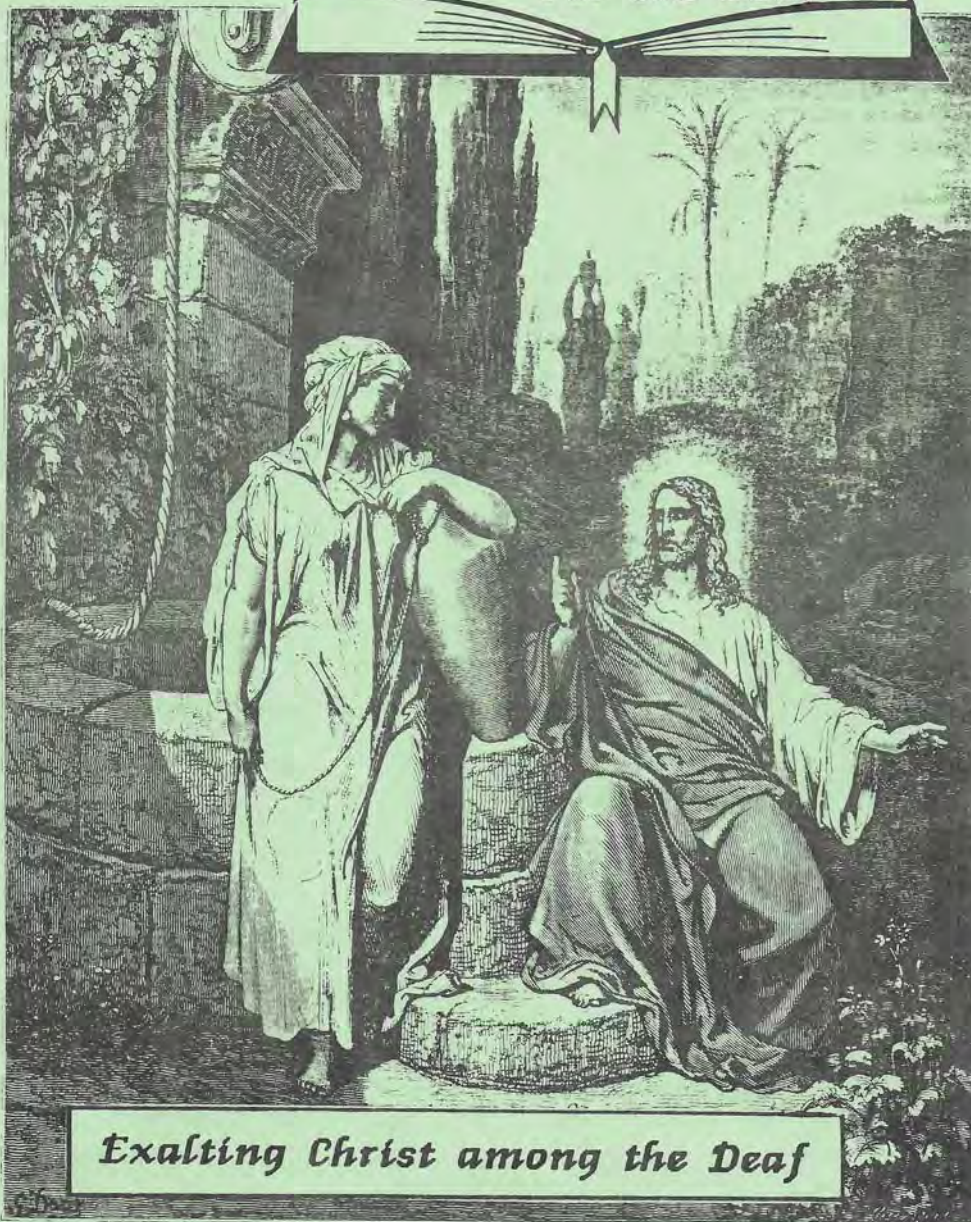


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Exalting Christ among the Deaf

Personally from Billy



We want to thank the many readers who sent in their contributions after our last issue. We had not asked for these contributions, but we did mention that East Frayser Church of Christ, which supports **Light for the Deaf**, had financial difficulty this year. But many of our readers were concerned and did not want to see **Light** fail in any way, and so sent their love donations. We are truly grateful our Lord has moved them to show such love and concern!

In these early months of the new year, contributions are beginning to go up here at East Frayser, but it still would be wonderful if each of our readers were able to help. Some of them are poor and on Social Security, so we understand. But if any is able to help, may we suggest what we had suggested about twenty years ago, and what recently has been suggested by **Loyd Williams** in "**Deaf Disciple**"-- send a contribution on your birthday. It is still

a terrific idea. Try it this year!

Preparing material, especially the cartoon material that our deaf love to read, for **Light** isn't easy, but we have been hard at work on such material! This issue we have an illustration of the story of Jesus and the woman at the Samaritan well. Mrs. Emma Farmer, 81 years old, has inked this comic strip. If the Lord wills, we will have more comic strips for her to ink in upcoming issues!

Also, in this issue, we have an article from **The Christian Signer**, a paper for deaf Christians in Ghana, Africa. We hope in the next few issues to print other material from foreign papers. The gospel of Christ is the same the world round!

love,

Billy Leavell,
Editor

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SALVATION at a well

This story based on John 4:1-42

I WONDER WHY OUR MASTER
DOESN'T TAKE THE SAME
PATH AS OUR FELLOW JEW
TRAVELERS TAKE-- CROSS
THE JORDAN RIVER AND
AVOID SAMARIA IN GOING
TO GALILEE!

YES, AND THOSE
SAMARITANS ARE
LOOKING AT US!

I'M
EMBARRASSED.

DON'T LOOK BACK
AT THEM. WE
DON'T WANT
TROUBLE!

Art by Leavell and Farmer



THIS TOWN IS CALLED SYCHAR.

IT'S WHERE OUR ANCESTOR **JACOB** GAVE SOME LAND TO HIS SON JOSEPH.

THAT'S RIGHT, AND OVER THERE IS WHERE JACOB BUILT A WELL!

IT'S STILL STANDING!

WE'LL GO INTO THE TOWN AND BUY SOME FOOD WHILE YOU REST.



NOON NOW.

HOT... BUT I WON'T GO OUT AT THE REGULAR TIME.



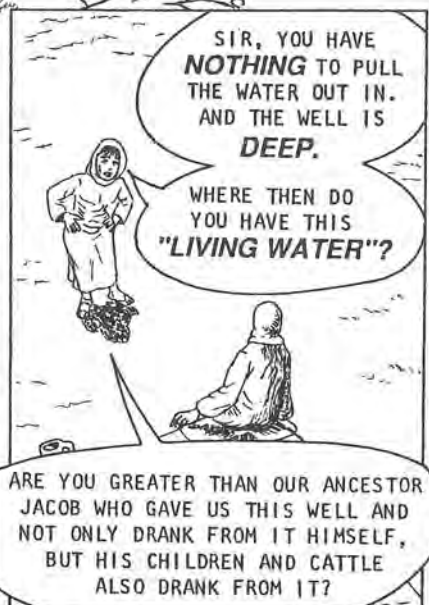
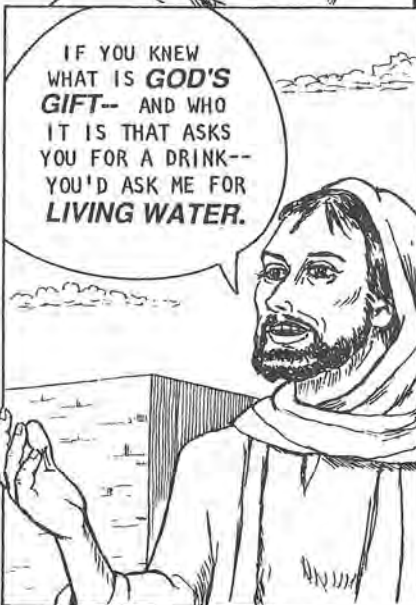
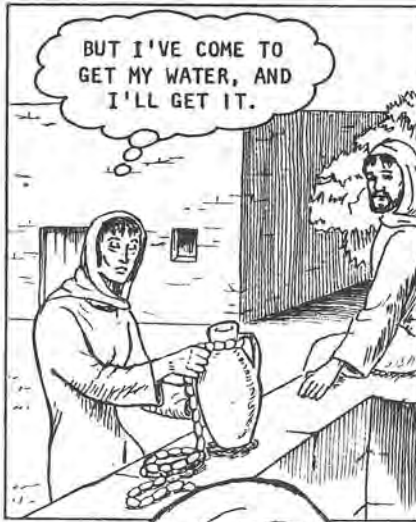
WHEN THE WOMEN IN TOWN GO TO THE WELL, THEY'LL GOSSIP TOO MUCH.

I'D RATHER SUFFER THE NOON HEAT AND GO ALONE TO GET MY WATER.

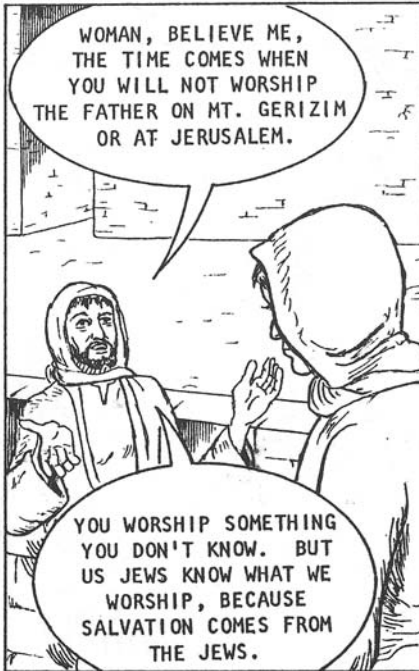
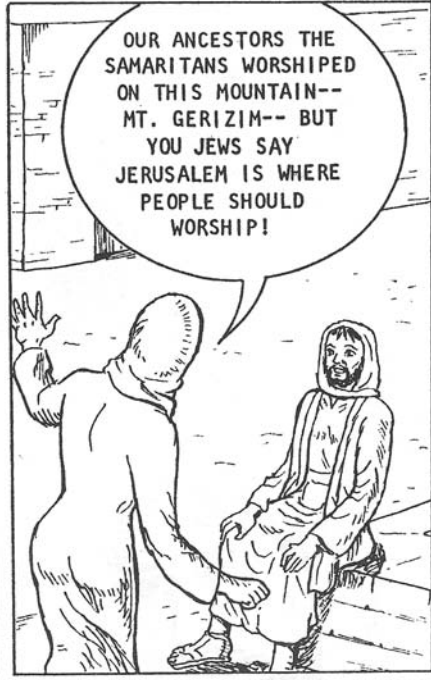


EH? A MAN RESTING AT THE WELL... AND HE'S A **JEW**.

I DON'T SEE HOW ANY JEW WOULD DARE TO COME INTO THE LAND OF US SAMARITANS.



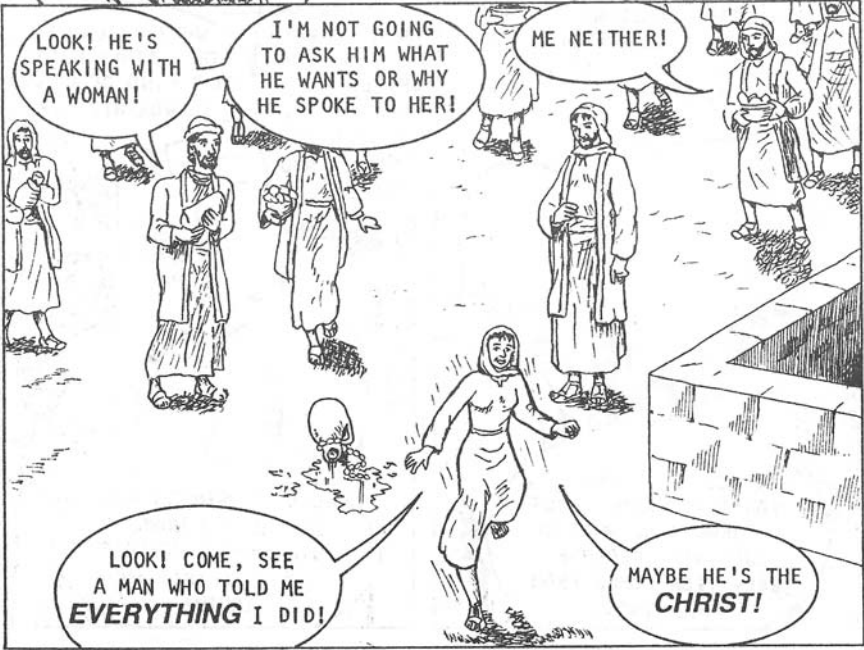




WELL, I KNOW THAT THE **MESSIAH** CALLED **CHRIST** IS COMING, AND WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL TELL US ALL THINGS.



I WHO SPEAK TO YOU... **I AM THE MESSIAH.**



LOOK! HE'S SPEAKING WITH A WOMAN!

I'M NOT GOING TO ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS OR WHY HE SPOKE TO HER!

ME NEITHER!

LOOK! COME, SEE A MAN WHO TOLD ME **EVERYTHING** I DID!

MAYBE HE'S THE **CHRIST!**



SHE'S GONE.

MASTER, EAT.

I HAVE FOOD TO EAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

DID SOMEONE BRING HIM SOMETHING TO EAT?

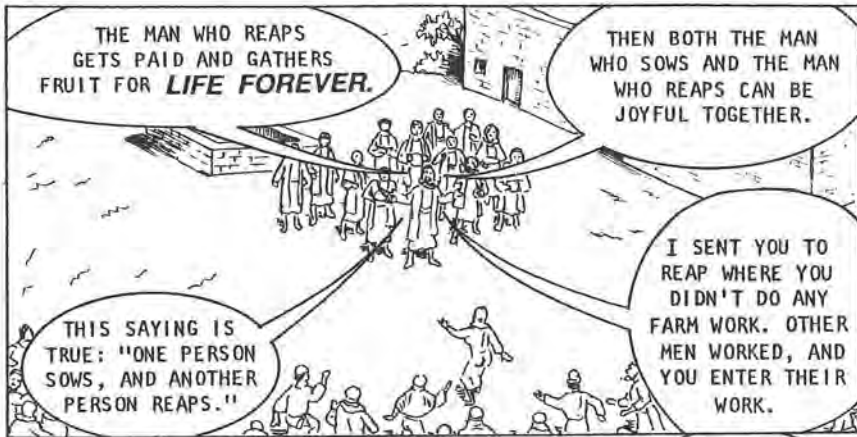


MY FOOD IS TO DO WHAT THE FATHER WANTS. HE SENT ME. AND MY FOOD IS ALSO TO FINISH THE FATHER'S WORK.

WHEN YOU DO FARM WORK, YOU SAY, "FOUR MONTHS, THEN WE HARVEST." RIGHT?



LOOK I TELL YOU-- LOOK UP AND LOOK AT THE FIELDS, FOR THEY'RE **WHITE** ALREADY AND **READY** FOR **HARVEST!**



THE MAN WHO REAPS
GETS PAID AND GATHERS
FRUIT FOR **LIFE FOREVER.**

THEN BOTH THE MAN
WHO SOWS AND THE MAN
WHO REAPS CAN BE
JOYFUL TOGETHER.

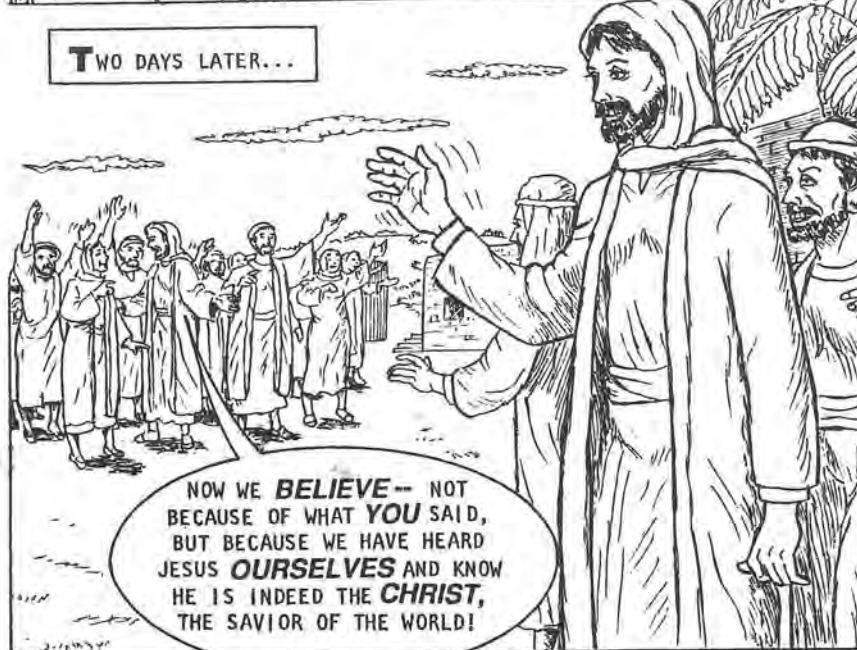
THIS SAYING IS
TRUE: "ONE PERSON
SOWS, AND ANOTHER
PERSON REAPS."

I SENT YOU TO
REAP WHERE YOU
DIDN'T DO ANY
FARM WORK. OTHER
MEN WORKED, AND
YOU ENTER THEIR
WORK.



PLEASE **STAY**
WITH US!

TWO DAYS LATER...



NOW WE **BELIEVE**-- NOT
BECAUSE OF WHAT **YOU** SAID,
BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD
JESUS **OURSELVES** AND KNOW
HE IS INDEED THE **CHRIST**,
THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD!

EAVESDROPPING

by Paul Toth

I know of a man who became a Christian because he eavesdropped. It so happened that a Sergeant in the Air Force was discussing, with another Sergeant, the Scriptures. And as they discussed the Scriptures there was another, an Airman, listening in on the conversation as he was working. Time and time again the one Sergeant opened the Bible and read a verse, while the other Sergeant would say, "But my priest says..." As the Airman listened he thought to himself, "My, what an unreasonable fellow. If the Bible says it, it must be true." As the conversation ended, the Airman saw that the Sergeant who used the Bible was very calm and appreciative that the other Sergeant allowed him to discuss the Scriptures with him. The other Sergeant seemed to be upset and frustrated. The conversation didn't seem to help him at all. But through it didn't help him, it did help the Airman to think again about his belief in God. Soon the Sergeant gave a red letter edition of the King James Version to the Airman. The Airman read the whole New Testament for the first time, noting especially the explanation of the plan of salvation printed in red. As the Airman read the plan of salvation, he came to the frightening realization that he was not saved, even though he had thought he was for some 20 years. The Airman spent the weekend in terror, not knowing what to do, but knowing that he was lost, and had to do something.

How do I know this? Because that Airman was me. Monday I asked my supervisor what I had to do, and with surprise in his face he said, "Who's been teaching you?"

"No one," I said, "I just read the Bible you gave to me." That day I was baptized into Christ.

The reason I shared this with you is that you'll never know who is eavesdropping on your conversation. If you share Jesus with someone in your office, you may not win the one you are talking to, but someone else with a soft heart may be listening. Speak up for Jesus, souls depend on you!

What God Wants the Deaf to Know about Salvation

by Jack Cundy

Editor's Note: *This article is taken from The Christian Signer, a paper for deaf Christians in Ghana, Africa, edited by Fred Asare. We thank Brother Asare for granting us permission to reprint it.*

Do you know that without Christianity in the world it would be a horrible place to live! Oh yes, we know that much evil has been done in the world under the name of Christianity. Many who call themselves Christians today are claiming to be doing God's will. They can quote scriptures and tell you of the wonderful things God has done, however you must remember that the devil knows the Word of God very well but he is still the devil. Man's terrible plight in sin would be hopeless were it not for the love of God. This is why God devised a plan wherein man could be delivered from the chains of sin. This plan would enable man to be turned away from eternal destruction and placed on a new path which would lead him to eternal life.

Christianity has done much for man, generally speaking, but it still is a very personal thing. So for you to benefit from it you must begin by following and obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ. This is the only way that will lead you to salvation. Salvation is defined as the deliverance of the soul from sin and death. Man is a sinner. Romans 3:23- "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God". Therefore, man is in need of salvation because Romans 6:23 states, "For the wages of sin is death".

God devised a plan, He provided a way for man to escape from the chains of sin but man is not forced to accept this plan, he is given a choice. This plan is the gospel of Christ. Romans 1:16- "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek". In John 3:16 we read that "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life". This kind of love that God shows toward you is the central theme of the Bible and it was manifested in the willingness of Jesus to die on the cross at calvary. He shed His precious blood to give you salvation, to remove the sins of men. Romans 5:8,9- "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him". 1 Peter 2:24- "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you are healed". This then is the only escape

route from the bondage, guilt and consequences of sin. Salvation through the only begotten Son of God. Salvation does not require any more than obeying all of God's commands.

1. Hear the Word of God: Romans 10:17- "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". God gave us His written Word and as you read it and study it His words become clear through your inner ear and in your heart and mind.

2. Believe: Acceptance of the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour from sin. None of us have actually seen Jesus in person: yet by faith we accept Him as being our Redeemer and the resurrected Saviour of the world. There are many things in this life that we accept because we read about it or learnt about it in some manner. For example; You believe that the world is round because it was written into a history book. Actually man did not make this discovery until the 15th century, BUT, God made this known to a writer of the Bible many, many years before. Isaiah 40:22- "It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth...". There are many facts like this which prove that the Bible was written by men through the inspiration of God. You have the evidence concerning the labors of Jesus through the testimony of the Gospels and the Word of God, revealed by Jesus through His apostles and disciples. The Gospel teaches that man must have faith (believe) in God and Jesus Christ in order for him to be saved from his sins. Hebrews 11:6- "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

3. Repentance: In Luke 13:3 Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish". A question here that you might ask is: What do men do when they repent of their sins? Repentance is a change of will, of your mind which is caused by godly sorrow for sin and which leads to amending of your evil ways. The force behind all of this is the grace of God. Romans 2:4- "...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance". Many people accept the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world yet they persist in their sinful ways. Only when by faith they come to the realization and have godly sorrow for their sins, then will their stubborn ways be changed in repentance that leads to salvation. The emotion of sorrow must be changed to motion and a person has to act: to go on to confession.

4. Confession: In Matthew 10:32 Christ said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven". You must confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. That is what the Eunuch did in Acts 8:37. Confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10- "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation".

5. Baptism: Acts 2:38- "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of

the Holy Ghost." Paul wrote in Galatians 3:26,27- "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Baptism saves but you cannot be saved until all of the other steps have been taken. Are you in Christ? Have you taken all of the steps leading to baptism? Have you been baptized? These questions are very important for if you should fail to answer them affirmatively, Jesus plainly states that you will perish.

"You are My friends
if you do the things
I command you."
--John 15:14, EVD



MAKE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS RIGHT

by James Floyd

How many happy hermits do you know?

The apostle Paul wrote in some passages like Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12:21-31 to point out that we need each other. God made us to be dependent on each other. Can you be encouraged by someone who isn't there?

Some magazines point out that people are good medicine. Research shows those who have active social ties and interest with friends are healthier physically than are loners.

We are all made in God's image, so as you touch others, you touch God Himself.

One of the best ways to be happy and make things right is actively serving others (read John 13:1-17). Servants don't care who gets the credit or score.

Servants of God do:

- (1) Love (John 13:35).
- (2) Listen louder (pay attention to needs and true desires).
- (3) Are transparent (they allow others to see the *real you*).
- (4) Are sensitive, willing to put self and feelings aside to care for hurts and needs of others.
- (5) Take the initiative (make the first move).

"Christ Above All"

"...The One who comes from heaven is above all" (John 3:31)



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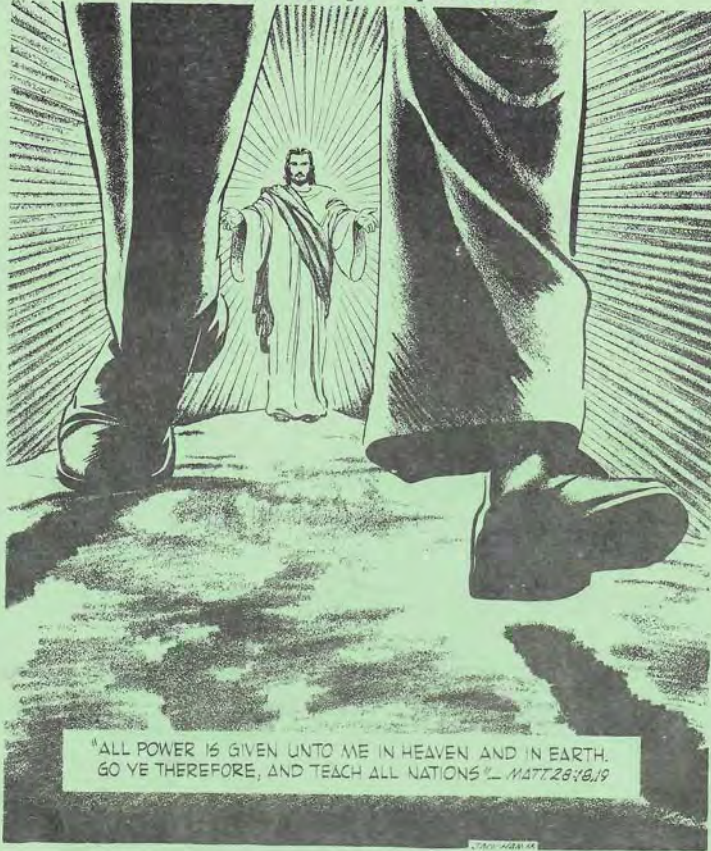
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