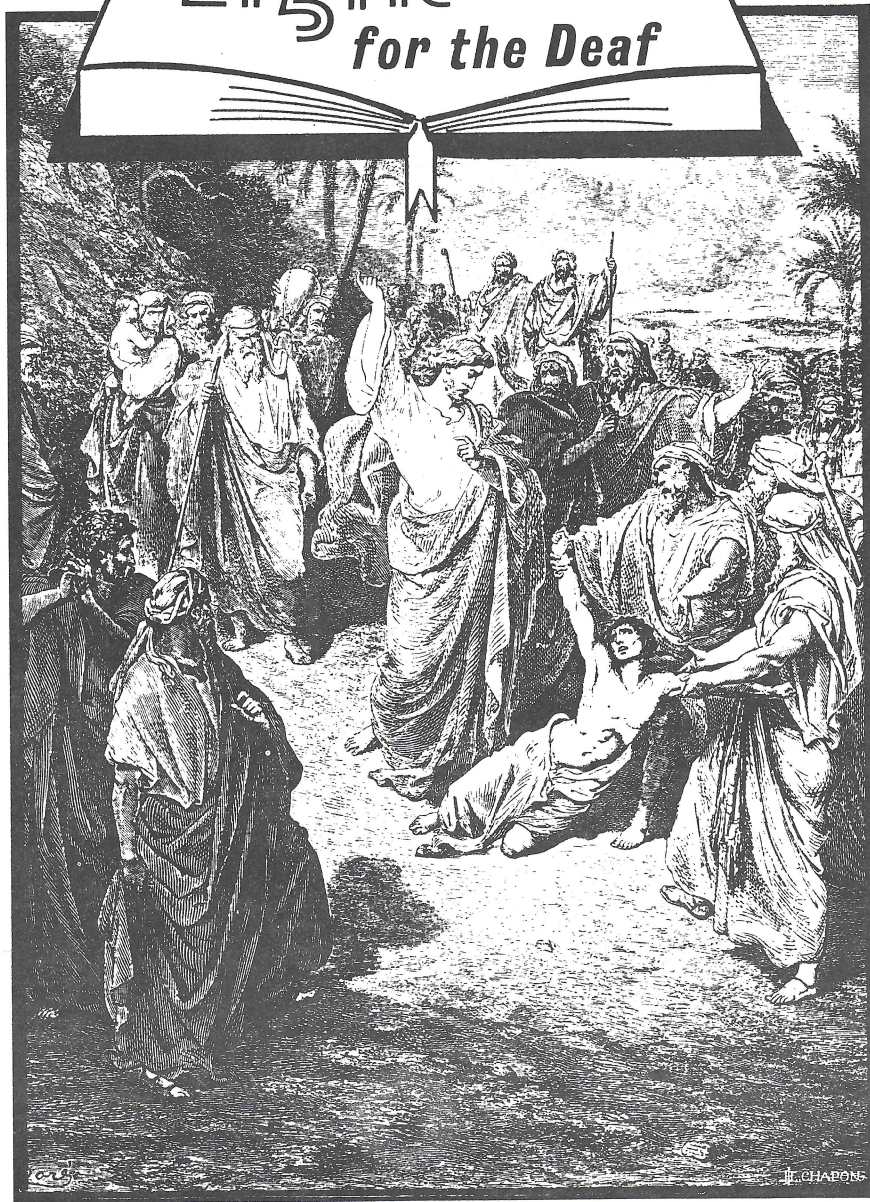


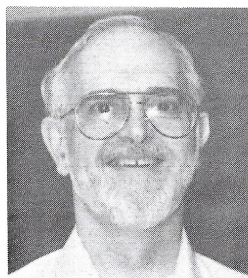
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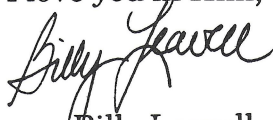


Personally from Billy

We know you are surprised to get this issue so soon after the last one. We have been pretty far behind, but now are trying to catch up.

In this issue you will find the incredible story of “**Legion**” and our Lord’s amazing power to cast out the demons. We can rejoice, for as the apostle John tells us, Jesus came to the Earth to destroy the devil’s work (1 John 3:8). And as the Scriptures show on page 9, Jesus has power over the demons and evil spirits that follow the devil. Thank the Lord that He brings us salvation! After the “**Legion**” story we have some good articles by *Mike Atteberry*, *Steve Richard*, and *George R. Myers*. Plus we have our letter column again, with a few letters. And we also have our *Question and Answer* column. We hope you not only enjoy these features, but also benefit from them. The Lord willing, we will be out again before Christmas, at which time we should be caught up on our printing schedule.

I love you in Him,


Billy Leavell,
Editor

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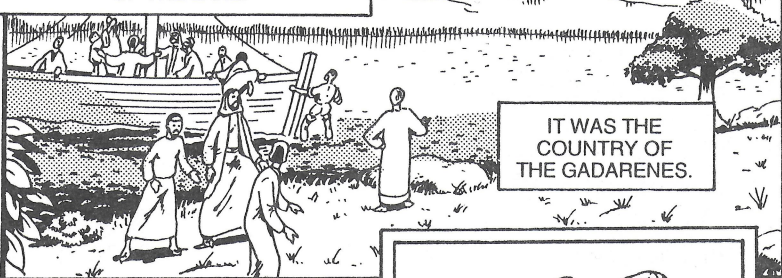
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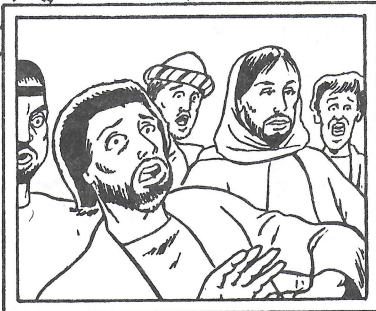
This story from Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES CAME ON A BOAT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.

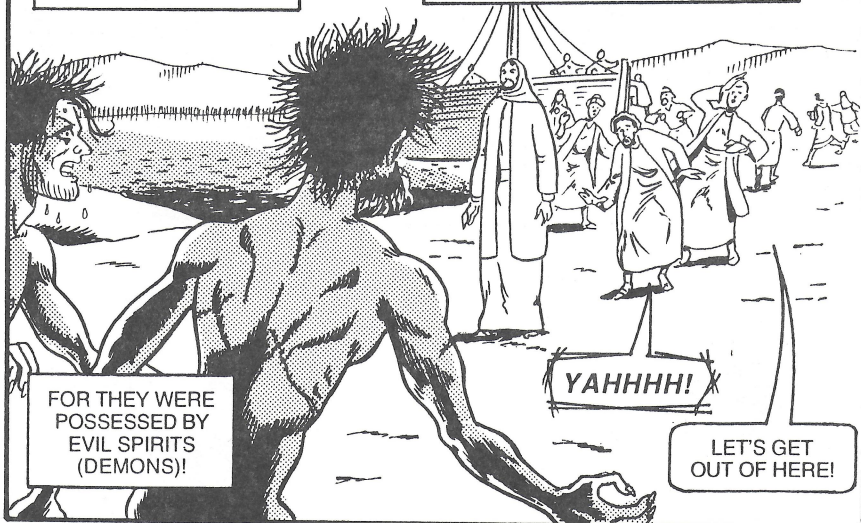


IT WAS THE COUNTRY OF THE GADARENES.

SUDDENLY TWO MEN RUSHED OUT TOWARD THEM!



THEY WERE NAKED AND THEY SCREAMED LIKE LUNATICS--



FOR THEY WERE POSSESSED BY EVIL SPIRITS (DEMONS)!

YAHHHH!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

MATTHEW TELLS US OF TWO DEMON-POSSESSED MEN, BUT MARK AND LUKE MENTION ONLY ONE. PROBABLY ONE WAS MORE WELL-KNOWN THAN THE OTHER.



BOTH MARK AND LUKE TELL US ABOUT HOW THIS WELL-KNOWN MAN HAD BEEN CAPTURED SEVERAL TIMES AND BOUND WITH SHACKLES AND CHAINS.

BUT HE OFTEN BROKE OFF AND RAN INTO THE MOUNTAINS.



HE SPENT THE NIGHTS IN THE CEMETRIES, CRYING OUT AND CUTTING HIMSELF WITH STONES.

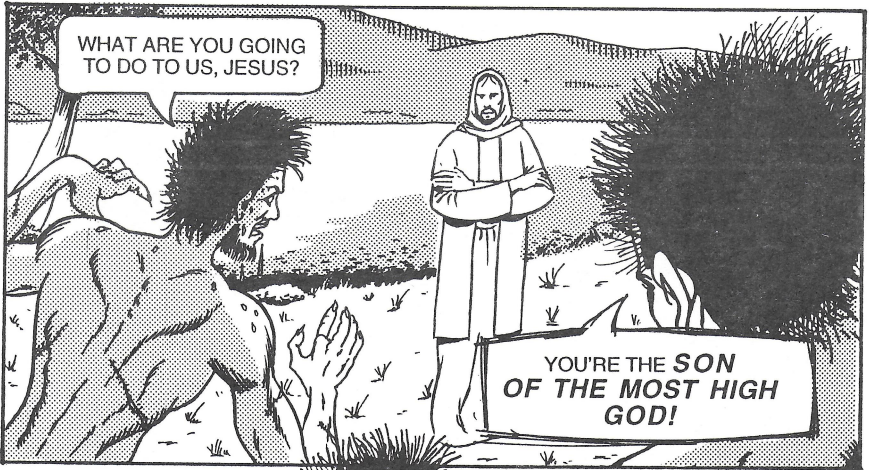
LITTLE WONDER THE GADARENE PEOPLE WERE SO AFRAID OF THIS TERRIBLE MAN!

BUT JESUS STOOD HIS GROUND BEFORE THE TWO MEN.

HE SAID TO THE MORE DANGEROUS MAN--

UNCLEAN SPIRIT, COME OUT OF THE MAN!





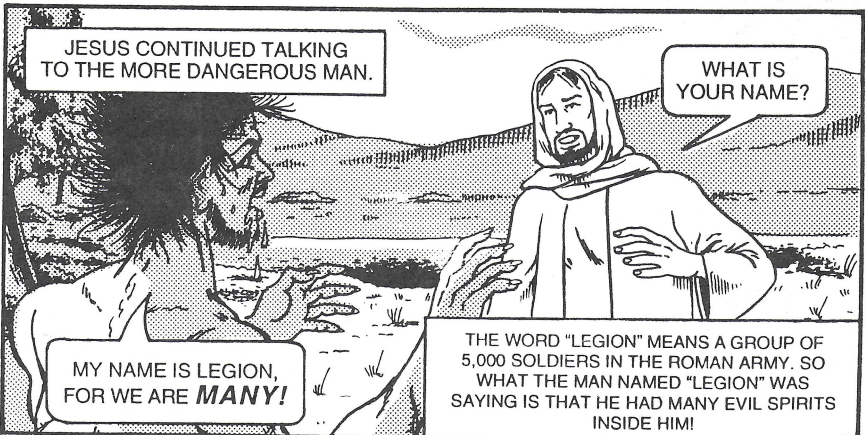
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO US, JESUS?

YOU'RE THE **SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD!**



ARE YOU GOING TO **TORTURE** US BEFORE THE TIME?

PLEASE DON'T TORTURE ME!



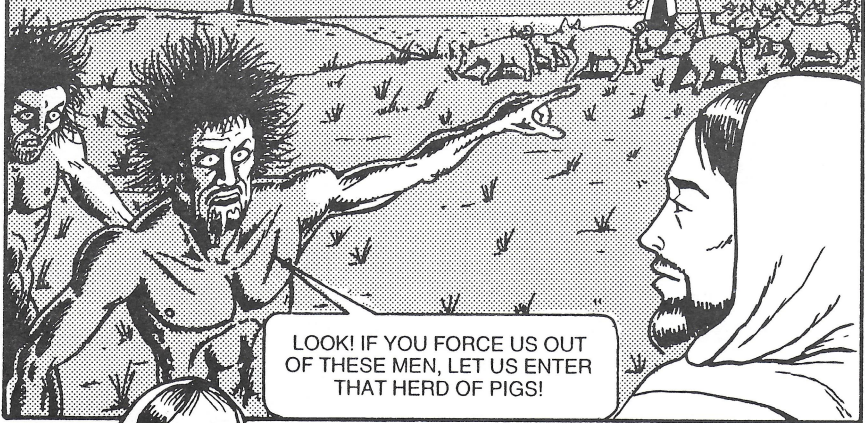
JESUS CONTINUED TALKING TO THE MORE DANGEROUS MAN.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

MY NAME IS LEGION, FOR WE ARE **MANY!**

THE WORD "LEGION" MEANS A GROUP OF 5,000 SOLDIERS IN THE ROMAN ARMY. SO WHAT THE MAN NAMED "LEGION" WAS SAYING IS THAT HE HAD MANY EVIL SPIRITS INSIDE HIM!

A MAN KEEPING A HERD OF 2,000 PIGS WAS WALKING A WAY OFF.



LOOK! IF YOU FORCE US OUT OF THESE MEN, LET US ENTER THAT HERD OF PIGS!

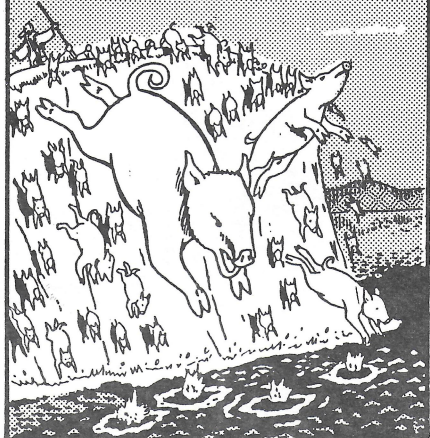


GO.

THE TWO MEN WERE IMMEDIATELY CURED OF THE DEMONS THAT CONTROLLED THEM...



BUT THE HERD OF PIGS SUDDENLY WENT BESERK AND RUSHED DOWN THE CLIFF INTO THE SEA!



YIIII! THE
DEMONS ENTERED
MY PIGS AND
DROWNED THEM!



THE MAN RAN INTO THE CITY
AND TOLD EVERYONE WHAT
HAD HAPPENED.

NOT LONG AFTER, THE PEOPLE
CAME OUT TO JESUS AND HIS
DISCIPLES.

THEY FOUND THE
TWO MEN CURED!



THE DANGEROUS MAN CALLED "LEGION"
WAS NOW SITTING, CLOTHED AND IN HIS
RIGHT MIND.

GASP... WHAT KIND OF
POWER DOES THAT
STRANGER HAVE THAT
REMOVED THE EVIL
SPIRITS FROM THESE
TWO MEN?

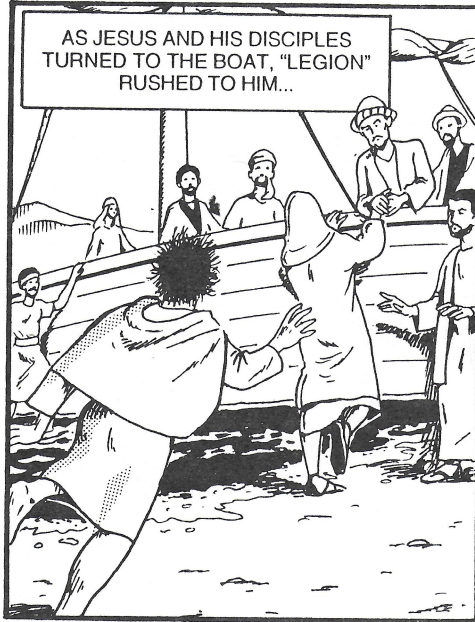
THE PEOPLE WERE VERY MUCH AFRAID.





LEAVE! LEAVE!
PLEASE **LEAVE!**

GO AWAY!

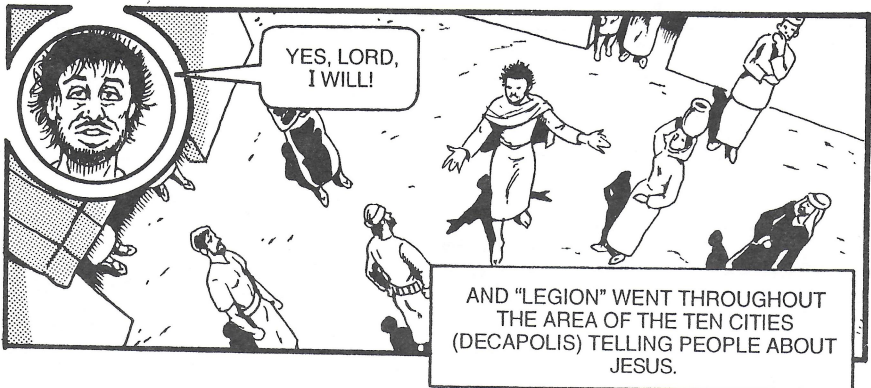


AS JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES
TURNED TO THE BOAT, "LEGION"
RUSHED TO HIM...



PLEASE LET ME
GO WITH YOU!

NO, BUT GO HOME TO
YOUR FRIENDS AND TELL
THEM THE WONDERFUL THINGS
THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU.
TELL THEM ABOUT THE LORD'S
LOVING MERCY FOR YOU.



YES, LORD,
I WILL!

AND "LEGION" WENT THROUGHOUT
THE AREA OF THE TEN CITIES
(DECAPOLIS) TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT
JESUS.

Jesus Has Power Over Evil Spirits!

We know you are impressed by the "Legion" story you have just read. It may surprise you that although the Bible tells many times about demons inside people, it does not give us much detail about these evil spirits. Here are a few passages that might start you on your study of evil spirits.

Jesus Has Power over the Demons

Jesus called His twelve apostles together. Jesus gave them power over evil spirits.

--Matthew 10:1

Jesus said to the men [*His followers*], "I saw Satan (the devil) falling like lightning from the sky. Listen! I gave you power to walk on snakes and scorpions. I gave you more power than the Enemy (the devil) has. Nothing will hurt you. Yes, the spirits obey you. And be happy. Why? Not because you have this power, but be happy because your names are written in heaven."

--Luke 10:18-20

God defeated the spiritual rulers and powers. With the cross God won the victory and defeated those rulers and powers. God showed the world that they were powerless.

Colossians 2:15

Our fight is not against people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places. That is why you need to get God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing. So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around

your waist. And on your chest wear the protection of right living. And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. And also use the shield of faith. With that you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One (the devil). Accept God's salvation to be your helmet. And take the sword of the Spirit-- that sword is the teaching of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times. Pray with all kinds of prayers, and ask for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready. Never give up. Always pray for all God's people.

--Ephesians 6:12-18

The People are Amazed at Jesus' Power over Demons

The people were amazed. They asked each other, "What is happening here? This man is teaching something new. And He teaches with authority (power)! He even gives commands to evil spirits, and the spirits obey Him."

--Mark 1:27

What Will Happen to the Demons?

[*Hellfire*] was prepared for the devil and his angels.

--Matthew 25:41

Do Demons Believe in God?

You believe there is one God. Good! But the demons believe, too! And they shake with fear.

--James 2:19

"I am the Good Shepherd"

by Mike Atteberry



When David the shepherd wrote the 23rd Psalm, he wrote this beautiful poem from a sheep's point of view. While David was out in the pasture shepherding his flock, he wrote this as if he were a sheep himself. It would be like the sheep proudly saying to his friends, "The Lord is my Shepherd!"

The sheep's well-being depends a great deal on what kind of man the shepherd is. Some shepherds are kind, gentle, intelligent, brave and willing to risk their lives for their sheep. The sheep under this man's care would flourish, be content and be at peace knowing that the master is watching and caring for him.

But there are others who are not as caring or kind to their sheep. The sheep would struggle, starve and suffer many hardships under this kind of shepherd. His flock are oftentimes thin, weak and sick with disease and parasites.

Sheep do not "just take care of themselves" like some would suppose. Sheep cannot survive alone without constant watch and care and cannot protect themselves from dangers of wild animals. Oftentimes these poor sheep would stand at a fence staring through a wire fence at the lush green pasture while the sheep on the other side enjoy eating their grass. You can almost hear them say, "*Oh, please set me free of my terrible master!*" These bad masters should never be allowed to take this

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"I am Free!"

by George R. Myers

Praise God! I am so happy! Why? As we read Romans 8:1-17, I find that Jesus makes me alive.

I am a sinner. I have broken God's law. That means I must die. But, praise God, Jesus came and paid the price for my sins. His Spirit makes me alive. I know that I will rise again from the dead. That's my blessed hope in Jesus. That's why I am so happy.

Romans 8:1-17 also tells us not to be ruled by our sinful selves. We must quit doing sinful things. We must quit thinking sinful things. If God's Spirit lives in us then we will want to do things to please God. We will want to think about good things. God's Spirit makes me free from sin.

I pray you will accept Jesus as your Savior. Then you can be happy with me. You will live because Jesus lives. You will be free from sin and death.

In John 8:32 Jesus said, "Then you will know the truth. And the truth will make you free."

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kind of work if they are not willing to lay down their life for their sheep. This example reminds me of the bad shepherd at the Waco compound ordeal in Texas. Before the terrible death of his people (sheep) in the fire that destroyed the compound, they put out a white flag as if they were pleading, *"Oh, please rescue us from this terrible shepherd!"*

Those of us who belong to the Good Shepherd are truly blessed. Would you proudly say **"The Lord is my Shepherd"** and be glad to be under His ownership? There are those of you who want to be away from your terrible owner which is the Devil! Why not come to the Good Shepherd and enjoy the rich benefits of being under His care?

“Just on the Other Side”

by Steve Richard



Kenneth Scott of Brentwood, Tennessee, wrote, “I once read of a girl whose home was near a cemetery and in order to get to the city, she had to follow a path that led through the graveyard. She walked that path many times without fear, when she had to return after dark. Someone asked her, ‘Aren’t you afraid to walk through that cemetery?’ ‘Oh no,’ she answered, ‘I’m not afraid because my home is just on the other side.’”

What great joy it is to be a Christian and to know that our home is just on the other side. Christians need not fear death or the cemetery because Jesus is risen! The apostle Paul wrote, ‘Death, where is your victory? Grave, where is your power to hurt? We thank God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Corinthians 15:55,57).

The resurrection of Christ gave meaning to human life and brought hope to a lost world. It was the climax of God’s plan of redemption which was prophesied in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New. The words “He is risen” are the three greatest words ever spoken. They prove that there is life after death and that our home is just on the other side.

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We love it because good for us deaf people. Thanks!

--M/M Ronald Lozicki, Georgia

Please remove our names from your mailing list. Thank you.

--T.L.H., Illinois

I received the latest edition of **Light for the Deaf** in today's mail, and I always enjoy reading it. You do a fine job!

--Shelby Mills,
secretary, Church of Christ,
Silver Springs, Maryland

*We are sorry this couple did not want to receive our publication any more, but as always we remove names from our list upon request. We know that not all enjoy **Light for the Deaf** nor are comfortable with it. But we are happy to report that for every person who leaves our mailing list, several more request to be added to it!*

Ms. Mills also sent us a list of Gallaudet students, deaf members and workers with the deaf to add to our mailing list. We also have learned José Abenchuchan, deaf minister, will begin working with the deaf at Silver Springs, MD, in the summer of 1995. We are very happy to hear this and pray for his success.

Reminder

Here we'd like to remind you that while **Light for the Deaf** is free to our subscribers, the printing and mailing it out are *not* free. East Frayser Church of Christ through the years has supported us and paid for the costs, but these days its budget has been strained. Many readers have shown their love and support by sending financial support for **Light for the Deaf** to continue. We are very grateful to these generous readers, but we do want to continue reminding you that we continue to need help to keep **Light for the Deaf** going. May we suggest one way to do this is to send us a donation on your birthday.

Another Reminder

We want to thank you, dear readers, for sending us your change of addresses. It is a pleasure for us to make the changes quickly on our computer. However there are several readers who have forgotten to do this, and we have had between 25 to 30 copies returned to us because the Post Office cannot forward Second Class mail without a special form signed by these readers. Each returned copy costs us 35 cents. With that many copies returned to us, it **does** add up! So we want to ask you a favor by remembering to send us your change of address when you move. Thank you very much!

Are
you
like
This?

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



We hope
not!
These
cartoons
were done
for the
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FRIDAY



SATURDAY

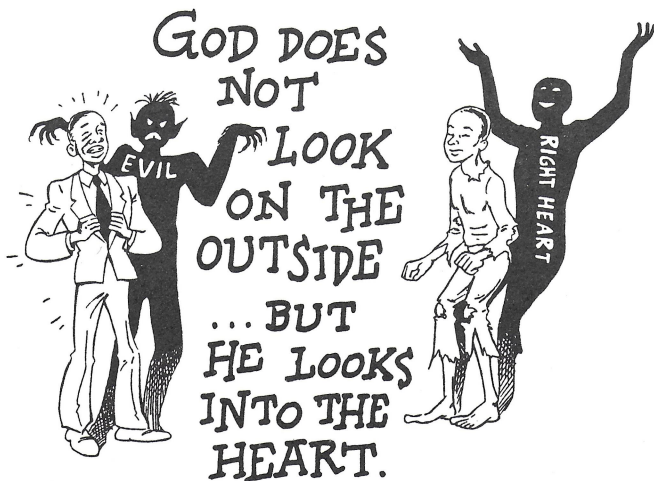


SUNDAY



TO
CHURCH

Bill Jones



"God does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart."

--1 Samuel 16:7, EVD

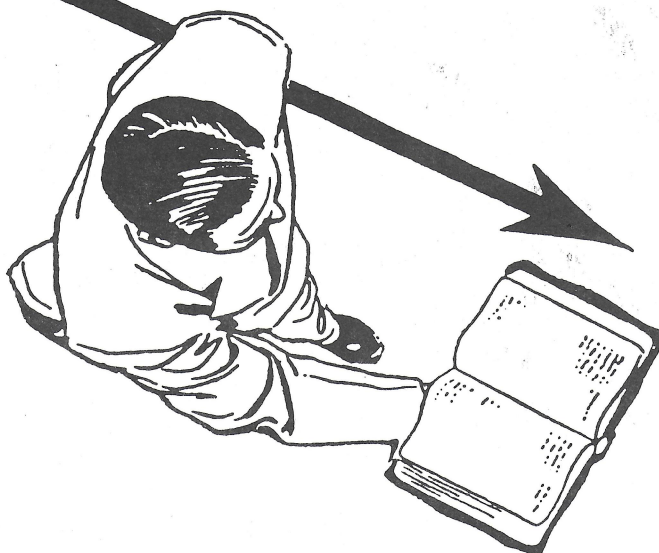
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The answers given to the questions below are the responsibility of the Editor. You may direct all queries to LIGHT FOR THE DEAF, 2285 Frayser Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38128.

Does a person see Christ immediately after he (the person) dies?

Really, the Bible isn't all that clear on this. We are assured that Jesus is coming again to save us (Hebrews 9:28) and that we will see Him then (Revelation 1:7). But whether Christians will see Him after they die (and before He comes again) isn't made clear in the Bible. We do have the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) in which the rich man looks up from the place of suffering and sees Abraham and Lazarus across the great gulf (separation) from him. And Paul did say that if he died, he would be with Christ (Philippians 1:23). Make your own decisions based on these Scriptures; your opinion is as good as mine. But we can definitely be sure we will all see Jesus when He returns on the last day!

BIBLE VERSE



The Lord says, "I will teach you and guide you on the way you should live. I will protect you and be your guide."

Psalm 32:8, EVD

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