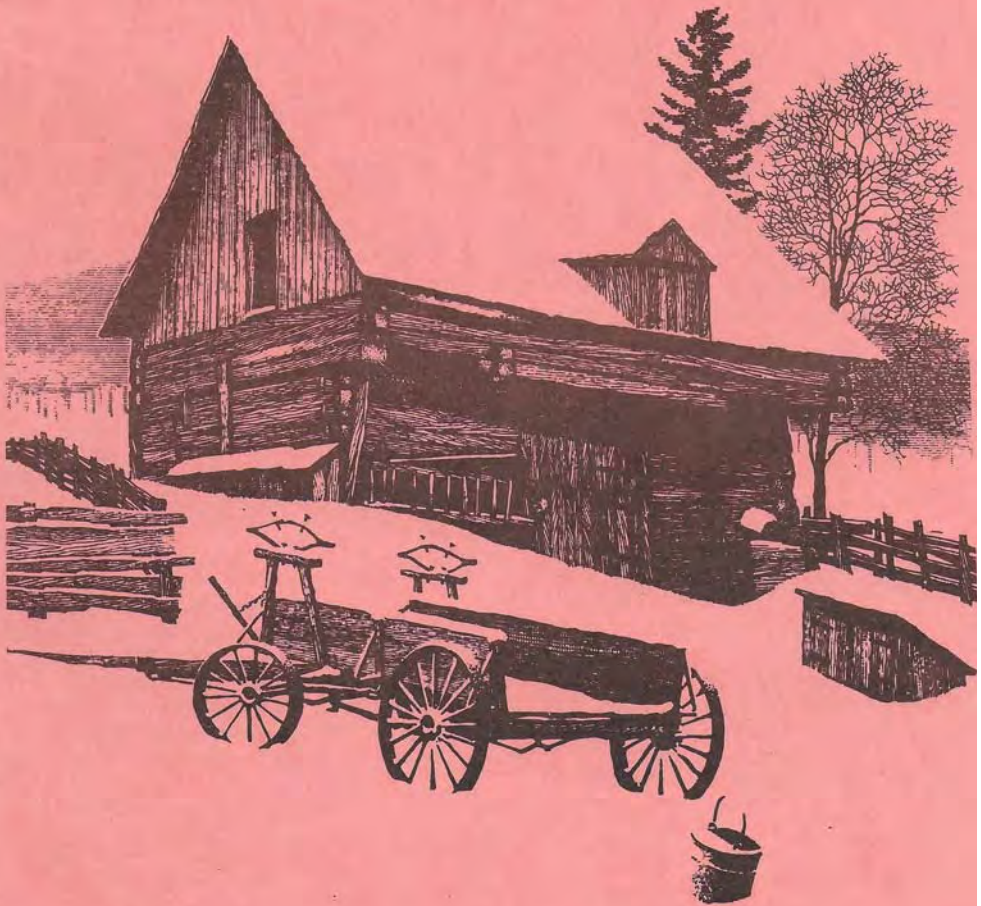


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Personally from Billy

With this issue we end our run of 1990 (though probably you'll get this issue early in January 1991)! As we face 1991, I'd like to inform you that in September we will have reached 25 years of publication for *Light for the Deaf*!

Yes, that's right, our first issue came out dated September 1966. I had been married just three years, and two of our children already had been born. But one dream I had was of a magazine with strong graphics that would help the deaf. The deaf church in Detroit, Michigan, was first to send financial aid to launch the magazine.

We have gone a long way now. There were times when I felt like giving up and ceasing publication of *Light for the Deaf*. But then your letters came saying we had fulfilled your needs and that you continued to need us. We could sense this is what the Lord wanted also! So we perked up and kept on!

We have tried to improve *Light for the Deaf*. We plan to make 1991 a very special year, and we plan to celebrate our silver anniversary in September. Keep posed on what we will be doing!

Meanwhile, I want to thank all of those of you who have supported *Light for the Deaf* in different ways-- whether it be financially, or whether it be morally encouragement.

I look forward for *Light for the Deaf* to visit in your home every three months in 1991!

Your Editor,
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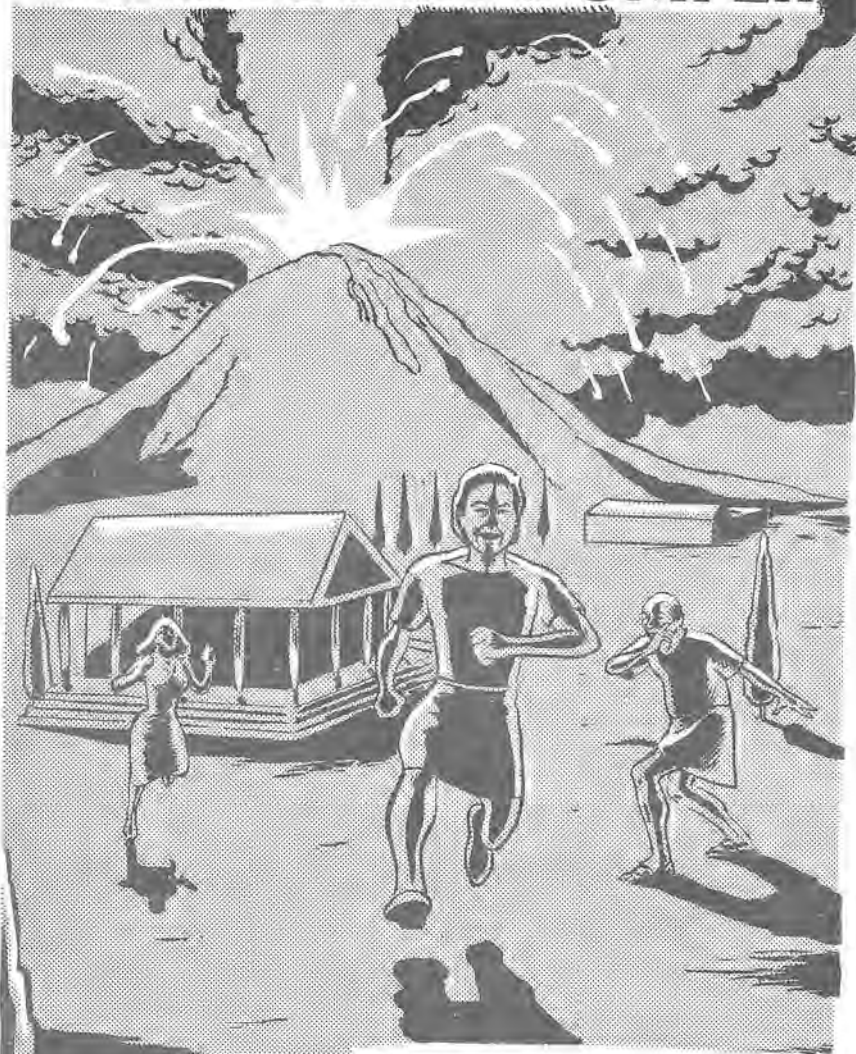
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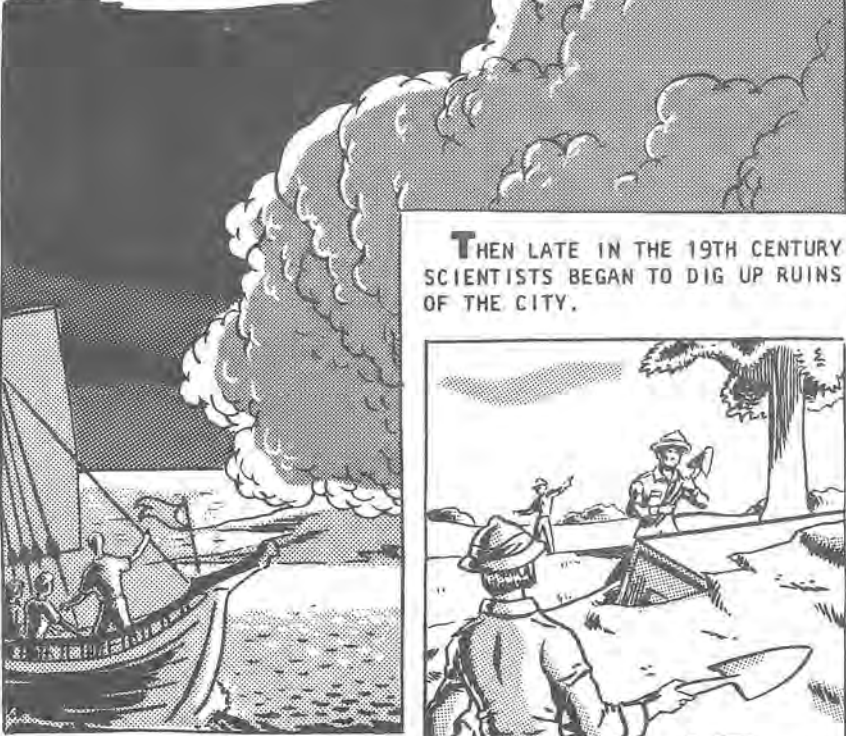
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PLAYBOY AT POMPEII



IN THE YEAR 79 A.D., THE VOLCANO
VESUVIUS **ERUPTED** AND **DESTROYED**
THE CITY OF **POMPEII** IN ITALY.
MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED BEFORE THEY
COULD ESCAPE THE CITY.

A BLANKET OF LAVA AND DIRT COVERED THE WHOLE CITY. FOR ALMOST TWO THOUSAND YEARS THE CITY LAY BURIED UNDER THIS BLANKET.

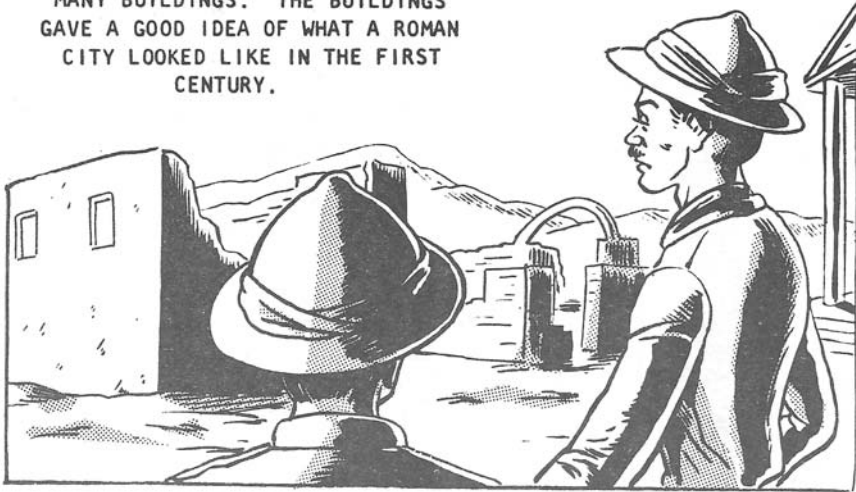


THEN LATE IN THE 19TH CENTURY SCIENTISTS BEGAN TO DIG UP RUINS OF THE CITY.



THEY FOUND MANY BODIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO DIED. THESE BODIES HAD TURNED TO STONE SO THEY WERE LIKE STATUES.

THE SCIENTISTS ALSO UNCOVERED MANY BUILDINGS. THE BUILDINGS GAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT A ROMAN CITY LOOKED LIKE IN THE FIRST CENTURY.

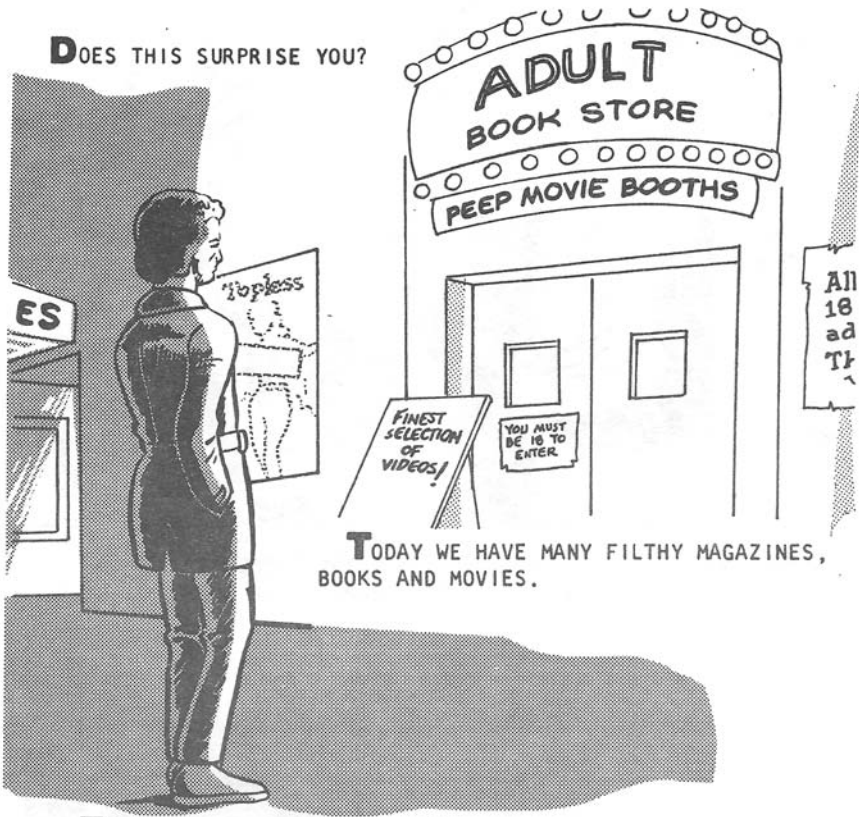


BUT WHEN THE SCIENTISTS DUG OUT THE ROOMS, THEY WERE SHOCKED TO FIND THE PAINTINGS MANY ROMANS HAD ON THEIR WALLS.



THESE PAINTINGS WERE PICTURES OF **SEX AND FILTH**. THEY SHOWED THAT MANY ROMANS IN THE FIRST CENTURY WERE **DIRTY-MINDED** AND THAT THEY DID MANY **SEXUAL SINS**.

DOES THIS SURPRISE YOU?



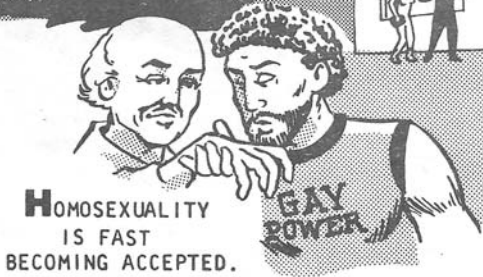
TODAY WE HAVE MANY FILTHY MAGAZINES, BOOKS AND MOVIES.

THERE ARE MANY SEX-SINNERS IN AMERICA.



ADULTERY IS COMMON.

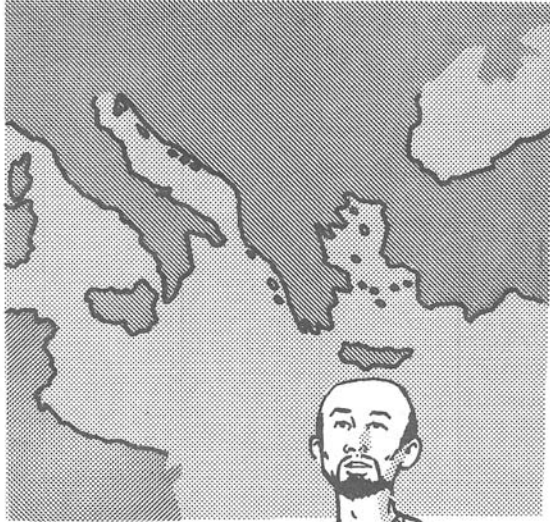
SEX OUT OF MARRIAGE IS ACCEPTED.



HOMOSEXUALITY IS FAST BECOMING ACCEPTED.

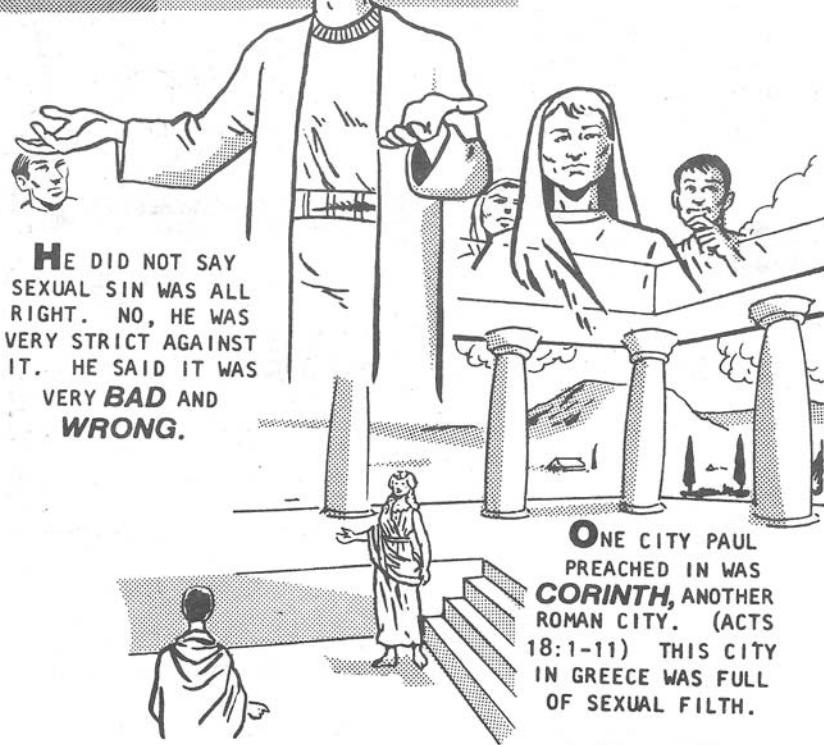
MANY PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO SAY ALL THIS IS NEW AND THAT IT IS ALL RIGHT.

BUT THEY ARE WRONG, SEXUAL SINS ARE **NOT** NEW. SEXUAL SINS WERE VERY COMMON IN THE ROMAN CITY OF POMPEII IN THE YEAR 79.



SEXUAL SINS WERE ALSO VERY COMMON THROUGHOUT THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

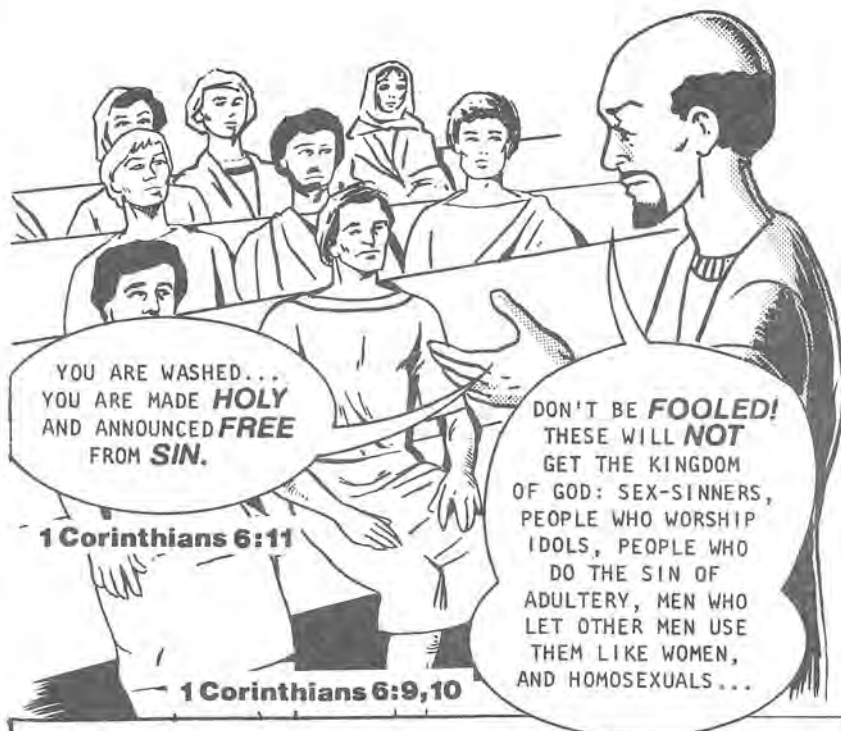
WHEN THE APOSTLE **PAUL** TRAVELED THROUGH THE ROMAN EMPIRE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, HE FOUND THAT SEXUAL SIN WAS VERY COMMON.



HE DID NOT SAY SEXUAL SIN WAS ALL RIGHT. NO, HE WAS VERY STRICT AGAINST IT. HE SAID IT WAS VERY **BAD** AND **WRONG**.

ONE CITY PAUL PREACHED IN WAS **CORINTH**, ANOTHER ROMAN CITY. (ACTS 18:1-11) THIS CITY IN GREECE WAS FULL OF SEXUAL FILTH.

PAUL WON MANY SOULS TO CHRIST IN CORINTH. SOME OF THEM WERE SEX SINNERS. BUT WHEN THEY BELIEVED ON CHRIST AND WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIM, THEIR SINS WERE **FORGIVEN.**



YOU ARE WASHED...
YOU ARE MADE **HOLY**
AND ANNOUNCED **FREE**
FROM **SIN.**

1 Corinthians 6:11

1 Corinthians 6:9,10

DON'T BE **FOOLED!**
THESE WILL **NOT**
GET THE KINGDOM
OF GOD: SEX-SINNERS,
PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP
IDOLS, PEOPLE WHO
DO THE SIN OF
ADULTERY, MEN WHO
LET OTHER MEN USE
THEM LIKE WOMEN,
AND HOMOSEXUALS...

PAUL WAS UPSET AND ANGRY WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT ONE OF THE CHRISTIANS IN CORINTH WAS HAVING SEX WITH HIS FATHER'S WIFE.

1 Corinthians 5:1



HE TOLD THE CHURCH TO STOP COMPANY WITH THAT MAN. HE SAID THE CHURCH MUST STAY AWAY FROM SEXUAL SINNERS.

1 Corinthians 5:2,9,13

THE CHURCH OBEYED
PAUL AND STOPPED
COMPANYING
WITH THIS MAN.



THIS MAN DECIDED HE WAS WRONG,
AND WAS VERY SORRY FOR HIS SIN.

PAUL THEN WROTE THE CHURCH
AGAIN AND TOLD THEM TO FORGIVE
THIS MAN.

2 Corinthians 2:6,7



TODAY MANY PEOPLE
TRY TO ARGUE THAT
THERE IS **NO**
SEXUAL SIN.



THEY TRY TO MAKE
CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
THAT YOU CAN DO
ANYTHING YOU WANT,
AND IT WILL **NOT**
BE SINFUL.

THEY TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE
IT IS ALL RIGHT FOR AN UNMARRIED COUPLE
TO HAVE SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE. THEY TRY TO
SAY IT IS ALL RIGHT FOR HOMOSEXUALS TO LIVE
TOGETHER. THEY TRY TO SAY THE HUSBAND OR
WIFE SHOULD GO OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

BUT THEIR WORDS AND ARGUMENTS ARE **NOT** NEW. THE SAME WAS SAID **THOUSANDS** OF YEARS AGO!



BUT GOD IS STILL **AGAINST** SEXUAL SIN.

PAUL WARNED THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS...

LET NO MAN **FOOL** YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS, FOR BECAUSE OF THESE THINGS, THE **WRATH** OF GOD COMES ON THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE.



Ephesians 5:6

POMPEII AND CORINTH ARE **LESSONS** TO US TODAY. SEXUAL SIN IS A VERY OLD SIN.

GOD STILL WANTS US TO **HONOR** MARRIAGE.

GOD STILL WANTS US TO KEEP OUR BODIES **CLEAN** FOR MARRIAGE.

DO NOT LET ANYONE TRY TO FOOL YOU AND MAKE YOU BELIEVE ALL SEXUAL SIN IS ALL RIGHT.

GOD IS **STILL** AGAINST SEXUAL SIN!



BE SURE TO **OBEY** HIS VOICE AND KEEP YOUR BODIES CLEAN!

Faith— How It Comes and Grows

by James Floyd



Most of us learned long ago that "so faith comes from hearing the Good News" (Romans 10:17). Peter reminded the apostles and elders at Jerusalem that God had chosen him, that "God chose me then from among you to preach the Good News to the non-Jewish people... and they believed" (Acts 15:17).

Of the signs which Jesus did, John said, "These things are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20:31). When the Philippian jailer was told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ", it was necessary for Paul and Silas to speak unto him the word of the Lord that he and his family might believe (Acts 16:30-32).

But for those of us who have already believed and obeyed the gospel, our need is for our faith to grow. I suggest that faith grows in the same way it comes-- through hearing the word of God. As we learn more about God and Jesus Christ through the word, our faith grows. As we learn more of the love, power and faithfulness of God, our faith in Him is increased.

We sometimes study the lives of great men like Abraham, observing their faith. But as we study the *faith* of Abraham, we also see the *faithfulness* of God. If God had not been faithful, Abraham's faith would have had little significance.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

DAVID AND SUSAN WERE JOYFULLY AWAITING THEIR FIRST CHILD.

EARLY ONE MORNING SUSAN WOKE HER HUSBAND...



DAVID RUSHED SUSAN TO THE HOSPITAL EARLY THAT MORNING...

AND FOUR HOURS LATER...



INDEED, AS THE DOCTOR SAID, IT WAS A DIFFICULT AND UPHILL BATTLE, BUT FINALLY, ABOUT TWO MONTHS LATER, DAVID AND SUSAN BROUGHT THEIR NEW DAUGHTER HOME...



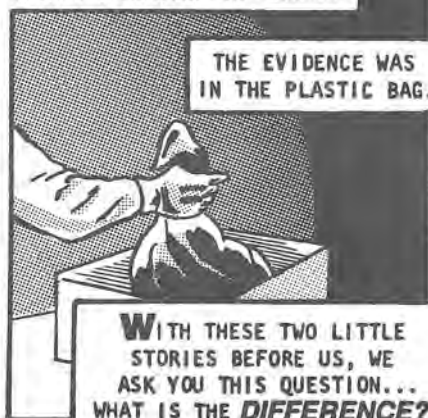
MEANWHILE, JULIE WAS 24 WEEKS PREGNANT...



AND SHE WENT TO THE CLINIC...



AND MOMENTS LATER, JULIE WASN'T PREGNANT ANY LONGER.



Who is Wise?

by Steve Richard



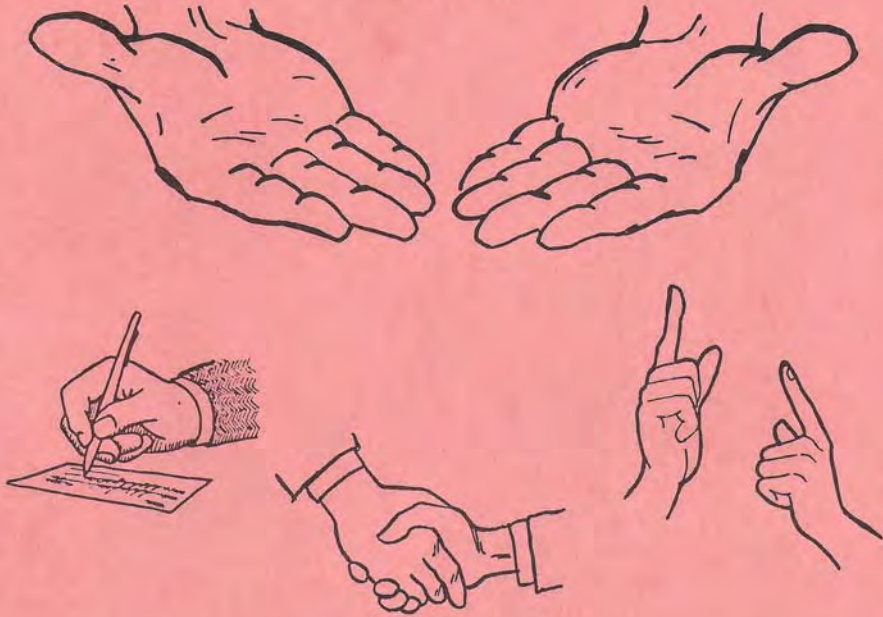
Is the smart man wise? Do straight "A's" in college make a person wise? Maybe getting a college degree makes one wise. Or is it simply living through life's experiences that brings wisdom? Some of the wisest people in the world are not educated. They may even be young people. You see, wisdom comes from God, not from school. School is great. So is experience. So is age. It's fine to be smart. In fact, some smart people are wise. Some educated and experienced people are wise. But they are wise because they accept God's ways.

It often happens that education gets in the way of wisdom. For example, someone with several college degrees may not have taken time to study the Bible. That person is smart, but not wise, because it cannot be wise to go through life and miss the whole purpose of glorifying God and preparing for heaven.

"Is there any person among you who is truly wise and understanding? Then he should show his wisdom by living right. He should do good things with humility. A wise person does not boast." James 3:13, EVD.

Our Gift from God and to God

by Roy Price



An unknown writer said, "Our lives are God's gift to us and what we do with them is our gift to God." He is right about that. Do you understand the meaning of this statement? Let me clarify this.

"Our lives are God's gift to us..." This means that we were created in God's image for His likeness and that He breathed into our nostrils and finally we are living souls. The story is found in Genesis 1:26 and 2:7. We are very thankful for the wonderful creation God has done. Like God, we can talk, feel, imagine and reason. But unlike God, who is Spirit, we are flesh and blood.

"...And what we do with them is our gift to God." This means that it is up to each one of us to do with our bodies, mind, heart and skills for better or worse. Read Romans 12:1 which says: "...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Brethren, how about putting this plan in your new year's resolution? The plan is that you begin to present your body (whole of yourself) to God as a living sacrifice by attending both Bible class and worship this coming Sunday and from now on.

That would be a great gift you can give to God. Do you agree on this?

Crossing The Great Threshold

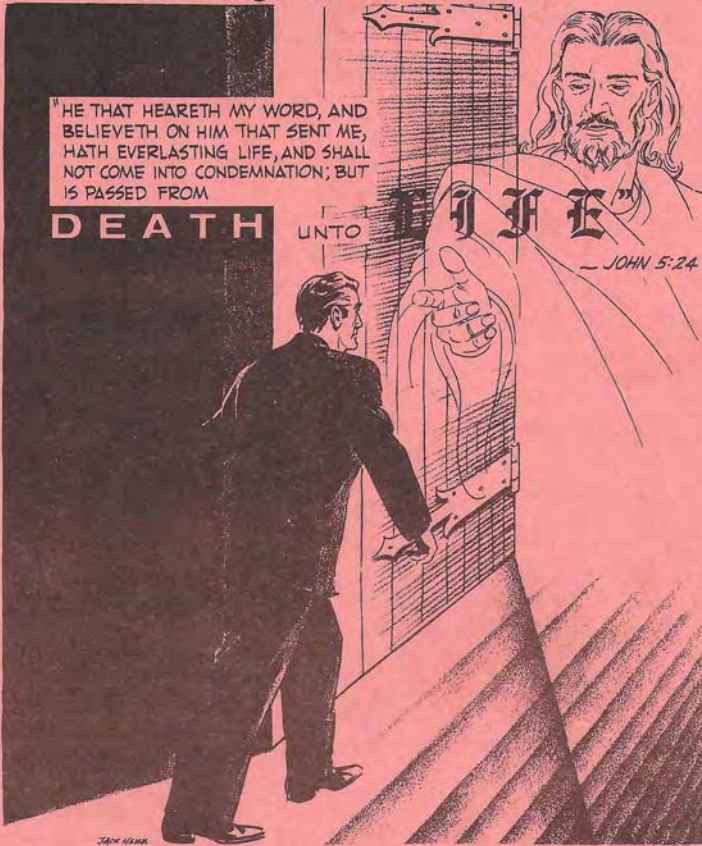
HE THAT HEARETH MY WORD, AND BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT SENT ME, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, AND SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION; BUT IS PASSED FROM

DEATH

UNTO

IFE

— JOHN 5:24



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