesus prayed that His disciples may be -----.

Heavenly Fellowship

- 1. In what does a Christian walk, with Jesus?
- 2. What did Jesus give in sacrifice for atonement?
- 3. Give another word for remission.
- 4. "To make friends again" suggests what word?
- 5. "to buy back" defines what word?
- 6. "be-----, immovable, always abounding in the
work of the Lord."
- 7. What must not be forsaken as a Christian?
- 8. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must
----- worship Him in ---- and in ----."
- 9. What must Christians share with others?
- 10. "He who believes and is baptized will be ----."

Eternity With God (match)

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| -----1. Place where treasures corrupt | A. many mansions |
| -----2. the Lord is | B. faithful until
death |
| -----3. the greatest of faith, hope, love | C. heaven |
| -----4. faith | D. substance of
things hoped for |
| -----5. In Father's house | E. earth |
| -----6. a prepared place | F. love |
| -----7. will hear His voice | G. all in the graves |
| -----8. crown of life | |

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