EVANCELISTIC SKETCHBOARD SERMONS

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FOREWORD

Get started: evangelistic sketch-board sermons will do this for you. Training, methods and techniques are only useful when set to work and personally practised.

For more than 20 years, Gerald H. Bradley has communicated the Gospel in the great out-of-doors. He employs a variety of effective tools of trade in order to arrest the attention, retain the interest and communicate the message in clear and definite terms. Very generously he now shares a proven approach in evangelism upon which anyone can capitalize.

While these sermons appear in miniature form, he intends that men with an evangelistic pulse beat will take them and build them into powerful messages clothed with additional material. A borrowed axe whose head may fall off, as did the young man's implement in Elisha's day or the unproven armour like Saul's equipment on David, will be quite useless until the user makes it his own.

Gerald believes very strongly that sermonettes presented by preacherettes produce christianettes. Therefore he expects that the brief material on each page will be used only as a catalyst for a powerful penetrating presentation of the Truth.

On this mission the book is sent and commissioned in its task for the furtherance of the Gospel.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A

VISUAL PRESENTATION

Man has five senses with which he can understand the world around him. He has smell, taste, touch, hearing and sight. However, his degree of learning varies, depending upon which sense he uses. He learns 3% by smell, 3% by taste, 6% by touch, 13% by hearing, but 75% by SIGHT! Consequently, for effective communication, the 'EYEGATE' is the

widest highway to travel on.

There is a verse in Habakkuk 2:2 (A.O.T.) that contains a great deal of information about sketchboard and visual communication.

"And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may be able to read it (easily and quickly) as he hastens by."

(1) SOURCE OF VISUAL IDEAS. "And the LORD said unto me."
Let the Lord direct you to the best visual ideas. Prayerfully meditate on your message and portray it as clearly as you can. The prophets and preachers in the Bible constantly presented their message in an illustrated way. Allow the Lord to guide you in this strategic area of visual communication. (James 1:5; Psalm 32:8).

(2) RECORD THESE VISUAL IDEAS. "write the vision."
When you receive or locate a good visual, copy it down and record it in your message file. This gives you a permanent record for future usage. Purchase a scrap book and paste in all the good sketch ideas that you can find. This will then become a visual ideas resource book for you.

(3) IMPRESS DEEPLY THESE VISUAL IDEAS. "engrave it."

The dictionary defines 'engrave' as to "impress deeply upon the memory." You well know, how a picture can remain in your mind. The advertising agencies and salesmen use this principle very effectively to promote their message. As a Christian communicator it is your responsibility to impress as deeply as possible the truths of God upon your audience. Effective, God given visuals will assist you greatly to engrave your message into the hearts of your listeners.

(4) MAKE PLAIN THESE VISUAL IDEAS. "so plainly."
Simplicity is the key! Complicated sketches and drawings can confuse your audience. Many preachers and teachers fall into this trap. Keep your sketch plain and simple. The three B's to effective visuals are: (1) BIG (2) BOLD and (3) BRIGHT. See that your sketch is large enough for the size of your audience. Draw your pictures with a bold outline. This helps considerably in 'lifting out' your sketch. When you use bright colours you attract your audience to your visual message.

(5) USE GOOD EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR YOUR VISUAL IDEAS.

'upon tablets".

'Tablets' were the best recording material they could use in these early Biblical days, PAPER. Your sketch paper is very important. White newsprint paper is usually the best. It absorbs the poster paint quickly, is cheap and easy to handle. It can usually be obtained on a roll from a newspaper agency or office. The easiest and safest way to attach your paper is with a 'bulldog clip' in each corner.

PAINTS. Paints, chalks, flo-master spirit or water base pens or crayons can be used. I would recommend water or poster paints obtainable from most stationers. Place your 5 main colours (black, blue, red, green and yellow) in small jars with screw lids. It is advisable to have either a metal tool box or a wooden box to place your paints safely in. Additionally, you need a 6th jar for clear water to thin your paints, an area to pack your brushes and a small rag.

BRUSHES. Expensive brushes are not essential. Obtain a standard ½" brush for each of your main colours, plus 1 or 2 1" brushes for larger surface area painting.

(6) EVERYONE SHOULD SEE YOUR VISUAL. "... that everyone."

The position of your sketchboard is very important. It needs to be raised up on a good easel at ground level or on a raised platform, stage or open air unit. You could lose some of your audience if everybody is not able to see your board. You want to reach your total audience visually and verbally.

SKETCHBOARD & EASEL. A 3/8" (1 cm.) piece of plywood or hardboard 4' x 3' (122 cm. x 91 cm.) is most suitable, and obtainable from most timber yards or hardware shops. Sketchboards can be hinged, folded or made larger if desirable. Easels can be made of wood, aluminium or metal. Church or educational suppliers usually have easels that can be purchased. However, they are easy to make. Collapsible and portable boards and easels can also be made if required.

(7) YOUR VISUAL MUST GRIP, DRAW & ATTRACT YOUR AUDIENCE.

"... who passes, may be able to read."
It is essential that you gain the attention and grip of your audience. If you don't you could lose your audience, particularly if it is an open air one. By using well prepared sketchboard visuals, you have four advantages with your audience that a non-visual communicator does not have. The visual illustration — (1) Attracts Attention; (2) Holds Attention; (3) Increases Retention; and (4) Creates Anticipation.

(8) YOUR VISUAL MUST BE UNDERSTOOD EASILY & QUICKLY.

"read (easily and quickly) as he hastens by."
Your message must clarify not mystify, therefore, your sketchboard communication
must be easily understood, even by individuals who might be passing by. By
observing your sketchboard visual, a casual passer by should be able to gain some
spiritual truth. May the characteristics found in Nehemiah 8:8 (A.O.T.) be also
found in your communication of the Word of God.

"So they read from the Book of the Law of God distinctly, faithfully amplifying and giving the sense, so that the people understood the reading."

SKETCHBOARD POINTERS

If you have a real desire to share the gospel, you can, with the right equipment, some simple 'know-how', and a little practice, become a good sketchboard communicator.

Anybody can pick up these simple pointers and become a confident and proficient sketcher.

(A) PREPARATION. (1) Become familiar with your materials so that you can handle them easily. (2) Spend adequate time on preparing your sketchboard message. (3) Pencil in lightly, that part of your sketch which will be completed in front of your audience. (4) When you need to draw people, use the simple 'jet figures'. (5) Place a border round your sketch and if necessary, frames around specific sections. (6) Be fully conversant with your message. I would suggest that you add your own illustrations to each of the sermon points given in these sketchboard messages: (7) This sketchboard style and presentation can also be used on an Overhead Projector, using both permanent and non-permanent O.P. pens on plastic transparencies.

LADDER LETTERING

ABGDEFGHIJKLANOPOR STUVWXYZ ABGDEFGH

- (1) Prepare your ladder squares to the right shape and size.
- (2) Use the minimum number of strokes when filling in.
- (3) Practice your lettering. Time yourself in alphabet (A-Z) speed tests.
- (4) Make sure your ladder frame is wide enough (minimum width ½"). Remember, your exterior reveals your interior.



PARTIAL LETTERING. This is lettering that is partially filled in on your sketchboard and completed when you are giving your message.

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS

(B) PRESENTATION. (1) Stand to the side of your board as you paint, so your audience can view your sketch. (2) Speak confidently and clearly, even as you sketch. (3) You can share a message by having one do the sketching and one give the message. (4) Aim to sketch and speak by yourself. (5) Pray for a clear presentation of the gospel and a harvest of souls won to Christ!

May God abundantly bless you as you share the glorious gospel message through these sketchboard presentations.

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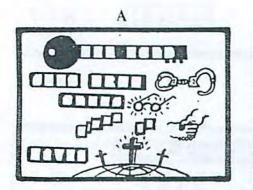
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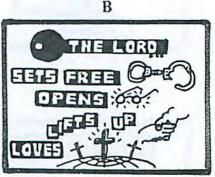
HOW TO USE THESE SKETCHBOARD MESSAGES

Your audience should see only the prepared sketch (as in A.), without the filled in details. This embryo form creates curiosity and helps you retain the element of surprise.

A complete sketch can be prepared in front of an audience, either, when musicians or other team members are presenting their part of the programme, or when one is operating solo in the open air and wanting to build a crowd through a prolonged period of curiosity.

It is over to each individual to decide how much of the sketch preparation he wants completed, before presenting his message. You will develop your own style and method of presentation. When all the sketch is prepared beforehand, except for the filling in of the ladder lettering, you will have the minimum amount of sketch work during your message.





(The message for this sketch is on P.30.)

You proceed through your sketchboard message (A) until you have completed it as in (B).

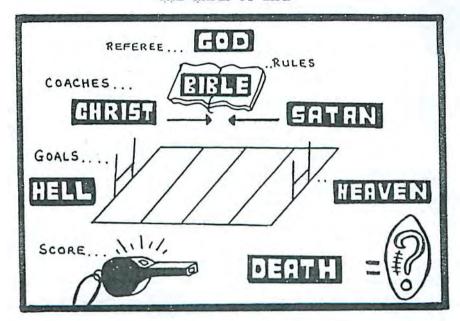
The notes accompanying each sketch provide a basis, from which the user can add and expand to suit his own style and requirements.

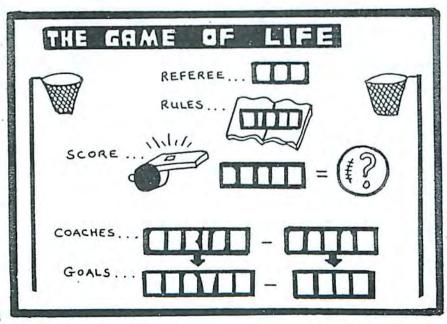






THE GAME OF LIFE





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When the All Blacks and Springboks play rugby football only 30 players can participate, but in the 'game of life', every person is engaged and must play. You can't watch and be a spectator in this game. (Rom. 14:12).

THE REFEREE. He knows all the rules of the game. He must exercise his authority and correct the wrong, when the rule is broken. GOD is the Great Referee, and He will judge all people. (Ps. 9:8; 96:13; Rom. 2:11).

THE RULES. To play football (or basketball, etc.) efficiently, certain rules must be enforced and abided by. These specific rules have been set up, so that the game can be played effectively, otherwise the game would end in chaos and confusion. The Official Rulebook is the final word in governing all decisions. God's Word, the BIBLE is the only rule book for life, and its ways and laws are always. final. (Joshua 1:8; Ps. 119:105, Rev. 20:12).

COACHES. All teams must have a Coach. The Head Coach is the Master mind, directing the affairs of his team. He designs the moves and the best strategies to play. His name is always associated with the team. Christ and Satan are the two coaches in life.

SATAN. His aim and design is to take his team in the only direction he knows—to Holl! His tactics are always destructive and destroying. (1 Pet. 5:8; Prov. 14:12; John 8:44).

CHRIST. The Master Himself, came down to earths uncontrolled 'game of life', and commenced to show men and women how to win the victory over sin and 30rrow. He said, "Follow Me." (Matt. 4:19), for "I am the way" (John 14:6), and "I will give you abundant life", (John 10:10). He desires to become your Master Coach, directing your strategy and play in the game of life. He has already defeated the other coach (Satan) and his plan and strategy. (I John 3:8). But you must choose! Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters" (i.e. two coaches), therefore, choose today whose side you will play on! (Joshua 14:15a; John 1:12).

GOALS. The chief aim in this game is to reach your goal and score points. In life, there are two goals in direct opposition to each other — Heaven and Hell!

HELL. Satan, and all his followers who have not received Christ are heading directly to Hell. Josus said, "He that is not with Mo is against Mo." (Matt. 12:30; 25:41).

HEAVEN. Heaven is the rightful goal and privilege of every person who has, by deliberate choice, received and taken Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Coach. He has propared a place in Heaven for every one of His team members. (John 14:2-3).

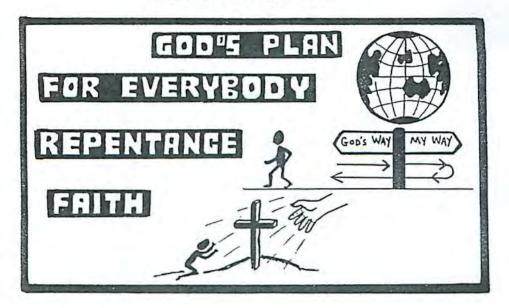
SCORE. For the winning team the final whistle is a great sound, but for the losers it is a sad occasion. However, friend, when the whistle for your 'game of life' is blown, which will be at DEATH, then the score will have been settled and it will be too late to change sides!

The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12, 15).

Which side will YOU be on when the final whistle is blown?

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GOD'S WORLD WIDE PLAN



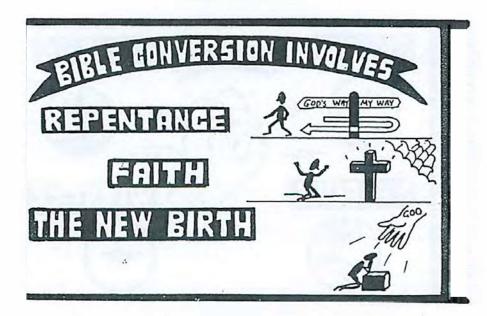
Key Text: "Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, REPENT-ANCE toward God, and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21).

WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN

- (1) IT IS FOR EVERYBODY. ". . to the Jews and to the Greeks . ." The gospel is available to 'whosoever will, may come'. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16). Regardless of your colour, race, religion or creed, God's salvation plan is for you!
- (2) IT IS BY REPENTANCE. ". repentance toward God." Man has deliberately and wilfully turned away from God and we have all gone astray. (Isa. 53:6). Therefore, God requires us to repent and turn back to Him. Repentance is emphasised over 60 times in the Scriptures and is absolutely essential for salvation (Mark 1:15).
- (3) IT IS BY PAITH. ". And faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Bible faith is not something eerie fairey. It is very definite! Faith must have an object. For the Christian it is in God (the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit) and His Word. What a tremendous privilege to 'have faith in God', (Mark 11:22) through His Son, Jesus Christ. (2 Tim. 3:15).

Have you found God's plan?

BIBLE CONVERSION



Intro.: A young man wearing a badge with the letters B.A.I.K. written on it. A friend asked what the letters meant and he replied, 'Boy, am I confused.' But you don't spell 'confused' with a 'K'. Man, you don't know just how confused I am!'

To many people Bible conversion is a confusing matter.

Key Text: "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

Three Steps: Bible conversion involves 3 steps. Two of them active (which we must do), and one passive (which God brings about). In active conversion, repentance and faith are the 2 steps involved, while the 3rd step which God brings about, is the New Birth or regeneration.

- 1. REPENTANCE. Repentance is conversion viewed from its starting point. This condition, which is enforced over 60 times in the Bible, is the key to the first stage of conversion.
- The Bible says, "Repent and be converted." Acts 3:19. "Except you repent you shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.
- 2. FAITH. "Faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ." Faith indicates the objective part of conversion the turning to God. True conversion involves the total intellect, emotions and will. (e.g. marriage). Bible faith means a belief in God's Word, and a personal trust in His Son, Jesus Christ. John 1:12; Rom. 10:9.
- 3. THE NEW BIRTH. The 3rd step, which is passive, God brings about. This is called the New Birth. Jesus said, "You must be born again." John 3:3. This is God's work . . . "For it is God which worketh in you." Phil. 2:13. "Wherein you are also risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God." Col. 2:12.

Have you experienced Bible Conversion?

DETERMINED LIVING



The "I WILL" (fill in) in this sketch represents real determination! The definition of the word 'determination', in regard to a person, is one who is 'determined in purpose and conduct.' In other words, one who has made up his mind and puts his thoughts into action. To become a Christian is going to take every ounce of your determination as you place your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now what determined steps must you take to become a real Christian?

"I WILL.

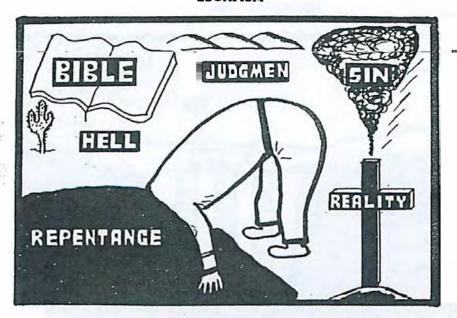
- 1. REPENT. The Bible declared, "Except you repent you shall perish." (Luke 13:3). Repentance is that determined attitude to turn away from self-centred sinful living and turn back to God. It is a right about turn. (Acts 20:21).
- 2. BELIEVE. The word 'believe' in the original Greek language has a far stronger meaning than our English equivalent. The word 'believe' actually means "to adhere to, cleave to; to trust, to have faith in and to rely on."

 Therefore, when the Bible states, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." (Acts 16:31), it means a very determined course of action.
- 3. RECEIVE. It is not enough to just intellectually believe, for real belief is always followed by action, and that action is to 'receive' Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour. "But to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.." John 1:12.

Right now, take these 3 determined steps and make your peace with God!

4. WITNESS. When you have taken these 3 steps it is important that you publicly witness to this fact. Jesus said, "Who so acknowledges Me publicly before men, him will I publicly acknowledge before My Father, who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me publicly before men, him will I deny publicly before My Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 10:32). As you honour the Master, your Christian life will then become a daily, determined witness for Him.

ESCAPISM



Intro.: A new word has come into common usage in the last few years. This word is 'escapism' and the dictionary defines it as "a retreat from reality, into an imaginary world."

The BIBLE (fill in) says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2:3.

Many individuals are caught in the clutches of some escapism. Instead of facing up to the realities of sin and defeat in their own life, they try to hide in an illusive, imaginary world. The Bible explicitly states that there is no way of escape, if we neglect or reject God. Sooner or later, man must leave his dream world and face up to the fact of God, sin and judgment. As Albert Schweitzer (scientist) said, "We must muster the insight and courage to leave folly and face reality."

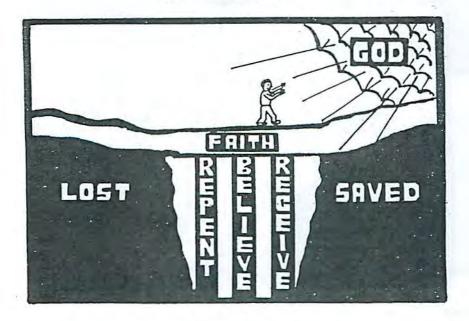
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR AREAS THAT INDIVIDUALS TRY TO ESCAPE FROM?

- (1) SIN. "I'm really not such a bad person." The Bible declares all under sin and explains the disastrous results of living in sin. Rom. 3:10; 3:23; 6:23.
- (2) REPENTANCE. "Can't I just turn ovor a new leaf?" Definitely not! The Bible says, "Except you repent you shall perich." Luke 13:3; Acts 20:21.
- (3) HELL. "Surely a God of Love would not send anybody to hell?" God never designed Hell for humans but for the devil and his angels. He sent Jesus Christ to redeem man from his sin and open heaven to any individual who receives Christ. If we neglect, reject or forget Christ we can only blame ourselves for ending up in Hell. Matt. 23:33; 25:41; Rev. 20:14-15.
- (4) JUDGMENT. "My good deeds will outweigh my bad deeds on Judgment Day." The Bible says, "all our righteousnesses (good deeds and works) are as filthy rags" in God's sight. (Isa. 64:6). You see, "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27; John 16:8; 9:39; Rom. 14:12.

CROSS. Complete the Cross and fill in the word 'reality'. Friend, don't retreat from reality, face it! Repent and receive Christ before it is too latel

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THE GREAT GULF



Between God and man there is a "great-gulf' (Lk. 16:26) and no mere man can bridge that gap.

Because of a man's sin and rebellion he is lost (fill in) and separated from God. (Luke 19:10; Isa. 59:2).

God 'desires every person to be saved (fill in) and the Bible tells us the only way this is possible.

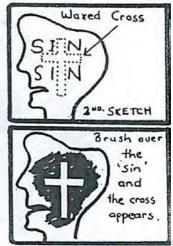
- (1) FAITH. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." (Heb. 11:6). Faith is our response to God's promises and provisions. Our faith and our trust must be placed in Jesus Christ, God's Son. ". faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:21). There is only One mediator between God and man, and that is the man Christ Jesus. (1 Tim. 2:5).
- (2) REPENT. We must turn from our sin and self-centred living. (Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15).
- (3) BELIEVE. Our faith is placed in a specific person God and His Son, Jesus Christ, You must, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 16:31.
- (4) RECEIVE. The application of our faith takes place when we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. "But to as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God." John 1:12.

'When these steps are taken a man is saved and has the glorious privilege of walking in fellowship with God.

Have you crossed the Great Guli?

SINS DISASTROUS AFFECT





Intro.: In Brazil there is a plant that entwines itself around a tree and all the time it is spreading its vine it is poisoning that troe. It finally kills that tree. This plant is known as THE MURDERER. This is exactly what SIN does in human life! It

entwines, penetrates, poisons and destroys.

The Bible teaches that SIN AFFECTS - (fill in).

- THE MIND. A man can be brilliant in the realm of the intellect but grossly confused, and indeed totally blind in regard to spiritual realities. "The god of this world (satan) has blinded the minds of them that do not believe . " (2 Cor. 4:4). Man's mind is in opposition to God and this results in spiritual death. (Rom. 8:6-7). The Bible teaches that man has a veil over his mind, and before a person can be converted to Christ, this veil must be lifted.
- (2) THE CONSCIENCE. Your conscience is a neutral faculty, operated on, and controlled by one of two powers — God or Satan. Sin can "sear your conscience like a hot iron". (1 Tim. 4:2). Sinful living pollutes and defiles the conscience. (Titus 1:15).
- (3) THE WILL. The will is the control tower of your life. Jesus said, "Whosoever commits sin and practices sin is the slave of sin." (John 8:34). Paul expresses this fact in Romans 7:17 "The sin principle which is at home in me, has possession of me." (A.N.T.)

Truly, sin affects!

2nd Sketch: What is the answer? Paul asked, "Who on earth can set me free from the clutches of my own sinful hature?" (Rom. 7:24 ANT.) (Paint in the word 'sin' on your 2nd sketch).

Paul then gives us the answer. (Use a wide brush to paint out the 'sin' area, and reveal the waxed in Cross). "I thank God, it is through the LORD JESUS CHRIST!" (v.25). Repent and commit your mind, conscience and will to the Lord lesus Christ.

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THE GREAT PEACE TREATY



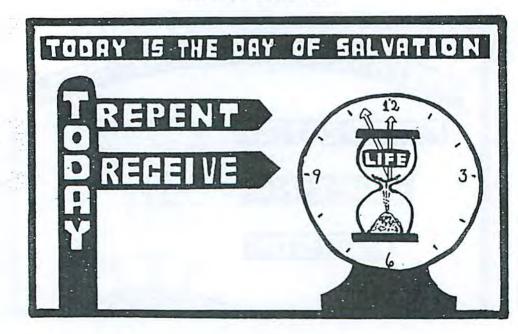
Intro.: History tells us that since the Great Flood, men have waged nearly 15,000 major and minor wars. They have signed something like 8,000 different peace treaties and have enjoyed only a few score years of genuine peace. And most of these years were during the early Roman Empire when the Christian gospel was first preached. The late President Johnstone (U.S.A.) stated in the 1960's that already "One hundred million persons have perished in the wars and political persecutions in this 20th Century alone!"

Key Text: "Jesus said, 'My Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27).

- (1) TRUE PEACE COMES FROM JESUS CHRIST. "My peace I give unto you . ." Isaiah 9:6 reveals Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace. When we are personally "reconciled to Him, we have peace with God." (Rom. 5:1). It was by His death on the Cross for our sins, that we are able to obtain true peace. (Eph. 2:13-15).
- (2) FALSE PEACE COMES FROM THE WORLD. "not as the world giveth ..." The world does give a peace but it is a false and temporary peace. (Jer. 6:14; Isa. 48:22; 59:8).
- (3) TRUE PEACE IS A GIFT. "My peace I GIVE unto you." This gift comes through the 'gift of God's salvation'. (Eph. 2:8). A gift to be valid must be received. (John 1:12).
- (4) TO GAIN TRUE PEACE INVOLVES A HEART BATTLE. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." If you don't have the peace of God, you will be afraid. Jesus said, "In Me you will have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

This is true peace in the midst of a troubled world!

THE URGENCY OF TIME



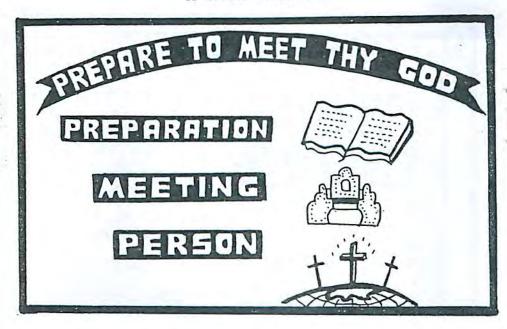
Time is a gift from God. If I waste time I am wasting LIFE (fill in). Life is so very brief. In the Bible, Moses compares the brevity of life to a sleep. David speaks of it as a shadow. Job likens it to a weavers shuttle. James thinks of it as a vapour and Peter sees it like the grass that withers.

Key Text: "TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION." (fill in), 2 Cor. 6:2.

- (1) TODAY REALISE that this "is the day of salvation." God is offering to you, right now, His salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the only salvation that is available. (Acts 4:12). God's salvation is complete, but this offer has a time limit on it and will not always be available.
- (2) TODAY REPENT. "repent or perish." (Luke 13:3). It is an urgent cry and an urgent need! It is a matter of life and death! Don't delay from turning from your selfish, hellbound way. Repent of your sins. (Mark 1:15).
- (3) TODAY RECEIVE. "But to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." (John 1:12). Your definite response to repent and receive Christ today will provide you with God's wonderful gift of salvation.

Remember, it is dangerous to say tomorrow, when God says TODAY!

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Intro.: Explain the importance and the danger of ignoring an O.H.M.S. letter (an official Government letter).

Key Text: PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD." (fill in). (Amos 4:12).

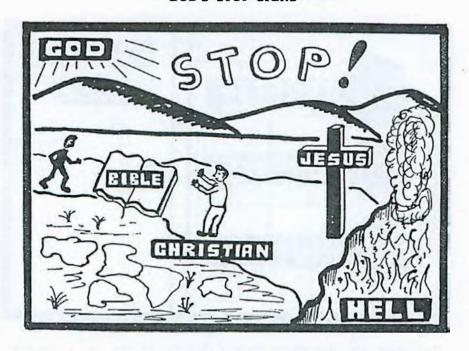
What do we see in this divine warning?

- (1) THE PREPARATION. ". . prepare . ." Why do we need to be prepared?
 - a. Because we are unprepared. (Ps. 51:5; 58:3; Isa. 55:8-9; 59:2; Rom. 3:23).
 - b. Because there are definite conditions required. (Isa. 55:7; Acts 20:21; John 1:12).
 - c. Because Christ is coming again. (James 5:8; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16).
- (2) THE MEETING. ". . to meet . ." This meeting is
 - a. Inevitable. (Heb. 9:27).
 - b. Personal. (Rom. 14:12).
- (3) THE PERSON. ".. thy God .." Who is this person, and what is His character? He is
 - a. A Holy God. (Lev. 19:2).
 - b. A Just God. (1 Peter 3:18).
 - c. A Personal God. (Amos 4:12).

Are you prepared?

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GOD'S STOP SIGNS



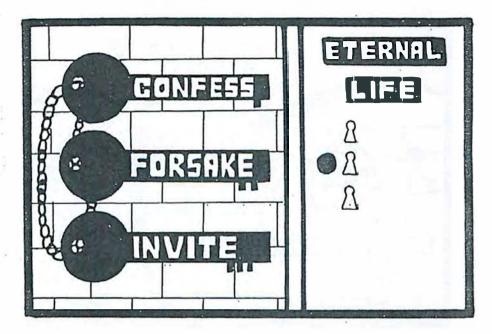
Intro.: Explain the importance and reason for 'CAUTION' and 'WARNING' road signs. ("Danger Ahead", "Proceed at your own Peril!")
God places road signs on the road to holl to warn you of the disastrous route you are taking. Here are some of these signs.

- (1) THE BIBLE. "Moreover, by them (the Scriptures) is thy servant warned.." (Ps. 19:1). God's Word the Bible echoes and re-echoes the warning to stop, halt and turn. These 3 conditions are summed up in the Bible term 'repent'. You cannot avoid the Bible's warnings through Churches, Bible Class, Sunday School, street texts, notice boards, open air meetings, radio, T.V., etc. The Bible was written to stop man from going to hell. (2 Tim. 3:15-16).
- (2) CHRISTIAN WITNESS. ". . we preach, warning every man . " (Col. 1:28). The voice of warning is proclaimed throughout this land by faithful Christians. They who were once blind to an eternal hell, but who have had their eyes opened, so that they can now see the horror of a life without Christ. (Acts 26:18; Luke 16:29).
- (3) IESUS CHRIST. "I have come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10). The devil wants to take you to hell and wreck your life, but Jesus Christ came to destroy the work of the devil. (1 John 3:8). God places signposts across each human path, warning of the consequences of sin which lie ahead. To those who heed the signs and take the right way, there is salvation and security.

HEED THE WARNING SIGNS!

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THE THREE KEYS TO ETERNAL LIFE



Key Text: "He that covers his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

ETERNAL LIFE (fill in). To know that you have eternal life as a definite certainty is indeed a priceless treasure. The Bible declares that you can definitely know that you have eternal life if you meet the required conditions. (John 5:24 1 John 5:13).

WHAT THEN ARE THE 3 KEYS TO ETERNAL LIFE

- (1) CONFESS. "Who so confesses .." Our choice is between covering our sins or confessing our sins. Confession is not only good for the soul, it is essential for salvation and living the Christian life. Will you take this first key and use it right now.
- (2) FORSAKE, ", and forsakes them ...' To forsake, means to quit, to let go completely, to leave everything behind. Your past sinful, selfish life must be completely forsaken. Will you take this 2nd key and determine to use it right now.
- (3) INVITE. "if any man opens the door .." Rev. (3:20). The greatest invitation extended to man, is given by God, through His Son, Jesus Christ. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock .." Christ is inviting you to confess and forsake your sin and by faith, invite Him into your life as your personal Lord and Saviour!

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GOD'S THREE GROUPINGS OF MANKIND



One of the most remarkable episodes in the Bible is the story of how God brought His people out of Egypt, through the wilderness and into the land of Canaan.

Each of these places reveal clearly the 3 groups that all mankind are divided into.

(1) EGYPT. For over 400 years the children of Israel had been enslaved and in bondage to the Egyptians. (Exo. 1:14). They were in a hopeless situation having rebelled against God and His love towards them. This gives us a vivid picture of the unforgiven sinner and the result of such living — BONDAGE (fill in). Heb. 2:15. When a man leaves God out of his life he is empty and spiritually bankrupt. "The wages of sin is death (spiritual separation from God)." Rom. 6:23.

Friend, Egypt represents those under slavery to sin. (Rom. 3:23). Are you

in this category today?

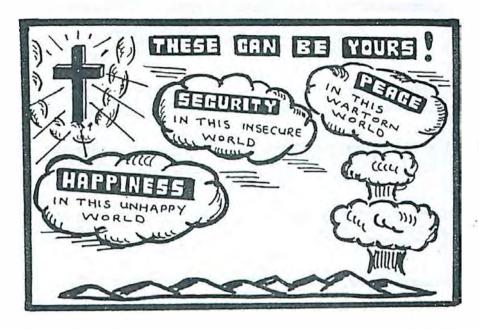
(2) WILDERNESS. This is the tragedy of the Christian world today, just as it was the tragedy of God's people, Israel, who spent 40 years in the wilderness. (Deut. 8:2; 1:19). A people who lived in self-imposed poverty. Every day they spent in the desert was a day they could have spent in Canaan — for God had actually given them the land! They, wandered (Ps. 107:4) for 40 years when it could have taken them only 11 days to reach and enter Canaan! The wilderness represents the Carnal Christian. (1 Cor. 3:1). This person's life is full of FRUSTRATION (fill in).

Are you in the wilderness in your Christian Life?

(3) CANAAN. Canaan in the Eible is not heaven: It is not "pie in the sky when you die, but steak on your plate while you wait." It is Christ Himself, right now, living His victorious life through you. The Christian life is an exchanged life. (Gal. 2:20). Canaan represents the Spirit controlled life that brings FREEDOM (fill in). "If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

SURRENDER TO CHRIST'S FULLNESS & FREEDOM TODAY!

CERTAINTIES IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD



Intro.: We are living in an uncertain world. List a number of news items from your daily newspaper to illustrate this fact.

In the middle of this uncertain world (fill in) THESE CAN BE YOURS.

- (1) PEACE . . . in this war torn world. Throughout recorded history there have been only 269 years of international peace on this planet. The Eible states that, "there is no peace for the wicked (the unconverted)" (Isa. 48:22). Jesus Christ, who is the 'Prince of Peace' (Isa. 9:6), became 'our peace' (Eph. 2:14), as a result of His sacrifice on the Cross. The 'peace that passes all understanding' (Phil. 4:7), can only come to you when you receive Jesus Christ, who said, 'My peace I give unto you.' (John 14:27).
- (2) HAPPINESS... in this unhappy world.

 True happiness is very hard to find in today's troubled world. True happiness can only come from God. Pascal the famous Physicist, stated that, 'within the heart of every man is a God-shaped vacuum, that only God's Son, Jesus Christ can fill.' Prov. 16:20 declares, 'whoso trusts in the Lord, happy is he.' You see, 'happy is the people, whose God is the Lord.' (Ps. 144:15).

When one receives Christ the "joy of the Lord becomes your strength." Neb. 8:10.

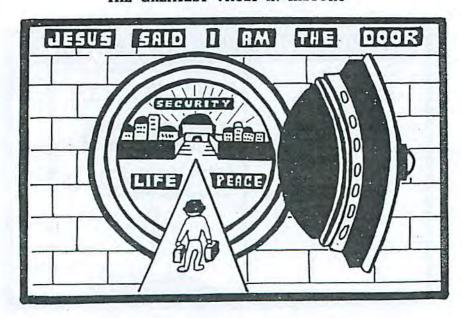
(3) SECURITY . . . in this insecure world.

To know your hand is in the hand of the One who holds the future is indeed a great privilege and blessing. Jesus said, "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my Father's hand."

John 10:28. What security!

If you are in Christ, these certainties can be yours in this uncertain world!

THE GREATEST VAULT IN HISTORY



Intro.: A vault (or safe) is designed to safeguard precious possessions of the owner and to exclude those who do not rightfully belong to the protected wealth.

God has wonderfully precious possessions for each person who becomes a member of His family.

A. HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF GOD'S FAMILY.

Jesus said, "I am the door, by Me, if any man enter in he shall be saved." John 10:9. Jesus is (1) The Door. The only way to find God's salvation is by a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:12; 14:6. (2) The Way of Entrance. "If any man enter in." (John 10:9). A person must action this heart desire by taking the steps of 'entering in' (i.e. Repentance, Believe, Faith).

B. WHAT POSSESSIONS BECOME MINE AS A CHILD OF GOD.

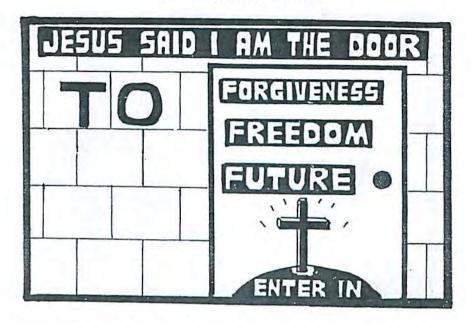
The moment you are converted 34 things take place. The born again believer actually possesses over 7,000 promises from the Word of God.

Three of these wonderful provisions obtainable from God's vault are -

- (1) PEACE The world strives for peace. The League of Nations, the United Nations, along with world leaders, have all striven for peace. True peace, however, can only come from the One, who said, "My peace I give unto you." (John 14:27, Phil. 4:7).
- (2) SECURITY Insurance Companies, Armoured Car Corporations, Alarm Systems, Body Guards, are only a few of the areas where security is their business. We live in a security conscious world. Who can receive greater security, for time and eternity, than the Christian, who has Christ's own assurance, that, "no man can pluck them out of My Father's hand". (John 10:28; 1 John 5:11-12).
- (3) LIFE The life that Jesus Christ provides is packed with the fullest potential possible. Not only de we receive abundant life, here and now, but eternal life as well. (John 10:10, 5:24).

HAVE YOU ENTERED INTO THIS INNER SECURITY?

THE GREAT OPEN DOOR



Intro.: The common door is one of the most taken for granted objects of our daily living. Yet, it is one of the most necessary and essential parts in our daily movement.

A door is a way of entrance, it opens, it shuts, it allows a person to enter, or it excludes a person from going in.

Listen to these astounding words of Jesus. "I am the door, be Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9.

TO WHAT IS JESUS THE DOOR?

- (1) FORGIVENESS. Without forgiveness of sins no man can know God or enter into a right relationship with Him. It is only through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross that forgiveness is possible and obtainable. (Eph. 1:7; Acts 13:38; 26:18).
- (2) FREEDOM. Jesus is the Great Liberator. True freedom can only come when one 'enters into' the Christ life . . Jesus promises, "If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed . ." John 8:32, 36.
- (3) FUTURE. We all want to know and be sure of the future. The resurgence of the occult has a great deal to do with people wanting to know about the future. However, all other areas, other than what Christ reveals, are danger areas! Jesus is the Door to all future security. John 14:2-3; 1 Pet. 1:3-4.

HAVE YOU BEEN THROUGH THIS DOOR?

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JESUS CHRIST: THE DIVIDER OF MEN



Intro.: Because Jesus Christ is the Son of God, He automatically divides men and women. His claims of being the Saviour of the world leave no alternative, but to accept or reject!

Christ's conditions are clearly defined and therefore ones choice of division is not decided on by Christ, but by an individual's personal decision.

JESUS DIVIDED MEN -

- l. AT HIS BIRTH. Jesus birth caused a great reaction in many circles and as a result people had to take sides, for or against. "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." Matt. 2:3.
- 2. IN HIS MINISTRY. As Jesus ministered or put words into action he always caused people to make a choice, one way or the other. His cleansing of the temple quickly caused a division amongst the people. (John 2:13-16; Acts 23:7).
- 3. AT CALVARY. As we view the crucifixion and the two thieves either side of Jesus we see once again how He divided men in their allegiance to Him. (Luke 23:39-46). The reaction of these two thieves, one of rejection and one of repentance, typifies the different directions an individual can take, when he faces the Cross of Jesus Christ.
- 4. WHEN HE RETURNS. The greatest division of all is going to take place when Jesus Christ returns. There are 1,845 references in the Bible to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. All those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, will be taken up immediately to be with Him, and all the rest will be left behind. (Luke 17:34-36; 1 Thoss. 4:16-17; Ps. 96:13).

WHOSE SIDE WILL YOU BE ON?

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GLORIOUS DELIVERANCE



Key Text: "The Lord sets free the prisoners; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous." Ps. 146:7c-8.

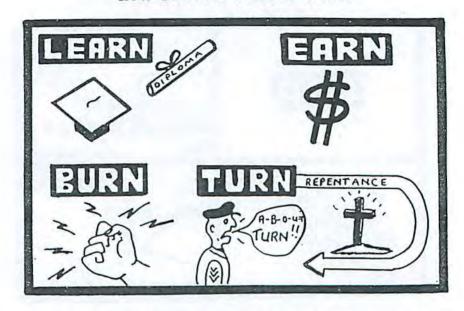
THE LORD. The great Deliverer in this prison of life is none other than the triumphant Lord Jesus Christ. The One who broke the power of the devil, sin and the grave.

WHAT DOES THE LORD DO?

- SETS FREE. "sets free the prisoner."
 This is the heart of the gospel message. To be set free from sin, self and Satan. "If the Son shall set you free you shall be free indeed." John 8:32, 36.
- 2. OPENS. "opens the eyes of the blind."
 Every human being is blinded by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), and it is only the Lord Jesus Christ that can open your eyes to the fact of the glorious gospel message. "Once I was blind, but now I can see." (John 9:25).
- 3. LIFTS UP. "lifts up those that are bowed down.."
 In lifting up those that are bowed down we see God's requirement for fallen man.
 He must be prepared to not only confess his sin, but also to forsake it. (Prov. 28:13).
 (1 John 1:9; Luke 19:10).
- 4. LOVES. ". . loves the righteous." The Lord specially blesses those who come into a right relationship with Him, through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. God loves to give the gift of Salvation. Eph. 2:8-9.

Let the Lord perform this programme in your life!

HOW TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD



Intro.: If you were interviewed by a T.V. reporter and asked, "How would you build a better world?" What would your answer be?

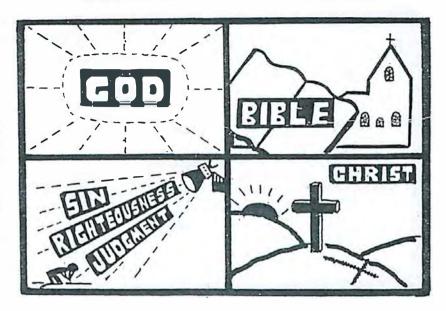
Let us look at some of the ways put forward by prominent individuals.

- 1. LEARN. Many people say, "Education is the answer!" Today we worship at the altar of education. But does feeding a man's head with facts change his selfish heart? The Bible says, "Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Tim. 3:7. You can have a B.A., a Ph.D. or a D.D.T. behind your name and still miss out on the best in life. Education is important, but it is not the answer to mans spiritual emptiness.
- 2. EARN. These advocates declare that, "If everybody had enough money, society's ills would be solved!" "Materialism is the answer!" Now money is important, but not at the top of the pole. If money becomes your No. 1 goal you are in for real trouble, for "the love of money is the root of all evil". (1 Tim. 6:10). You see "a man's life doesn't consist in the abundance of things which he possesses." (Luke 12:15). The story of the rich, materialistic fool in Luke 12:16-21 illustrates this most graphically.
- 3. BURN. The revolutionary exclaims, that "Society is so corrupt it has to be destroyed!" His theme song is often, "Burn, baby burn!" How easy it is to break down and destroy. Is this rebel philosophy the way to better living? The Bible says, "They that live by the sword shall perish with the sword." (Matt. 26:52b). "What you sow, you shall reap." (Gal. 6:7). "There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12). History clearly shows us that this is not the way to build a better society.
- 4. TURN. The Bible gives us the only true answer. We are told to turn (repent) from our selfish, sinful living and turn to Jesus Christ for forgiveness and new life. Illustration: Repentance explained. A soldier informs his friend what 'repentance' means in army language. "Halt! Attention! About Turn! Quick March!" Acts 20:21 tells us how to build a better world by, "repentance (turning) toward God and faith toward our LORD JESUS CHRIST."

Jesus said, Turn from selfishness, turn from going your own way and go His way. In the world it is everyone for himself, in Christ, it is everyone for each other.

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GOD'S BLOCKADES ON THE ROAD TO HELL



Warning! stated the road sign ahead, ADVANCE NO FURTHER! PERSONS DOING SO CROSS AT THEIR OWN PERIL!

This is virtually what the Bible states on the roadway to hell. The Bible has a great deal to say about this subject of hell. In the A.V. it is mentioned at least 53 times, and Jesus Christ, Himself, spoke more about hell than heaven, so concerned was He about this place.

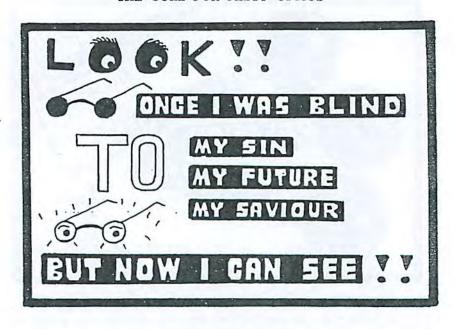
Hell is at the end of an ungodly life, and today men, women and teenagers are travelling at terrifying speed down this highway, towards destruction and doom. Hell is prepared only for those who prepare it for themselves, by kindling its fires here and now, and consequently, the Bible places many BLOCKADES on this road to hell.

- 1. GOD HIMSELF. The first blockade on the road to hell is God Himself. "He is not willing that any should perish." 2 Pet. 3:9; John 3:16.
- 2. THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD. Within its pages we find the road map and signposts for life. God will use His Church; literature. T.V., radio, preaching, open airs, posters. Bible Class, Sunday School, etc., to bring His Word to your attention. 2 Tim. 3:16; Ps. 119:105.
- 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The purpose the H.S. came into the world for was 'to reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. John 16:8.
- 4. JESUS CHRIST.—The final blockade on the road to Hell is Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus said "I have come to seek and to save that which was LOST." Luke 19:10. I am the way." John 14:6. "Come unto Me." Matt. 11:28.

PROCEED AT YOUR OWN PERIL!

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THE CURE FOR MISTY OPTICS



Intro.: When you have your eyes tested you either have excellent vision 20/20 or limited vision 12/16 or you could be blind 0/0.

The Bible — teaches that all men are born spiritually (fill in the word) BLIND. "In whom the god (Satan) of this world has blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ should shine unto them." (2 Cor. 4:4).

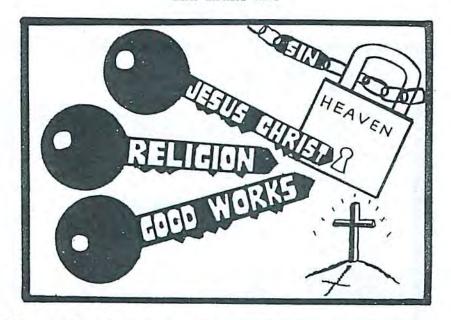
THE FACT OF BLINDNESS. In John 9:1-41 we see a dramatic series of events in which Jesus healed a blind man. Let us look at this man. "Once I was blind!" (v.25) he exclaimed to the unbelieving Pharisees. (fill in 'Once I was . . .). Friend, do you realise that you too are spiritually blind. You exclaim, 'Blind to what?'

- MY SIN. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 5:23. "Your sin separates you from God." Isa. 59:2.
- MY FUTURE. It is appointed unto man once to die but after this the judgment."
 Heb. 9:27. "Depart from Me, I never knew you." Matt. 7:23.
- 3. MY SAVIOUR. "Away with this man . . . crucify Him." John 19:15.

THE ANSWER FOR BLINDNESS. Jesus Christ gives sight to the blind. (John 9:25). When a person turns from his sin and spiritual blindness, thanks Christ for dying on the Cross for his sins and receives Him as his own personal Lord and Saviour, then he will be able to testify in the same way as the blind man in John 9:25—

"NOW I CAN SEE!"

THE RIGHT KEY



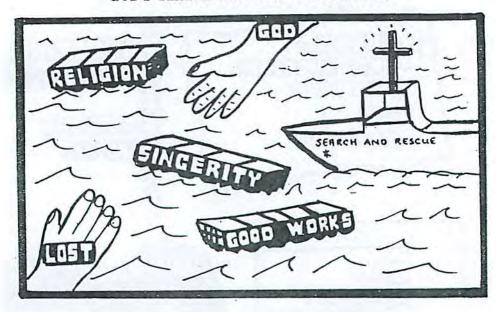
Intro.: When you have a large number of keys on a key ring and you desire to open your house door you only select one key. All the others are insignificant and left alone. You only need one key for entrance. And thus it is in life... There are many keys you can try, to find forgiveness and eternal life, but there is only ONE KEY that will open the door.

(Fill in 'Heaven' and 'sin'.) The goal of Heaven and peace with God is absolutely essential if we desire to find real and abundant life. However, man's sinful nature and self-centred living separate him from God (Isa. 59:2), and until this problem is solved all other matters are insignificant and irrelevant. Let us look at some of the keys that people try to use.

- (1) GOOD WORKS (fill in). "Surely God will allow the upright, moral, good works individual into heaven." This man whose credit rating on the Community's good works ledger is exceptionally high. But wait a minute! What does the Bible say. "For by grace are you saved, through faith and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5. So you see the key of 'Good Works' doesn't settle the sin problem!
- (2) RELIGION (fill in). "This must be the answer! All religions lead to God." Do they. There are over 2,000 religions in the world. Let us test this key in the Bible. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to THIS WORD, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20). Therefore unless this religion lines up with what the Bible, God's Word, says, it is wrong. Isa. 64:6; Matt. 7:23. So the key of religion by itself, does not open the door of heaven.
- (3) JESUS CHRIST (fill in). Let us try this key. Yes, this is the One that fits! Why is Jesus Christ so important. (draw in the Cross). It is because Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the only person who has "died for our sins" (1 Cor. 15:3), and settled the sin question. John 14:6; Acts 4:12.

Friend to know God's salvation and the certainty of His Heaven you must repent of your sin and receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, Have you found the right key yet?

GOD'S SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION



Intro.: Use a suitable illustration of a ship, or lives at sea, that have been lost. LOST — (fill in). The Bible rings out the vivid message that all mankind is lost in the sea of sin. (Rom. 3:23; Ps. 51:5). This fate is his inheritance, and no man is excluded. (Rom. 5:12).

GOD — (fill in). "But God is not willing that any should perish.." (2 Pet. 3:9).

MANS WAYS. With men and women lost in this 'sea of sin', and cut off from a holy God, who must judge sin, mankind tries ever so desperately to get out of this predicament. Mans ways are like small planks or rafts, which although they can offer temporary support, will only prolong the doom of mans lostness.

What are some of these rafts that lost men and women grasp at? The rafts of -

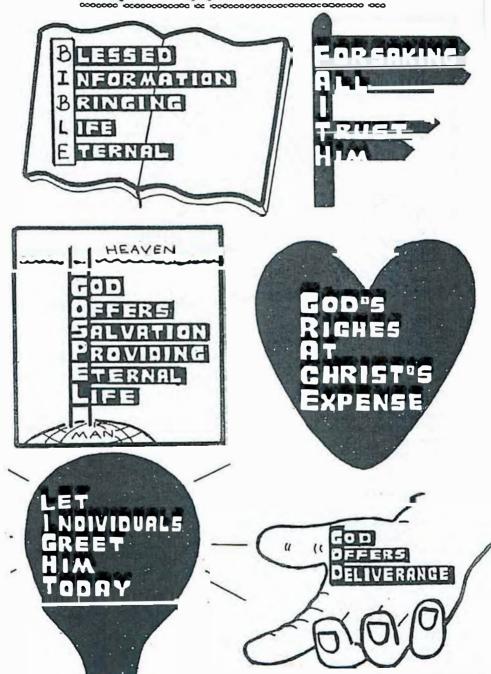
- (1) GOOD WORKS. 'If I give to charity, help my neighbour, and do the best I can, surely that will put me right with God?' Sorry, friend! The Bible says that God's salvation is "not of works." (Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 1:9).
- (2) SINCERITY. "As long as a person is sincere, that is all that God will require." says Mr Average. You can be sincere, but sincerely wrong! The Bible says emphatically, that God's salvation is "not of ourselves." (Eph. 2:8; Prov. 14:12).
- (3) RELIGION. "I'm a very religious person!" This is one of the most deceptive of all the temporary answers to this problem. Let me distinguish between the general meaning of the word 'religion', and true Christianity. Religion, is mans best for God, but Christianity, is God's best for man. The opposite! Jesus said to Nicodemus, the religious leader of His day, "You must be born again." (John 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:5).

When the great storm of God's coming judgment arrives none of these temporary rafts will last! But, there is a way of escape!

SEARCH AND RESCUE (don't draw the 'Search and Rescue Ship' in, until this final stage). God's Search and Rescue programme, for salvation, is found only through the Lord Jesus Christ. He came "to search and to save those that are lost." (Luke 19:10). Make sure you are aboard God's rescue ship. Turn to Christ, today, and know His salvation and eternal life. (2 Cor. 6:2c).

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GOSPEL SUMMARIES





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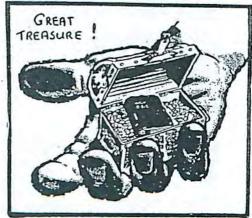
INTRODUCTORY SKETCHES

The following sketches have been used to introduce a gospel programme or service and can be drawn while music is being played or during the introductory part of your programme. An Introductory Sketch can introduce the theme of your programme or serve as a 'springboard' to personal or group testimonies, interviews, sharing Bible verses, etc. The sketch should be very lightly penciled in beforehand, so that you can see it, but not your audience. Your sketch should also take up the full size of your board. Remember, Big, Bold and Bright!



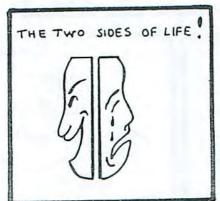


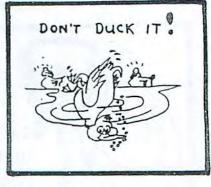
















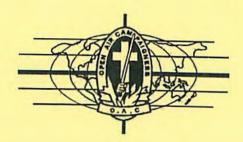






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