

Good News!

Let earth receive
her King –

JESUS

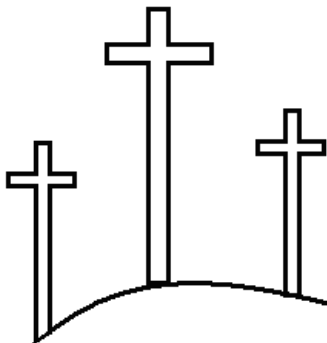
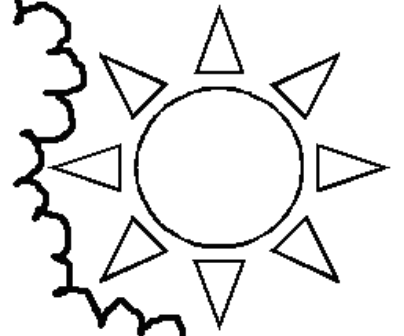
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to hide when he comes.

Get ready!

Jesus promised to return to earth without warning. He could be here at any moment. There will be no place to hide when he comes. Get ready! He needs to have forgiven you of your sins & to have become the manager of your life. Just ask him: "**Jesus**, forgive me of my sins & take over my life!"

a Jesus newspaper

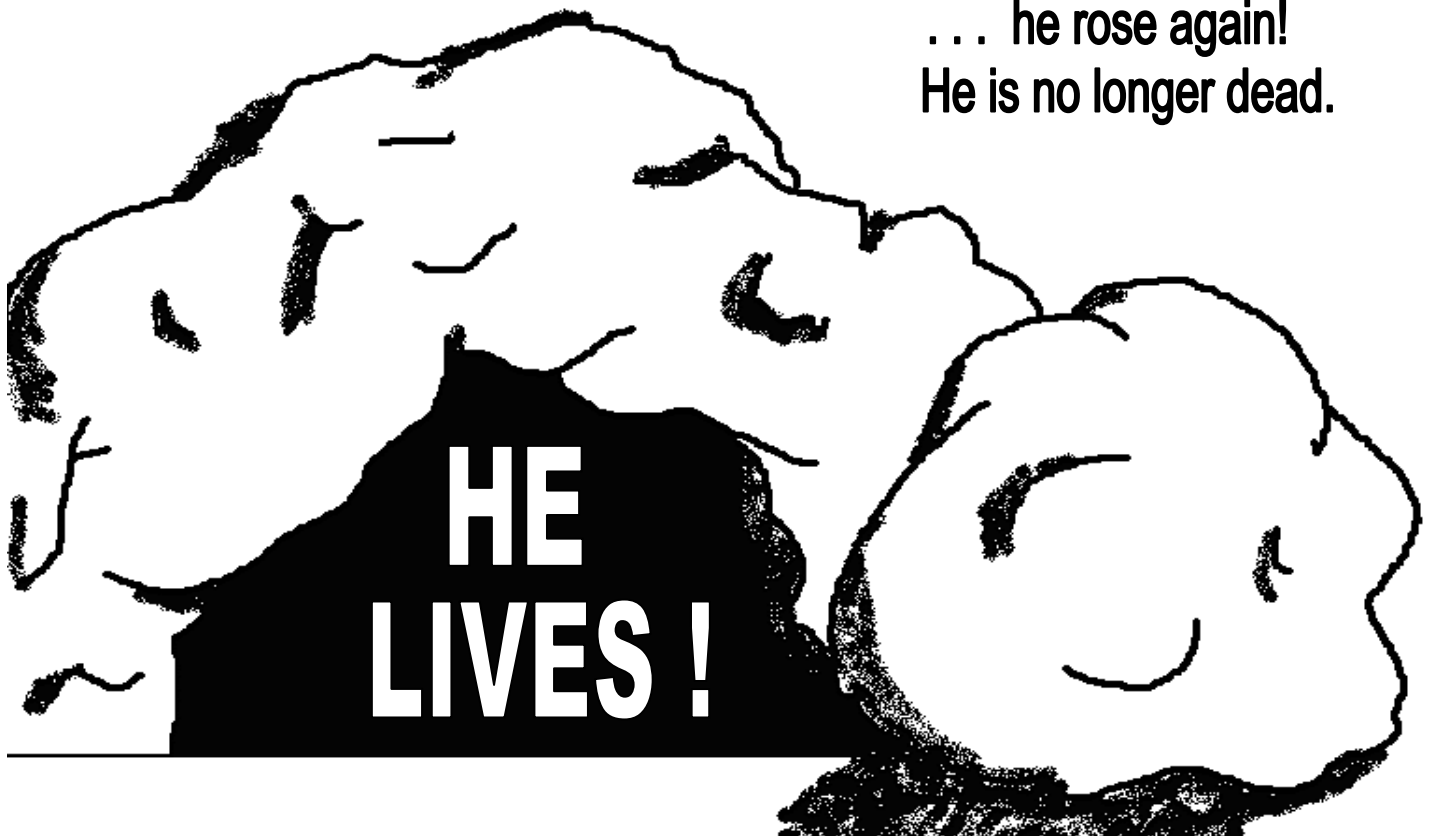
Jesus went home to
Heaven and promised
to return to earth —
for us. Get ready!



Jesus is God's sinless son.
Yet he died on the cross
for OUR sins, because
he LOVES us...

... but ...

... he rose again!
He is no longer dead.



The central figure

Jesus is the one appointed to reunite us to God. He is the central figure of earth's history, both past & future. He is the central figure in God's plan for us.

Jesus is God's peace negotiator. If somehow you overlook coming to terms with **Jesus**, you will lose out on establishing peace with God, & your life will reflect an inner emptiness.

Our free will

When God created us, he gave us a free will. He left us the option of rejecting his plan for earth & going our own way. He allowed us to make earth according to our own choosing. We did just that.

We rejected God's way & went our own way. Look at the earth today. The earth is the way it is because of the choice we made. The earth is in shambles.

The bad news

Because of our choice to go our own way, the earth has suffered chaos & turmoil ever since. The bad news goes on & on. Just pick up your local newspaper & decide for yourself how well we're doing. The streets are full of horrors & what goes on behind closed doors is even worse. There seems to be no place to hide from the heartbreak of it all. Imagine the hurt God felt to see us leave him to go our own way.



More bad news

Earth's nightmare is but the beginning of the bad news. Inside every one of us there's a gnawing & a longing. The emptiness just plain seems to want to devour us from the inside out. We can't fill our mouths fast enough to satisfy our cravings. We can't purchase conveniences fast enough to make ourselves comfortable. We can't find enough thrills & sensations to quiet our ever-increasing appetite.

Filled up with emptiness

We spend our whole lives filling ourselves. We are literally filled up with the drive toward money & houses & cars & wardrobes & knowledge & diplomas & honors & trophies & recognition & accomplishments & credentials & power. We are filled up like no other time in human history. Yet we are suffering from nerves & ulcers & tension & headaches & sleeplessness like never before.

Full, yet unfulfilled

We eat the best food on earth, there are more restaurants being built every day, & rarely have most of us ever been really hungry. We sit all evening long in front of the highest tech home

entertainment systems ever dreamed of. The taverns are full too, & so are the night spots. You can virtually get what you want. Yet deep inside, we are aware that something's missing.

Homesickness

What we are suffering is a chronic case of feeling disconnected from our roots. We are suffering the same type of anguish felt by parents whose child is missing. The only difference is that WE are that missing child. We left the love of home thinking we'd find real life out amidst the dazzle & glamour of the "adult world".

Throw it all away and head for home!

What we found was far from life, in fact, it was death in its most tragic form. We are disconnected from God who is our roots. We have become the living dead. We are lonely, frightened & empty. But amidst our wild frenzy it never dawns on us —throw it all away & head for home!

Bombed out bridges

Here we are, having the time of our life; full yet empty; dancing wildly with our friends, yet lonely; strutting our stuff, yet unsure whether anyone really cares about us, apart from our envious build or bathing suit. Even if we did recognize our homesickness, in our fling we bombed out all the bridges behind us as we went. We have left ourselves no way to get home, even if we wanted to.

God knows

God knew it all along. He made us, & he knows us through & through. He made us to be more than just a body. We are more than molecules & electrical impulses. God made us like himself — spirit, & gave us a body to live in.

God knew we'd try desperately to satisfy ourselves & to soothe ourselves with things of this earth. He knew we'd get tired of the emptiness of life without him. He knew we'd get tired of our restlessness.

God knew that we'd eventually come to the end of ourselves & look for a way out of our mess. And he knew we'd get tired of going around in circles, looking in vain for the "ultimate" amenity, the "ultimate" pleasure, the "ultimate" delight; longings which he alone can satisfy. He knew & he cared.



The party's over

Soon the party's over & you realize again that it was as empty & unsatisfying as ever. You can continue fooling yourself & your friends: "I love it!" or you can admit you're lost, lonely & miserable. I came to that point myself.

Tell it like it is

Eventually along life's path someone talks straight to us. Someone cares enough about us to tell us like it is. Someone has the guts to tell us what we wish we could deny; that we're lost. Someone tells us that God loves us & wants us to come back home.

Jesus took my blame

Jesus is the way home. **Jesus** is the center of God's plan to bring us back home. **Jesus** took the blame for OUR bad choice. When we made the decision to go our own way, according to God's justice, we committed mutiny & treason. Mutiny & treason are punishable by death. No deals. No plea-bargains. Death.



Jesus took my death penalty

We committed mutiny, in that we took unrightful charge of destiny on earth. We committed treason, in that we conspired with God's enemies in so doing.

God didn't have to provide a way back home. He could have left us to our own fate, but he didn't. God loves us. He clothed himself as an earthling & came to beckon us home again. That was **Jesus**. The price **Jesus** had to pay to secure our safe passage back into God's heavenly presence was death; death because of OUR unrightful mistreatment of God & his authority. **Jesus** suffered the death that we deserved.

Good News!

When angels announced **Jesus'** birth they told of: "Good News that would bring great joy to all people!" They told about: "a Savior, Christ, the Lord." Those who foretold his birth referred to him as: "Emmanuel," meaning "God with us". Then he was given the name: "**Jesus**, for he shall save his people from their sins."

Jesus lives for me

Three days after suffering & dying a cruel & shameful death on a cross, **Jesus** was brought back to life, never to die again. All this because of God's great love for us & his hopes that we would want to come back under his authority & back into friendship.

Now **Jesus** guarantees he will grant life & safe passage back to God for all who simply ask him: "**Jesus**, you took death for me. Thank you. I want

life. I want to live under your authority. I also want safe passage to heaven when my life on earth is over." **Jesus** promises that his death is sufficient to provide for it all. **Jesus** is our bridge back to God.

Being good is not enough

For all of us who believe that God sent **Jesus** to die for us, we realize that God's favor can be attained by NO OTHER MEANS. We can't be good enough to deserve God's favor. We can't do good deeds & earn God's favor. We can't clean up our act & impress God into letting us off the hook.

Jesus is my only hope

No matter how "good" we act & how well we behave, we can't erase the fact that we deserve death. We don't even try to impress God. We simply depend totally on **Jesus'** death to secure God's approval, to satisfy God's justice, to stay God's anger because of our sins, & to erase our debt. We come just as we are: guilty, & FORGIVEN!

Jesus suffered for me.

Surrender

Trying to impress God with all the kind & considerate things we've done would serve only to complicate matters. Because of our sins God demands, in military terms, that we capitulate before him; unconditional surrender.

God sent **Jesus** to take our death, so apart from **Jesus** we have no life. **Jesus** has given us life, eternal life. **Jesus'** death on the cross bridges our way back to heaven, back to God, & to eternal life.

Jesus alone is impressive

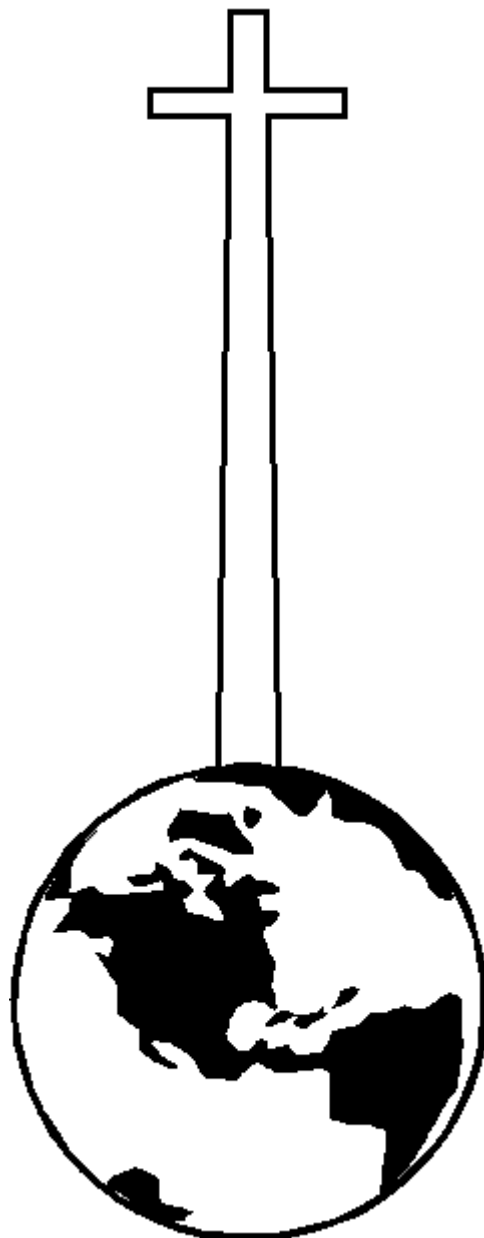
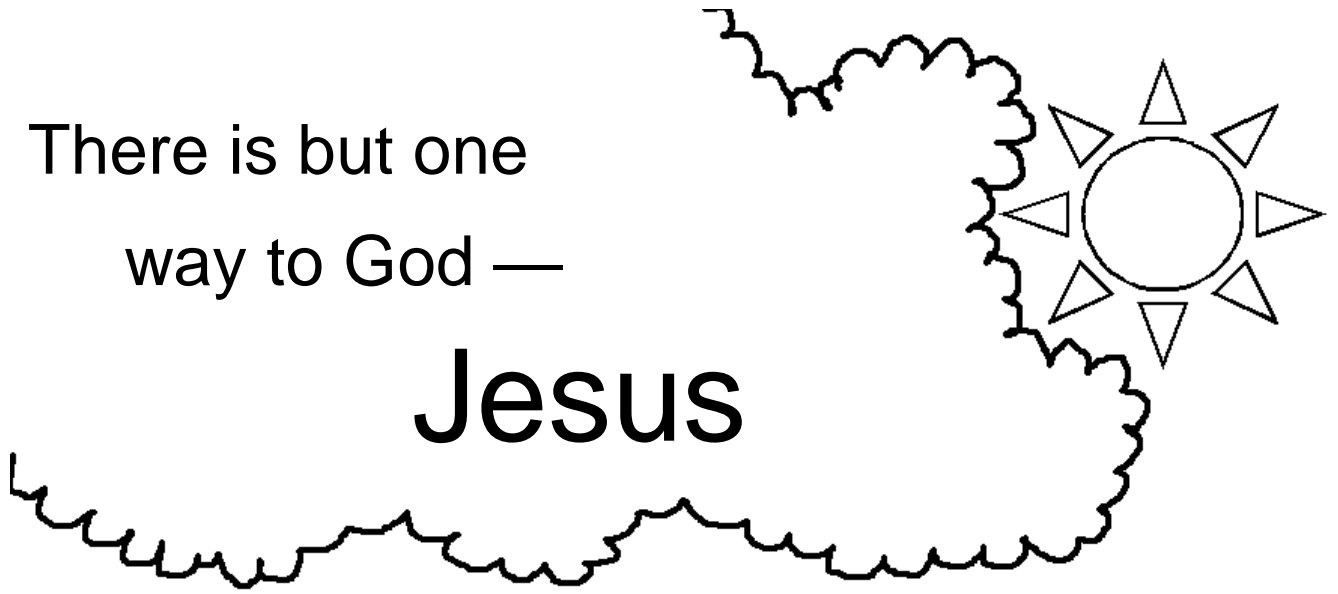
Why would **Jesus** take death for me, a death he didn't deserve? I don't know. It simply proves to me undeniably that he loves me. The fact of **Jesus'** love is very serious & very sobering. **Jesus** is awesome. This is the Good News!

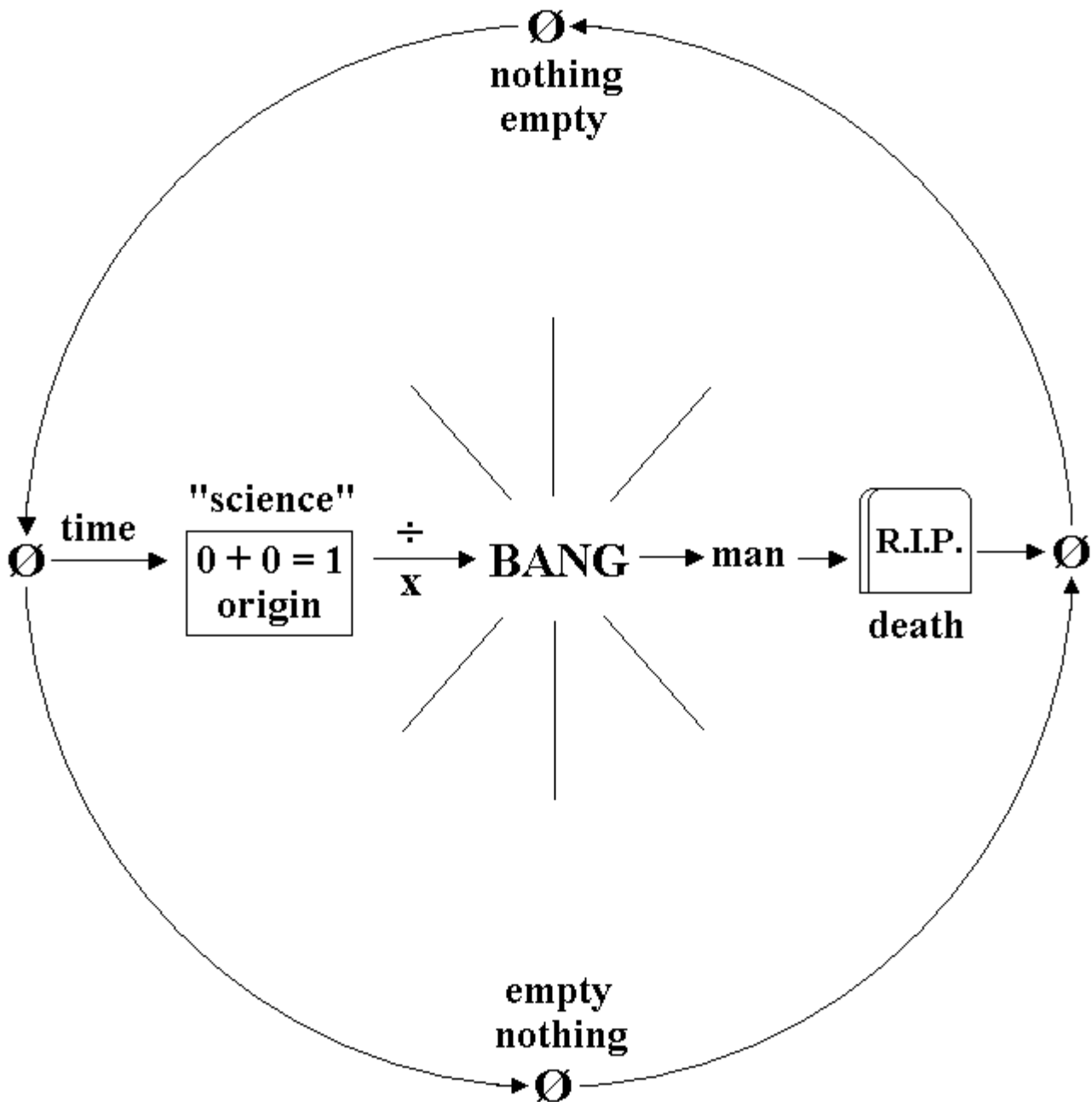


(For eyewitness accounts to help you better understand **Jesus**, you might refer to the portion of the Bible called the "New Testament," particularly starting with the "Gospel according to John." John was one of **Jesus'** friends & followers). #

There is but one
way to God —

Jesus





DID YOU EVOLVE FROM NOTHING?

In school we are taught that, in the beginning, at the moment of origin (zero), before anything existed (zero), the forces of evolution (one) came into existence, all by themselves. The highly "scientific" equation $0 + 0 = 1$ is extremely important at this point, yet: "Don't tell the children, they'd think we were a bunch of crackpots!"

Millions of years later, as the story goes, these forces of evolution decided to make matter & energy. Thus, the first sub-atomic particle emerged, from the nothingness & the emptiness of outer space.

Eventually, as the story goes, this first sub-atomic particle divided, then multiplied, & then multiplied some more, until it filled a whole corner of the universe. Gravity, magnetism, & molecular bonding emerged too.

Ultimately, that corner of the universe got so massive that the enormity of the stresses & strains caused a gigantic explosion — BANG! (This is the "big bang" that forms the cornerstone of this godless religion*, labeled "science", so that it can be taught freely in the classroom as though it were factual). Millions of years later humanity emerged, & HERE WE ARE!

Death is also part of the story. Eventually, we die, all of nature dies, & the universe itself will die too, leaving the emptiness & the nothingness of outer space to write the last chapter.

Thus, life feels like but an empty twist in some cheap cosmic joke or like a silly riddle, that ends, with you falling forever

*godless religion = system of belief that excludes God or makes him unimportant

Education. Is it empty?

What are they teaching our children?

The schools are teaching that we emerged on the shore of the universe by pure, random, haphazard, blind chance. Thus, we are alive because evolution made it happen that way. Life's purpose, then, is for us to live, & to be alive, & to stay alive, & to live better lives. Death? We die so that we can be dead, & stay dead, & remain dead, fully dead, as is expected of dead people.

But while we're alive, life is supposed to be the reason to be alive; to be alive some more, that is, until it's time NOT to be alive any more. Then we die. But for those of us who are alive, to live is our highest purpose. (Sounds empty & purposeless to me. That would mean that I eat so I can eat some more, & that I breathe so I can breathe some more. HOW MEANINGLESS & EMPTY!).

This drive to survive is what Charles Darwin called "survival of the fittest." This is what he explained to be the driving force behind all change, the driving force behind all "betterment" in the universe: the will to SURVIVE!

It seems to me that this is also the source of much abuse on earth: "I'm going to LIVE! & I don't care about anyone else. Even if I have to pull myself up by my own bootstraps, I'M GOING TO LIVE!".

People who have this "survival of the fittest" attitude have indeed been the survivors throughout the ages: dictators, despots, tyrants, abusers of authority, & oppressors of the weaker ones. Imagine your hometown run by this "survival" mentality. Maybe it is.

Perhaps this is why some entire cities resemble jungles. Perhaps they ARE jungles. If our ancestors came from the jungle & if the law of the jungle is the driving force behind all betterment in the universe, then why should we get so serious about being civilized? If I believed what I was taught, what would keep me from climbing the classroom walls & acting like a REGULAR ANIMAL? Animals don't bother with things like clothing, decency, & morality. They just plain do what comes natural, anywhere they feel like. Anyone who doesn't like it & gets in their way, the one most "fit" survives.



Jesus shows a better way.

Jesus lived for a REAL PURPOSE. The purpose of **Jesus'** life was to love us. Love for us made **Jesus** willing, not to survive, but to live, & then to die — for us.

Here is the striking difference. **Jesus** lived for US. He lived for love. He rewrote the definition of what it means to live. To live the way **Jesus** lived is to really be ALIVE & to live for a meaningful purpose. That's more than survival & that's more than always trying to be the most "fit". That's more than always trying to get ahead of (or on top of) everybody else.

Jesus showed us a very different motivating force in the universe. He showed us how to live for LOVE of someone else. A universe driven by love makes more sense to me. That's what I want to live for. That's what **Jesus** is all about.

Jesus lived for us & **Jesus** died for us. **Jesus** took the death penalty we deserved because of our selfishness, our ME attitude, our endless striving to be the most "fit." Now he wants us to live for him & to tend to love's interests on earth, namely, to love others.

Earth's purpose is to give us time to make a choice. We who want to live for love, like Jesus did, can follow him in his life, follow him in his death, & follow him home to Heaven after earth is gone. 18 Mar 91 #

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher (a preacher with no fixed audience).

He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself...

Twenty centuries have come & gone, & today he is the central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, & all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, & all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

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The Impossible Dream

To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe, to bear with unbearable sorrow, to run where the brave dare not go.

To right the unrightable wrong, to love pure & chaste from afar, to try when your arms are too weary, to reach the unreachable star.



This is my quest to follow that star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far; to fight for the right without question or pause, to be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!

I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest, that my heart will lie peaceful & calm when I'm laid to my rest.

The world will be better for this, that one man scorned & covered with scars still strove with his last ounce of courage to reach the unreachable stars.

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How "Wrong" Became "Legally Right"

This is an age of madness, where what's right can be legally wrong, & what's wrong, legally right. Yes, madness! Are we not compelled to heed a higher mandate?

In this age of madness, the law-abiding are "citizens" who burn the American flag with the protection of the Army, Navy, Air Force, & Marines! The law-abiding are "artists" who display their abominations at government expense & with its blessing! The law-abiding are "doctors" who kill babies (unborn)! The law-abiding are "lawyers" who foment litigation (encourage law suits)! The law-abiding are "politicians" who run on conscience & sit on pocketbooks! The law-abiding are "clergymen" who speak softly & tread lightly for 501-C-3 (tax benefits)! The law-abiding are "teachers" who agree not to pray! "farmers" who agree not to produce! "laborers" who agree not to work! Are we not compelled to heed a higher mandate?

In this age of madness, are not our officers of "the law" those who arrest you if you pray for the baby (unborn), & protect you if you kill him/her? Yes, madness!

Is it not in America where I can seize my spouse's assets with the right attorney, no matter how unjust? Is it not legal in America to sell deadly alcohol for great profit, yet illegal to distribute Bibles for free? And is it not in America where the jurisdiction of the church to marry, bury & teach in a church school are illegal without a state license?

Why are we so impressed to hear someone "obeyed the law," yet we sniff at someone compelled not to? I can legally lose my children in America for "illegally" disciplining them, & "illegally" educating them (at home, no less!). And isn't it America where the victim recuperates nothing, yet beware lest he "illegally" injure the criminal!?

In this age of madness, it's illegal to be born at home, & to be buried without a casket. And you won't be allowed to adopt children if you are "illegally" religious, no matter how many "unwanted" babies are being destroyed as simply "unwanted"?!

In this age of madness, does not our government print money that is legal, yet has no value, except for our trust? And is it not in America where you can shoot the President & plead insanity, & sell national secrets, & never hear the word "treason"?

In this age of madness, to be "law-abiding" is honorable, & you won't be labeled "dangerous," but beware lest you begin to really care about doing what's right, to speak truth, & to act justly, without partiality.

In this age of madness, be prepared to live uprightly, & to lose your reputation, your property, your freedom, your children, & your life also; to take up your cross, **Jesus** said, and: "Follow me!" 16 Aug 90 #

Prisoners & orphans

Thousands of Christians have been facing arrest & mistreatment lately throughout the nation for loving & protecting unborn children, ("abortion foes/protesters", as the newspapers portray them). Some of them are still in jail. They have broken no law, any more than the firemen when they rescue children. "No trespassing" signs are not intended for firemen. It's a sad day in America when we love our "no trespassing" signs & comfort more than we love our children.

Many unwanted children who are being rescued are still in need of a loving home. We want to help. The pregnancy help centers also are in need of help & in need of volunteers. Other children need help in other ways too. Let's get in touch so we can share in making this community delightful for our children.

Christians are being arrested or are in jail for other reasons too, some for simply setting out to live a life pleasing to King Jesus. Perhaps we can share their stories, pray for them, visit them, write to them, write letters to the authorities, etc. We want to help. Perhaps you do too. Please write us. #

Unborn, unwanted children

There is hope for all of you unwanted children. There is help & there are people who care about you & your mommy's predicament. You feel like nobody cares about you, & your mommy feels like nobody cares about her. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

There are many groups of caring individuals in our community who would love to know where you are so they could help.

In the South Bend, Indiana, yellow pages you can find several listings of ones who care under: "abortion alternative organizations." One which I am particularly familiar with is called: "Pregnancy Lifeline." They offer loving, caring help for unborn, unwanted children & their mommies, plus: free counseling, 100% confidentiality, & free pregnancy tests. Have your mommy get in touch with them right away!

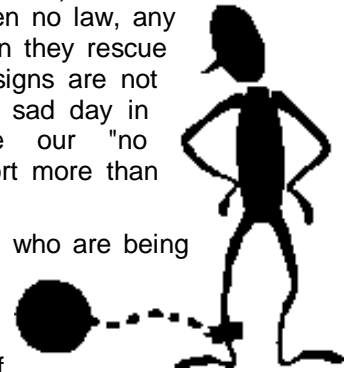
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Or have her call them at: tel. 219/273-0168. (Ironwood Circle goes west off of Ironwood Drive between Edison Street & State Road 23). I too was an unwanted child*. I'm so thankful that my mommy found help. I hug her & thank her for giving me life!

*child conceived amidst very aggravating circumstances. #



Opposition

Jesus faced much opposition on earth as he went about loving people. You'd think people would have received & appreciated his love. Some did, but others opposed him zealously. His love is the heavenly type of love. Had he loved the world with an earthly type of love, he would have been received & appreciated.

Jesus' followers too have typically faced opposition throughout history, especially those who reach out boldly to share his love & Good News.

The Bible contains eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life & teachings. Although the Bible is typically the top best-seller of all books, it is prohibited as a reliable textbook in the public schools. Yet, to bring us the Bible & the Good News of Jesus, many people have faced opposition, mistreatment, & misunderstanding down through the ages. Many too, as Jesus, have even faced death.

As we bring you the Good News of Jesus, this time by means of a Jesus newspaper, we too foresee more trouble. How we wish it could be otherwise. It makes us very sad.

We have been falsely arrested, or fined, or threatened on public sidewalks, on public right-of-ways, at public fairs, public festivals, public parades. We've faced trouble before judges, & prosecutors, & magistrates, & mayors, & city councils, & policemen, & jailers. Even some of "our own" have deserted us or stay away from us, some to avoid facing the present-day apostasy, others to hold on to the things of this world, others to protect their earthly reputation & credentials, others simply to avoid trouble, & others for other reasons. But the Lord Jesus has strengthened us, & we expect he will continue to give us strength & guidance.



You too need to be ready to face opposition as you follow Jesus & set out to share his love & Good News. Don't be afraid, though. He will show you the way, he will give you strength, & he will fill you with his peace. Jesus is awesome!

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How might we meet?

We would love to meet you & spend some time together. We would also love for you to come join us where we worship on Resday mornings (a.k.a. Sunday), or for us to join you sometime. (It is also possible someone else gave you this newspaper. In that case, look for their stamp, label, or address in the blank space provided on the last page).

The church meeting we can usually be found at on Resday mornings is called "Northwest", 21844 Brick Road, South Bend, Indiana (north of the Toll Road, west of the river, & 2 blocks east of Portage Road). Gathering times are: breakfast @ 8:30, Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:45, all EST. I am assured that these times are good throughout the season. Please feel welcome!



There seems to be a great longing in hearts throughout our community for a warm, interactive gathering of believers where Jesus' love is the only attraction. We too have that same longing.

We're hoping that the Lord can lead you to find & join together with believers right in your own home community who gather in the simplicity & genuineness of Jesus' love. Believers all too often seem willing to gather on behalf of many other interests. The simplicity of loving the Lord & one another all too readily gets overshadowed by a desire to be seen, to be recognized, to be admired, etc. plus numerous institutional distractions.



We'd love to hear what you're thinking along these lines. We'd also love to get together somehow, even if for nothing more than a cup of coffee, or tea, or a can of pop.#

Our purpose

Our purpose is NOT to tell you about ourselves, nor what we're doing, nor to display our picture, name, credentials, etc., nor to promote our organization, etc., raise money, create a mailing list, etc., etc.

Jesus — Yes or No?

The purpose of this newspaper is to set the stage for the Holy Spirit to do a work of transformation in your heart & life by exploring many topics pertaining to who Jesus is, what he did for us, & what he is accomplishing on earth today; what it meant for him to come to earth, to suffer, to be rejected, to be hung on a cross, to die, & 3 days later to come back to life, never to die again, and now he is our King of kings.

Before going back to Heaven Jesus told his followers that they should look after his Kingdom's interests on earth, that they should watch for his return, & be ready!

We want to be ready for his return & we want you to be ready. We also want to look after his interests here on earth. Jesus is our single most important person in the world. To know & understand Jesus, & to follow him is worth more than owning the whole universe.

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