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*"We are being changed  
to be like Him. This glory  
comes from the Lord, who  
is the Spirit."*  
--2 Corinthians 3:18, EVD

**Exalting Christ  
among the Deaf**

**Light  
for the Deaf**

# Personally from Billy



"Have you stopped sending out **Light for the Deaf**? "Has my name been left off your mailing list?"

You may have felt the same as above. We simply have been behind in our printing schedule, and for this we apologize! This has been a most busy summer for your editor, what with a trip to Kenya and Uganda, Africa, and with responsibilities at Christian Camp for the Deaf, etc. Now we are working to catch up and plan to have another issue out shortly after this one is out. We should be caught up then.

Some of you are new readers, and some of you are in Africa. To those who are in Africa, we say greetings! We pray that this issue may be of great help to you. You will see in this issue an article from Ghana from "The Christian Signer".

We also have the usual variety of articles that our readers like to read, but instead of a Bible comic strip this time, we are running a "sermon" comic strip, "God's Power". This is a revision of an earlier strip we ran about ten years ago. We hope you enjoy it and that it helps you.

May the good Lord bless you as you read.

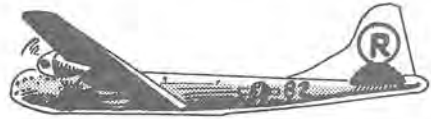
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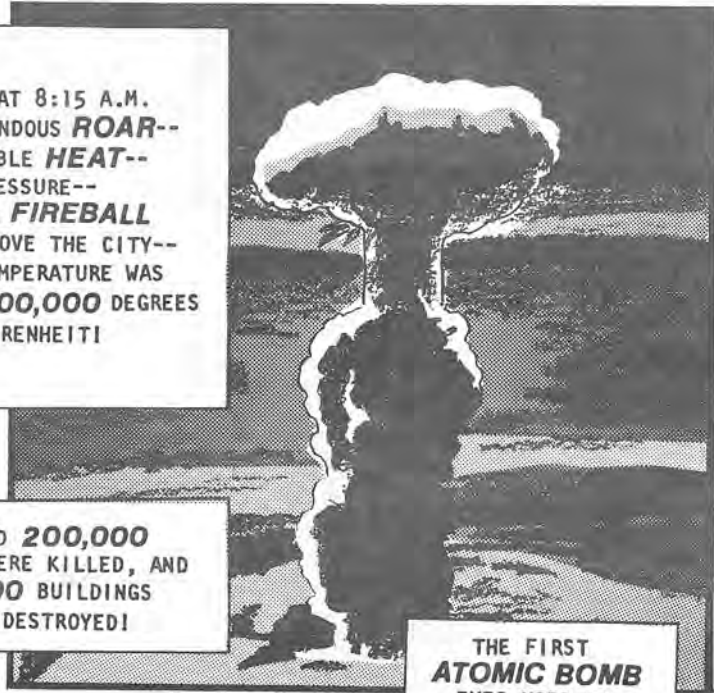
# GOD'S POWER!



EARLY THE MORNING OF AUGUST 6, 1945  
THE AMERICAN B-29 **ENOLA GAY** FLEW  
HIGH OVER THE JAPANESE CITY OF  
HIROSHIMA...

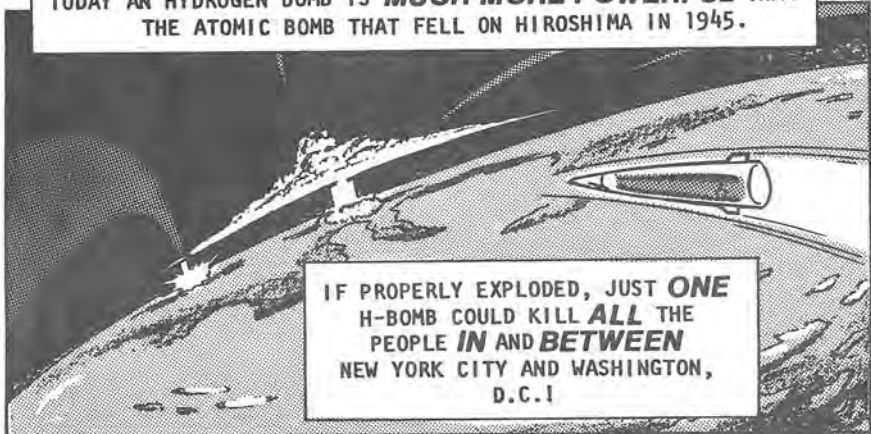
AND AT 8:15 A.M.  
A TREMENDOUS **ROAR--**  
TERRIBLE **HEAT--**  
PRESSURE--  
A HUGE **FIREBALL**  
ROSE ABOVE THE CITY--  
ITS TEMPERATURE WAS  
ABOUT **1,800,000** DEGREES  
FAHRENHEIT!

AROUND **200,000**  
PEOPLE WERE KILLED, AND  
**10,000** BUILDINGS  
WERE DESTROYED!



THE FIRST  
**ATOMIC BOMB**  
EVER USED TO  
DESTROY A CITY WAS  
**EXPLODED.**

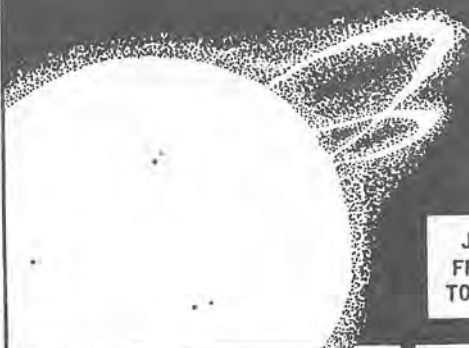
TODAY AN HYDROGEN BOMB IS **MUCH MORE POWERFUL** THAN THE ATOMIC BOMB THAT FELL ON HIROSHIMA IN 1945.



IF PROPERLY EXPLODED, JUST **ONE** H-BOMB COULD KILL **ALL** THE PEOPLE **IN** AND **BETWEEN** NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, D.C.!

BUT THINK OF GOD'S **UNLIMITED POWER!**

GOD CREATED THE **SUN--** WHICH IS ACTUALLY A KIND OF **H-BOMB!**



JUST **ONE** SOLAR FLARE FROM THE SUN IS **EQUAL** TO **10,000,000** H-BOMBS!

THE **STARS** ARE **SUNS**, BUT SO **FAR AWAY** WE CAN NEVER FEEL THEIR HEAT.



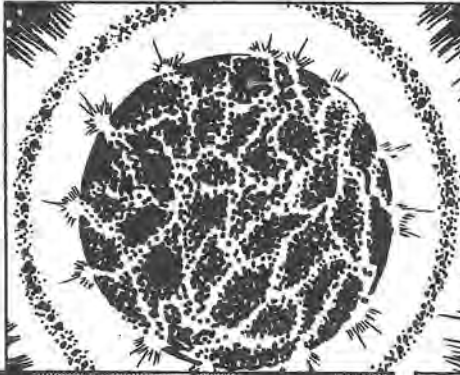
SOME STARS ARE **BIGGER** THAN OUR OWN SUN-- AND **MORE POWERFUL.**

SO-- **HOW** POWERFUL IS OUR GOD WHO CREATED ALL THESE STARS WITH ALL THEIR **MIGHT?**

Giant star

Earth

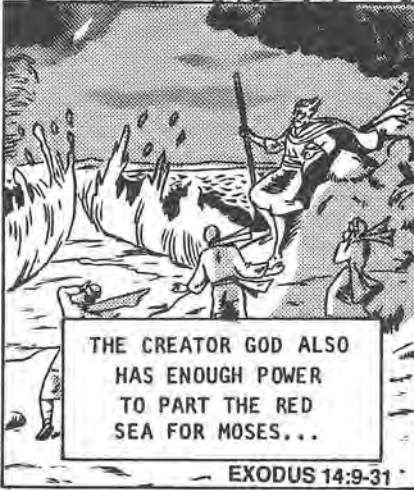
Our sun



GOD HAS ENOUGH POWER TO **DESTROY** THE WORLD WITH "FIRE".

IN FACT THE BIBLE TELLS US THIS **WILL** HAPPEN SOMEDAY.

2 PETER 3:10



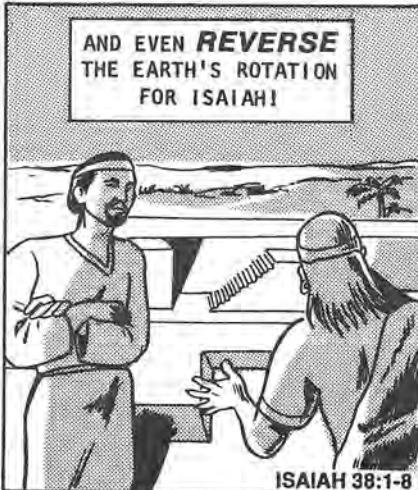
THE CREATOR GOD ALSO HAS ENOUGH POWER TO PART THE RED SEA FOR MOSES...

EXODUS 14:9-31



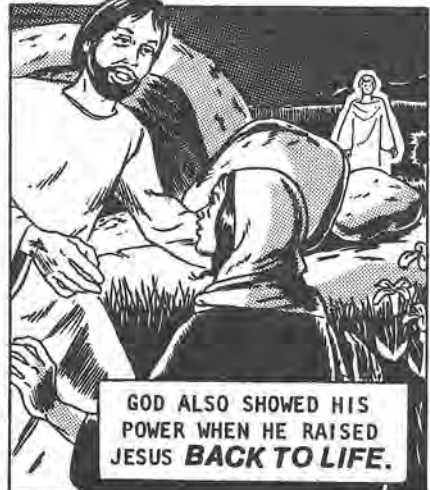
TO STOP THE EARTH'S ROTATION FOR JOSHUA...

JOSHUA 10:12-14



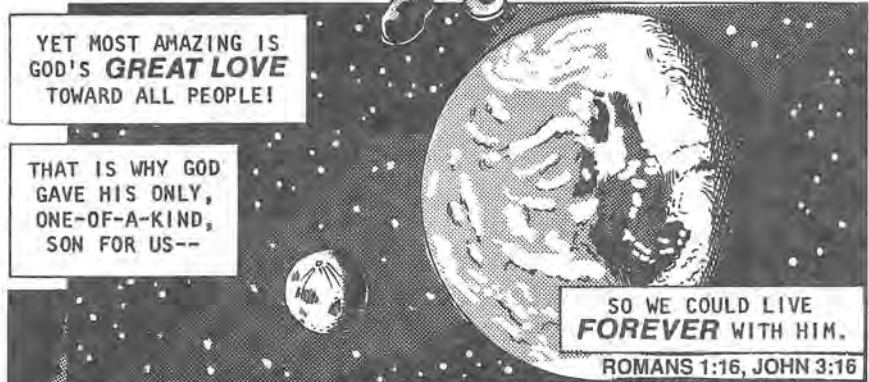
AND EVEN **REVERSE** THE EARTH'S ROTATION FOR ISAIAH!

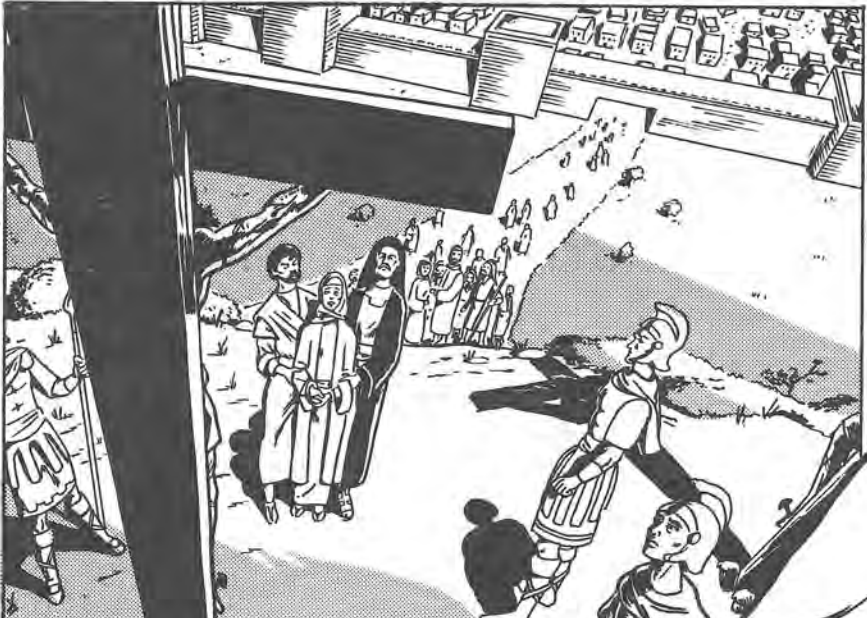
ISAIAH 38:1-8



GOD ALSO SHOWED HIS POWER WHEN HE RAISED JESUS **BACK TO LIFE.**

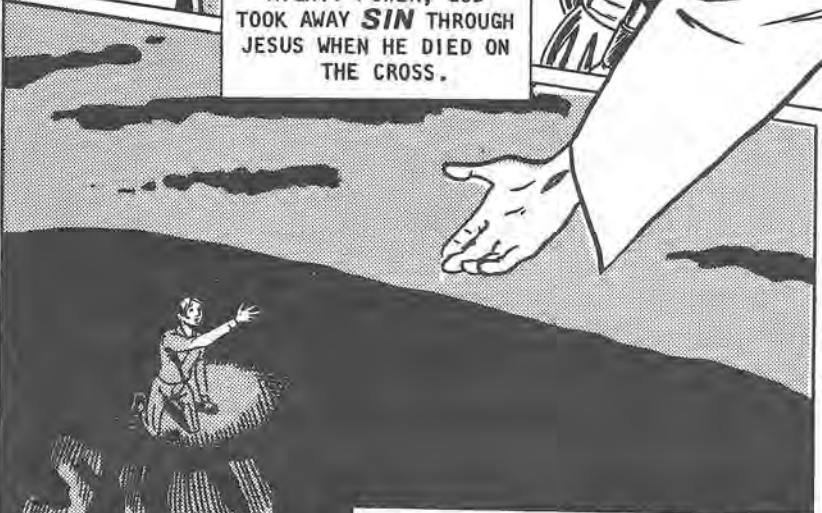
ROMANS 6:14





COLOSSIANS 1:14,  
HEBREWS 9:28

AND WITH THAT SAME  
MIGHTY POWER, GOD  
TOOK AWAY **SIN** THROUGH  
JESUS WHEN HE DIED ON  
THE CROSS.



BUT IT IS **UP TO YOU**  
IF YOU WILL COME TO JESUS...  
AND ACCEPT GOD'S MOST **WONDERFUL**  
GIFT OF **ETERNAL LIFE**.

ROMANS 6:22,23

**BELIEVE**  
IN JESUS...



JOHN 20:31

**REPENT** OF  
YOUR SINS...

ACTS 3:19



TO "REPENT" MEANS TO TURN FROM  
YOUR SINS (TRANSLATED "CHANGE  
YOUR HEARTS AND LIVES" IN THE E.V.D.)

**CONFESS** YOUR  
FAITH IN JESUS...

ROMANS 10:10 TO "CONFESS" MEANS  
TO TELL ABOUT.

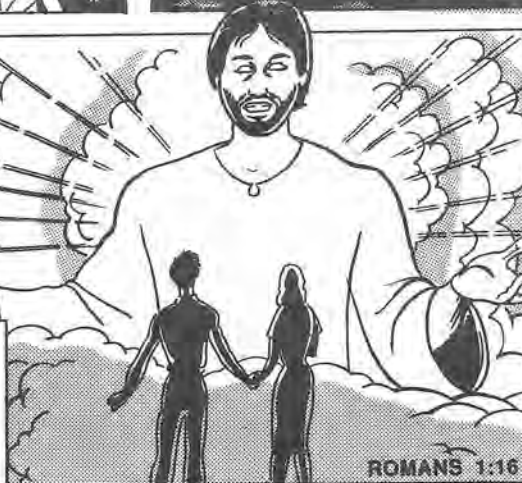


AND BE  
**BAPTIZED**...

MARK 16:16, ACTS 2:38



AND OUR LORD'S **POWER**  
WILL CLEANSE YOU OF  
YOUR SINS AND OPEN  
UP A WAY TO ETERNAL  
LIFE FOR YOU!



ROMANS 1:16



# SHODDY SINGING AND STODGY SERMONS



Our hymn-singing may be considered poor and our gospel-preaching dull. Accepting that the hymns we sing and the sermons we hear must be Scriptural, it is desirable that we do our best to sing sweetly and that our preachers try to preach persuasively.

But it is a fact that few congregations, among the thousands world-wide, have superb singers, trained song-leaders and professional speakers. Most are composed of ordinary men and women who earnestly "worship God in spirit and truth" (John 4:24)-- that is, with the right attitude (even if the singing is discordant) and with the right teaching (even if the preaching is plain).

For many centuries, God's people chanted simple hymns and heard sermons from unschooled men, but they were no less spiritual for so doing.

Our deaf brethren are among the most steadfast within our fellowship and yet they can neither hear hymn tunes nor spoken sermons.

Do we make the quality of the singing and speaking a condition of loyalty to brethren?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *This article was written for hearing brethren in the October 27, 1991 bulletin, "The Truth in Love", for City Beach Church of Christ, in Perth, West Australia.*

# THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

by James Floyd



*"Before the world began, the word was there... and the word became a man and lived among us" (John 1:1,14, EVD).*

*"In the beginning was the word, and the word was made flesh" (John 1:1, KJV).*

The fact that the Word was made flesh implies that the Word existed prior to becoming flesh. It is clearly taught that the Word is a member of the Godhead, the One known as **Jesus Christ**, the Son of God. His becoming flesh, through conception in the womb of Mary the virgin, was not the beginning of His existence. This truth is indicated in other places.

Jesus told some of the Jews, "Before Abraham was born, I AM!" (John 8:58). He existed before the days of Abraham. His prayer in John 17:5 includes these words, "Give Me the glory I had with You before the world was made." Thus, His birth into the world did not mark the beginning of His existence.

The Word was made flesh. He took upon Himself traits of humanity. He had the qualities of both deity and humanity.

Some, in the time while the New Testament was being written, denied that Jesus had come in the flesh. This false teaching was confronted in 1 John 4:2-3 and 2 John 7. "One spirit says, 'I believe... that spirit is from God: and another spirit refuses... that spirit is the enemy of Christ.'"

# BE THOU FAITHFUL!

by Josiah Tilton

Several years ago, when there was much trouble in Uganda, some rebels came into a town and caused severe problems for the inhabitants of the people of the town was a Christian man. When the soldiers discovered that he was a Christian, they put a bottle of beer in front of him and demanded that he drink it. The man refused. They beat him, and still he refused. They threatened to kill him, but even that threat could not persuade him to drink. Finally, because of his refusal, they told him they would cut off his lips, and that is just what they did. They cut off his lips, cooked them, and forced the man's wife to eat them. This poor Christian and his wife suffered terribly because of their desire to serve the Lord faithfully, even if it meant torture, or even death.

I believe we can see in this man's example that he loved not his life unto the death. Please read the following passages from Revelation chapter 12:

*10. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

The word of God is given to us so that we might find faith, and that our faith might increase. The more we read and study the word of God the more our faith should grow:

*Romans 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

As our faith grows we are more able to withstand the temptations of

Satan, and the evil things that he tries to do to us. Very often, Satan uses wicked men to torment the Christian, as we see in the case above. When we look into the Bible, we will see many other examples of the faithful ones of God being persecuted by Satan. A good example of that is Job.

Please take a few minutes and read the first chapter of Job. After you have finished you should see at least four things:

1. Satan is always among us, ready and eager to trouble us, and:
2. God knows our hearts, and can see the faithfulness we have, or do not have, and:
3. Satan is ready to find excuses for our faithfulness, and eager to torment us to prove that we are faithful only because we have it very easy, and finally:
4. God will allow Satan to buffet us, but will not allow him to go to far (see 1 Corinthians 10:13).

As you read the remainder of the book of Job, you will see how terribly Satan persecuted Job, but you will also see that Job remained faithful, and did not blame God for his troubles. Even though Job lost all that he owned, including his children, and even his health still he remained faithful. He loved not his life unto the death.

I believe the greatest example of someone not loving His own life is the example of Jesus Christ. Think about Him. Jesus was in heaven where every heavenly being served Him. Anything that He commanded the angels quickly ran to obey Him. He sat on a throne beside His Father and the Holy Spirit. He was God, almighty, all-knowing, King of kings, Lord of lords. Then one day He left heaven, gave up His equality with His Father (Philippians 2:1-12), and became a man. And when He became a man He did not become a mighty ruler, as He could have, but instead He became a small baby, born of parents who were poor and weak. He was raised in a little town that was despised by most people. He was not raised in the Capitol city of the world, Rome. He did not grow up among the great religious men of His day who lived in Jerusalem, and served in the temple. No, He lived as a peasant boy until the day He went to be baptized of John.

After Jesus began His ministry, He did not force people to obey Him. Instead He preached love and kindness. He served the people. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and even raised the dead. He did all of these things so that He could save people. The signs and wonders were only proofs that He came from God, but the life He lived was a living example of Who and What God really is.

After living as a servant for about 33 years, Jesus traveled to Jerusalem. There He met the men who hated Him. The religious people of His day hated Him so badly that they decided to see to it that He was put to death. So they arranged with Judas to betray Him, then they took Jesus to the authorities, and eventually they led Him to be crucified. During all this time Jesus had the power to stop them. He could have spoken the word and God would have sent 12 legions of angels to help... but He did not. HE LOVED NOT HIS LIFE UNTO THE DEATH!

In order to save us Jesus knew that He had to offer Himself as a sacrifice. His blood had to be shed, because without the shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore, Jesus willingly let the very people He created kill Him. He gave us the supreme example of someone who did not love His life even unto death. He was more in love with us and His Father than He had His own life.

His life and death then ought to serve as an example to us that there are some things that are greater than our lives. To gain our lives and lose our souls is no gain at all. It is for sure that we will all die someday. It is better to die while serving the Lord faithfully, than to die while denying Him.

God bless all of us as we seek to serve the Lord, and as we LOVE NOT OUR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH!

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# THE HANDS OF JESUS

Psalms 143:1-4

by Loyd Williams



It is interesting to make a study of the Lord from many different ways. The body of Jesus has many lessons that can be important when we use them in our own lives.

The different members of Christ (the church) are often thought about when we use them in a Spiritual way.

**A. The Head.** (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23; 5:23).

**B. The Body.** (Col. 1:18; 1Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:1-5).

**C. The Feet.** (1Peter 2:21).

At this time we want to think about "The Hands of Jesus." There are many important lessons that can be used when we think of the Hands of Jesus. We should not only think of the hands of Jesus but use the lesson in our lives because we are members of the Body.

## DISCUSSION:

### I. THE HANDS OF JESUS

**1. Creating hands.** (Heb. 1:10; John 1:3).

A. Hands of value

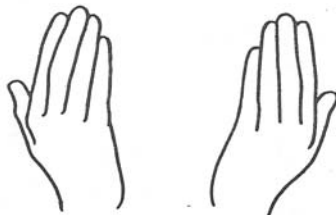
(1) Used in building things.

(2). Used with invention.

B. Hands of destruction.

(1) Killing people.

(2) Using them to sin.



**2. A Saving Hand.**

a. Peter and Christ on the water.

b. Type of hands.

(1). Hands used to do good.

(2). Hands that destroy.

3. Delivering (healing) (Luke 13:12).

4. Cleansing Hands. (Matt. 8:3).

5. Life giving hands.

6. Healing hands.



## II. THE LORD AND HIS ARTIFICIAL HANDS

1. Since the Lord died upon the cross and then went into heaven we can think of him now having artificial hands.

a. Sometime the artificial hands are worth more than the real hands.

b. Artificial hands if trained right can be very useful.

2. Each Christian might be thought of as being the artificial hands of Jesus.

3. It is by us who are Christians that the Lord is still working.

## III. YOUR HANDS

1. Use them to bring glory to God in all that you do.

2. Find something to do with your hands for the Lord.

3. Think of yourself as a person who is doing the Lord's work.

There are many important things that we can do with our hands for our own needs. We can be important when we use them for our spiritual life. Our hands should be doing important things for the Lord. Let us use our hands to serve the Lord as we have never done before.



# RECONCILED TO GOD

by Steve Richard



*"Reconcile"* is a beautiful word that has great meaning to all of us who want to be right with God.

If you travel to a different country, when you get there you will find that your American money cannot be used. There is a conflict between your money and their money. You could say that your money is an enemy to their money. So you must go to a bank and exchange your money for the money that is used in that country. When you have done that, you have reconciled, or changed your money into a useful kind.

We are like that American money in a different country, but Christ took all of our sins and carried them to the cross, and through His death He exchanged, or reconciled us to God. Christ's death put us into a useful kind so that we could serve God. Christ reconciled us to God.

To get that American money reconciled you have to go to the bank, and to get your life reconciled to God you must be willing to go to the cross where Jesus died and accept His sacrifice through obedience to His teachings.



# COMPANY YOU SHOULD NEVER LET IN!



So Jesus said, "Why are you thinking evil thoughts?"

**--Matthew 9:4**

"A good person has good things saved in his heart. And so he brings good things out of his heart. But an evil person has evil things saved in his heart. So he brings out bad things. A person speaks the things that are in his heart."

**--Luke 6:45**

"But the bad things a person says with his mouth come from the way a person thinks. And these are the things that make a person wrong. All these bad things begin in a person's mind: evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual sins, stealing, lying, saying bad things against other people."

**--Matthew 15:18,19**

"Brothers and sisters, continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected."

**--Philippians 4:8**

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## You and your Bible?



Does this look like you with your Bible? Do you try to cut away the verses that you don't like? Do you try to decide to follow only what you think the Bible should say, and cut away the commandments you don't want to follow? Do you tell people you follow the Bible, when in truth you only do what you like for your life? Why not accept the word as it truly is-- the word of God which works in people who believe?

Read **1 Thessalonians 2:13**.



# PEACE



*This does not give peace...*

*and this does not give  
peace either...*



*In fact the world does **not**  
give peace!*

*Only **CHRIST** gives peace!  
Read Romans 5:1 and  
Ephesians 2:14*



***"I give you peace in a different way than the  
world does."** (John 14:27, EVD)*

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