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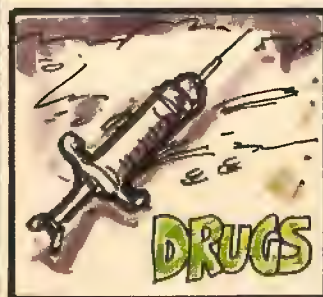
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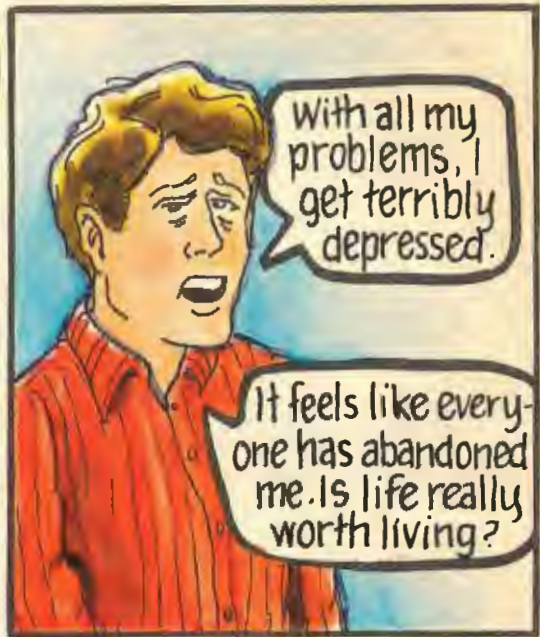
# ONE NATION UNDER GOD

For many of us, the family we dreamed of never happened.



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I just want to be #1. What's wrong with that? It's the American Way. There's no place for second best.

I don't really cheat in business. I just drive a hard bargain.

Besides, everyone does it.

You know about the Rat Race. You've been running it for years. Do you ever wonder why the finish line seems to keep getting farther and farther away?



Puff!  
Pant!  
Wheeze!

Am I having fun yet?

Click!  
Click!

People are funny folk. We do all this by instinct.

But they do it by choice.



It seems like fun to get bombed. But the morning after is murder.

I wonder where this party life is really leading? I'm getting a little light-headed. I hope...



A few months later:

My good-time party life is not a party anymore.

Having a baby is an awesome thing. Having a baby when I'm not married is something else... scary!



We must have something beyond ourselves... not just better laws or a higher standard.

Evidence shows that Jesus is the solution, and provides answers for every problem.

# ONE NATION UNDER GOD

This Jesus not only took the punishment for our sin, He provided the way for us to be reunited to God.

Do you realize how much Jesus has done for us?

## What God offers really is good news!



### SAVIOR

John 3:17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

### GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

### PEACE

Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

### LOVE

Romans 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

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This makes sense.

The picture is beginning to clear up. God gave us a gift that can't be bought at any price. There's no way to earn it... or deserve it. Fantastic!

He is a friend who loved me even before I heard of him. I could use a real friend!

This book says God knew we needed a Savior, He sent his Son to die for us.

It sounds like this salvation is a free gift! But, like any gift, I can take it... or leave it.

Hmmm! He loves me and wants me to be with him forever, so I won't be eternally lost and separated from Him.

THE BIBLE

### FREE GIFT

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

### HELP FOR PROBLEMS

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

### FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

### HOPE

Romans 8:18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

... I wonder what God wants me to do about all this?

**GOD LOVINGLY GIVES THE ANSWERS IN HIS WORD... THE BIBLE.**



Monitor

1

We need to realize we've sinned. Sin is doing anything God doesn't want us to do. But we need to understand... there is nothing we can do to make our sin okay.

Monitor

3

We must repent! Repent is a Bible word that means to recognize we are going in the wrong direction... and start going in another direction. We must turn our backs on sin... then walk with God.

Monitor

2

We need to believe Jesus is the Son of God... and trust him as our Savior. Faith in Jesus comes only through studying the Bible, the word of God. Because Jesus died, was buried... and was raised from the dead... we can have hope.

Monitor

4

We must be immersed (baptized) in water. When we have the courage and willingness to admit we have sinned and confess that Jesus is the Son of God... We are told to be buried in water, for the forgiveness of all our sins.

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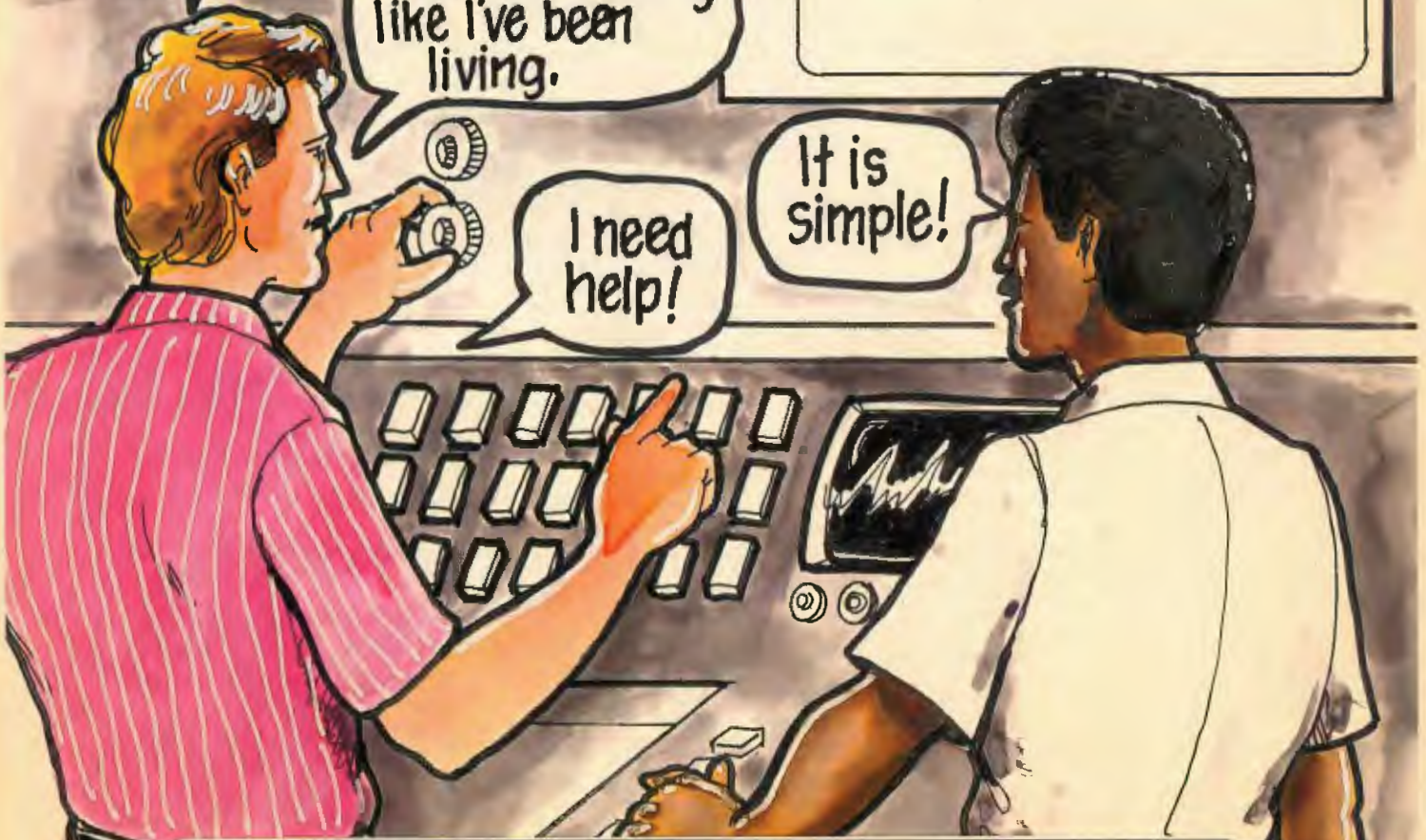
When this happens, we are instantly made clean, born again and added to God's family... the church.

OK! It sounds good. Tell me specifically what I need to do.

I'm tired of living like I've been living.

I need help!

It is simple!





This seems almost too good to be true.

My sins are forgiven when I obey Jesus.

Although our sins are forgiven, we still have problems to overcome. But now I have a new relationship with our Creator and Savior, I have power to solve my problems.

This is the greatest story ever told.

Thank you for being with us for our news wrap-up.

As we sign off, please consider this. Jesus was raised from his grave. We also will be raised from our grave to face God's judgment.

Are you ready?



Every major religion has a grave. Only one is empty!

Jesus was raised from his grave ...proving his claim to be the Son of God.



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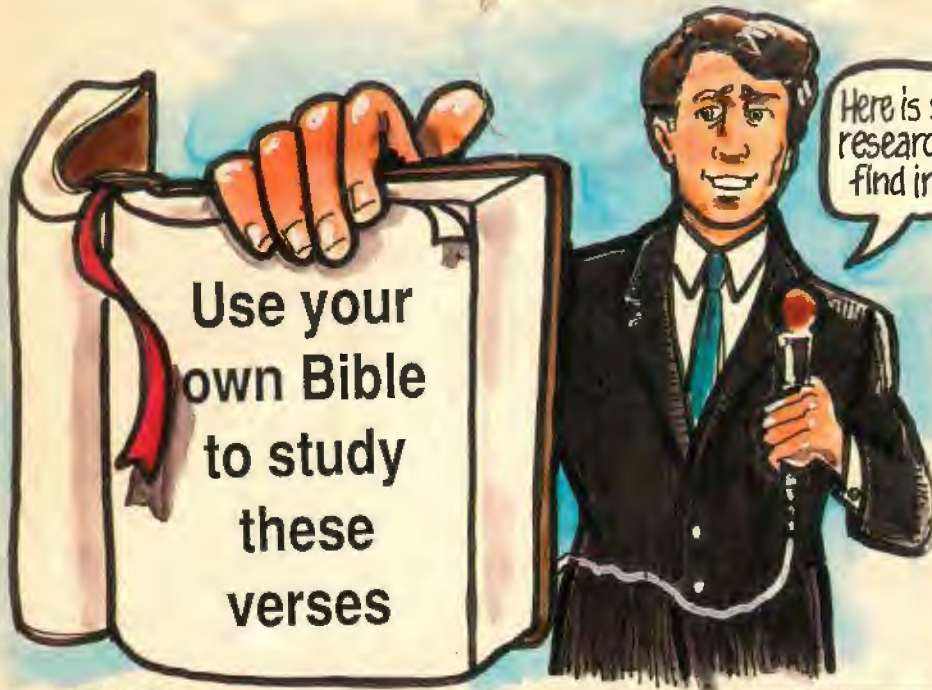
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Remember! We've all been where you are.

We care.







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**MONITOR 2**

**Our sin problem:** 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (*Romans 3:23 ; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2*)

**MONITOR 3**

**Jesus' life:** 1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps..." (*John 1:1-14; John 3:17-18; John 20:30-31*)

**MONITOR 4**

**Jesus' death, burial and resurrection:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 "...I declare unto you the gospel..by which also ye are saved..Christ died for our sins..he was buried and that he rose again the third day." (*John 18:28-19:42; Romans 5:1-10; Isaiah 53*)

**MONITOR 5**

**Our faith (trust):** John 8:24 "I said therefore unto you, ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (*Ephesians 2:8-10; Hebrews 11:1-6*)

**MONITOR 6**

**Our repentance (turning from sin):** Acts 17:30-31 "...God..commandeth all men..to repent..He appointed a day in which He will judge the world." (*Luke 13:3; 2 Peter 3:9*)

**MONITOR 7**

**Our confession:** Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

**MONITOR 8**

**Our immersion:** Acts 2:37-38 "Now when they heard this...they said..what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (*Mark 16:15-16; Acts 22:16*)

**MONITOR 9**

**God's family (the church):** Acts 2:47 "... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Matthew 16:18 "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (*Acts 2:41-47; Romans 16:16; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:8-10; Hebrews 10:23-25*)

**MONITOR 10**

**Strength for life:** Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (*Ephesians 3:14-21; James 1:2-8; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Peter 5:6-7*)

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