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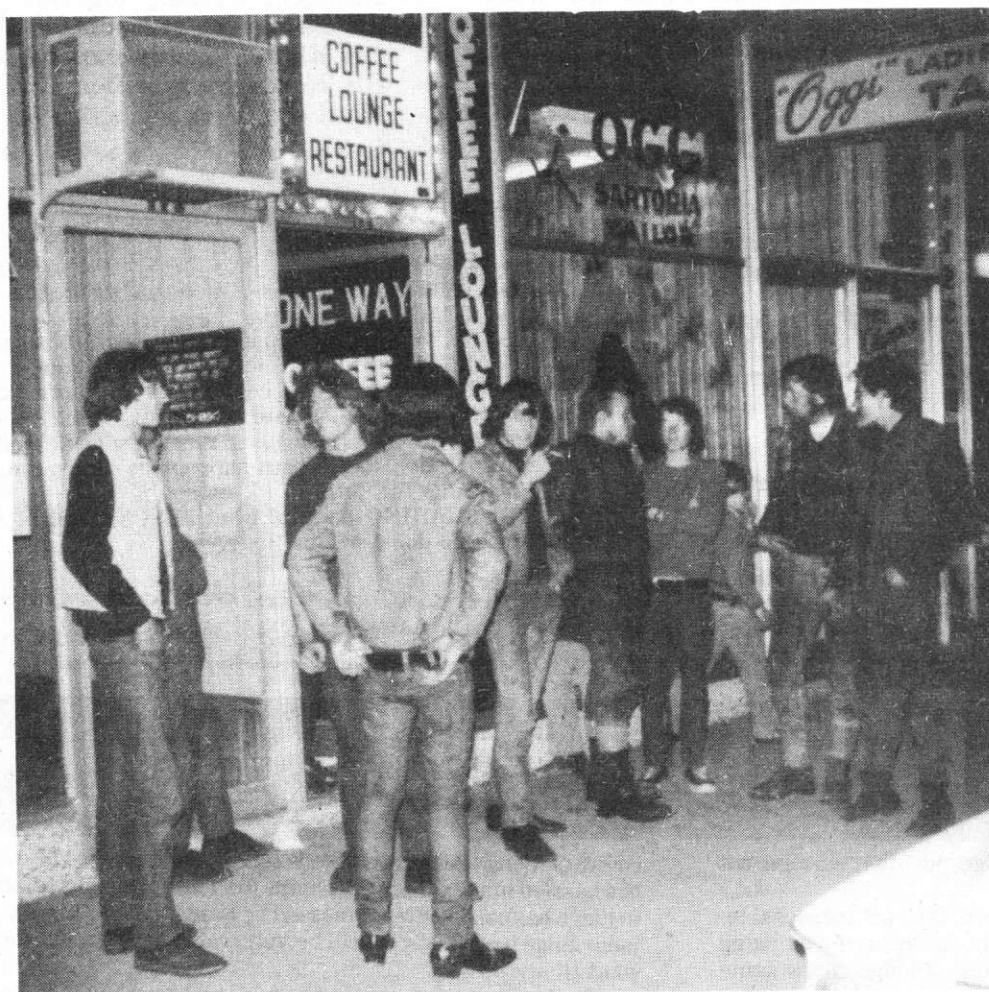


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"All over the World the Spirit is moving"



ONE-WAY INN

You can't buy coffee at the One Way Coffee Inn. It's free, along with talk about Jesus.

The doorway to the downstairs inn, at 116A Hindley Street, is wedged between a Greek Estate Agent's Office, and an Italian tailor shop. This narrow entrance leads to several large rooms, with a cave and bamboo setting. Posters on the wall proclaim 'God is love,' and 'Jesus the Liberator.' Christian workers show visitors to tables under coloured lights in a relaxed casual atmosphere, and coffee is offered. At the rear, behind the espresso bar, is a curtained off prayer room where counsellors pray with anybody serious about becoming a Christian, or with a problem.

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INSIDE!

Editorial

"All over the World the Spirit is moving."

In these times of increasing crime, unrest and hatred, there are things happening, particularly in the Church, that evidence a sovereign move of the Spirit of God.

It is an exciting time!

The Jesus Movement; the growing awareness in the denominations of other brethren in the body of Christ; the greater willingness to believe the Bible and exercise faith in its Divine Author; the greatly increased tempo of world evangelism — all evidence a world-wide revival

and interest in spiritual things.

Unfortunately, much of this interest is being misdirected. The revival of the occult and the influx of Eastern philosophies and religions into the Western World, amply evidence this.

However, it is clear that the Lord is gathering His People and He will have His way.

Paramount in this move is the drawing together of the Body of Christ.

We believe a prime purpose of this paper is to promote the growing consciousness of, and love for, other Christians within the total Body.

Satan is making increasingly frantic bids for the lives of men and as the battle grows fiercer

it will become more and more necessary for Christians to stand together on one side in that battle.

The paper is non-denominational.

Our theological stance is simple.

We stand on the promises of God, as revealed by His Holy Word and Spirit: we believe in complete commitment to Jesus and His Way, desiring that His Holy Spirit should produce all His fruit and all His gifts in His people.

Brothers and sisters, let us walk in love, as His dear children, working together for the Salvation of souls — that His Kingdom may expand and His Name be glorified. Praise Him!

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Specifically the paper will be for:—

- EVANGELISM
- TESTIMONIES
- TEACHING
- NEWS of Jesus-happenings in South Australia.
- REPORTING on locations, programmes and times of outreach centres, coffee shops, drop-in centres and Christian meetings etc.
- PUBLICITY for rallies, meetings, conferences, camps, festivals; i.e Jesus-happenings in general.
- And ABOVE ALL
- SHARING news of what JESUS, Lord of His Church, is doing in this Body.

Written contributions to
this paper WELCOME.

TO JUDGE OR NOT TO JUDGE . . .

In Matthew 7:1, Jesus said "Judge not, that you be not judged".

In Romans 2:1, Paul said "Therefore, thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever you are that judgest; for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you that judge do the same things."

From these verses, we can see clearly that we are not to judge others. Jesus went on to say in Matthew 7:2 "For with that judgement you judge, you shall be judged". This statement has made many Christians literally scared to death to judge any one. Even when a judgement is needed, they won't, they can't. No sir, we must not judge anyone or anything! JUDGE NOT!

But what about 1 Corinthians 2:15—"But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man". Wow! What's this? If you're spiritual, you'll judge all things.

Man, what're you supposed to do? Judge or not judge?

Maybe it's a trap?

A good atheist will tell you that this is one of those many

contradictions which the Bible is full of! It is a problem which has hassled many, many Christians for a long time. Being afraid to judge has caused a lot of messed up heads. If you are afraid to judge false teachers, you will be vulnerable to any ideas people want to lay on you.

On the other hand, judging people has caused a lot of gossip, lies and aching hearts. So what's the answer — judge or judge not.

In the King James Version of the Bible, the word 'judge' has been translated from five different Greek words.

(1) KRINO — translated in KJV to 'judge' (87 times) also 'condemn', 'damn', 'avenge', 'sentence', etc. You guessed it, this is the word Jesus used in Matthew 7:1 and Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:1. 'Krino' is strictly judicial judgement. It calls for an investigation, trial and passing of sentence.

Krino is what we are called not to do.

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REBIRTH!

Friends I have been asked to write out my testimony. So after prayer with the Lord I have started.

I have only been a Christian a few months now, but in this short time, that I have known the Lord, He has done marvellous things for me. Both my parents are dedicated Christians and have been for many years.

Ever since they adopted me at the age of 6 months, they took me to Church. So I have had a good Christian background. I went on many Church camps, but I was not interested in learning about God.

As a student I was a real HELL RAISER. I was classified as a rebel. I used to take pride in breaking down all the female teachers that tried to teach me in High School. I hardly missed a day when I didn't cause some trouble. Just before I left school I got pinched for breaking and entering. I was 15 then (it wasn't the first time I had done it, but the 'fuzz' couldn't prove I had done the others) and so I was in real trouble for the first time.

I was offered a job by a local building contractor, so I took the job. The guy I was working for and I went to Adelaide fairly often, because he had a contract job down there, and I was in trouble with the Cops again. This didn't worry me much — I guess I expected it.

After nine months I left the builder and went to work in a shop, back in Jamestown. Not long after I started working at the shop, I went to the Drive-in at Gladstone with some of my mates and our chicks.

I suppose we got a bit grogged up and were making a stir, but we all got pinched for obtaining the grog. Not long after that I went to work at the Meat works at Peterborough. There I 'got in' with a gang and all that we could do was to go to small towns and cause trouble. We got run out of two towns.

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ONE WAY COFFEE INN

The Christian workers, 20 of them, are young people from the Klemzig Assembly of God Church. The director is Peter Johnson, (a draughtsman).

Many people disillusioned with life and the establishment want to talk about Jesus. A few come to argue. On a typical Friday or Saturday night, an average of seventy people make their way into the Coffee House. Intellectuals, bikies, unemployed down-and-outs, an occasional man in a suit with children in tow — and lots of young people. Some, only 11 or 12, wander down Hindley Street because its brighter than home.

The coffee shop has proved to be an effective way of contacting people who would never darken a church door. Kerry is one lad who has come to know Jesus, and is continuing in the Christian life. Some months ago he was walking aimlessly down the street, window shopping. A

girl offered him a ONE WAY card, asking 'would you like a free cup?' Kerry told counsellors he believed in God, but not Jesus. He went away relieved to have aired his opinions. Seventeen-year-old Kerry kept coming back. On his third visit, he accepted Jesus 'I knew I'd found something,' he said, smiling. 'I'm not lonely anymore. I've got Jesus.'

Already, many young people visiting 116A Hindley St. have decided to become Christians. Sometimes, however, the harvest is not reaped on the premises. One Sunday night in July, 13 young people stood at the front of the Klemzig church when the Pastor gave the invitation to accept Jesus Christ. They were all coffee shop contacts!

This is encouraging for the congregation, who pray and give financial support for this outreach.

There's something better than coffee for free at the One Way Coffee Inn. It's Jesus, the only way to God!



David Perren.

Not long after that I went to Adelaide and got involved with some more social drop-outs (bikies and junkies). I was on 'Grass' and 'Hash' for a while. Once I was so depressed I took an overdose and landed in hospital. While I was there I decided that I was not going back to that sort of life, so I went back to Peterborough and got a job with S.A.R. There I was always bombed out with booze.

I eventually got tired of doing nothing and getting paid for it, so I resigned. All my life I was doing as little as possible and when I got a job where I didn't have to do a thing I hated it.

Next I had to ring a Methodist Minister about a job on the West Coast, I had seen advertised. I rang even though I hated the idea. Somehow I decided to go to the Saw mill in Jamestown for a while until I found out about the job on the Coast. Some of the people at home were praying that I would get the job over there, but I didn't care much. Anyhow, I got the job and got the sack from the Saw mill for sleeping on the job.

I came over here to Warramboos and I went to the church with my Boss and his family every week. I noticed that these people had a peace that I didn't have and I wanted it. Then one night when I was depressed, I picked up my Bible for about the second time in five weeks and started reading it, and something happened to me! From that moment on I have known Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Since that night, He has done marvellous things for me and has helped me out of many hard spots. For this I will always love and cherish Him.

Your brother in Christ,
David Perren
Warramboos.

1 GOD CREATED MAN TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH
Gen 3:26-27

HE GAVE MAN A **FREE-WILL** BECAUSE HE WANTED **REAL LOVE**
Gen 2:15-17

3 BUT MAN REBELLED, PREFERRING HIS OWN WAY

Gen 3:1-13

4 THUS MAN WAS SEPERATED FROM GOD BECAUSE OF **SIN**
Rom 3:23, 6:23

5 GOD SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY HE COULD FORGIVE MAN'S SIN WAS THROUGH SACRIFICE, BUT THAT NONE OF MAN'S SACRIFICES WOULD BE ENOUGH—SO HE PROVIDED HIS OWN—
JESUS CHRIST
 HE OFFERED ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS—
Hebrews 9:22; 10 Acts 4:12 FOR ALL TIME.

6 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON (John 3:16)
 JESUS BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS (1 Peter 2:24).
 THE BLOOD OF JESUS CLEANSSES US FROM **ALL SIN** (1 John 1:7)
 HE WAS A RANSOM FOR ALL MEN (1 Tim 2:6)

7 AND WHEN JESUS DIED HE BRIDGED THE GAP—

JESUS

8 YOU ARE UNDER JUDGEMENT (& PROBABLY DISSATISFIED) BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOUGHT MEANING IN LIFE IN THINGS LIKE:— SEX RELIGION PHILOSOPHY DRUGS & ALCOHOL MATERIALISM SELF

GOD WANTS YOU TO TURN FROM YOUR OWN WAY (REPENTANCE) AND LIVE IN HIS WAY, GIVING UP ALL RIGHTS TO YOUR OWN LIFE, RECEIVING FORGIVENESS THROUGH JESUS.

9 IF WE WANT THE FULLNESS OF GOD WE MUST GIVE ALL!

JESUS SAID: "IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME (Luke 9:23)"

10 WILL YOU TURN YOUR LIFE OVER TO GOD AS AN ACT OF YOUR WILL? HE WILL FORGIVE YOUR SIN AND GIVE YOU NEW LIFE. BEWARE OF LETTING YOUR MIND REJECT HIM WITHOUT LISTENING TO YOUR HEART. INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE AS SAVIOUR (LIBERATOR) AND LORD AND FIND ETERNAL PEACE WITH GOD!

11 TALK TO HIM & TELL HIM SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

"God, I'm sorry I've been selfish and rebellious so long. I'm sick of my old life and I want to change. Please forgive my sin, and give me the power to live my life from this moment on for You. I give You my heart; take over everything I have and am, and be my Lord and King. AMEN."

PLEASE FORGIVE MY SIN...

12 WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

IF YOU HAVE SURRENDERED YOUR LIFE TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE ENTERED AN EXCITING NEW WORLD — GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO STAY A CHILD IN HIS KINGDOM, HE WANTS YOU TO BECOME SPIRITUALLY MATURE. GET A BIBLE AND READ ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE YOU ARE NOW INVOLVED IN

Ephesians 6:10-18
"ABOVE ALL, TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH..."

13 SATAN (THE DEVIL)
WILL TRY TO GIVE
YOU A HARD TIME,
BUT REMEMBER—
"GREATER IS HE
WHO IS IN YOU,
THAN HE WHO
IS IN THE
WORLD" 1 John 4:4

REMEMBER ALSO:
IN CHRIST YOU ARE MORE
THAN A CONQUEROR
and
YOU HAVE AUTHORITY
OVER ALL THE POWER
OF THE ENEMY
You Will Need To:—

14 (1) READ GOD'S WORD

THE WHOLE BIBLE IS INSPIRED
BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR
TEACHING, REPROOF, CORRECTION
& TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS
2 Tim 3:16

STUDY TO SHOW YOUR-
SELF APPROVED UNTO GOD
...NOT BEING ASHAMED...
RIGHTLY HANDLING THE
WORD OF TRUTH 2 Tim 2:15



15 (2) CONTINUE TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

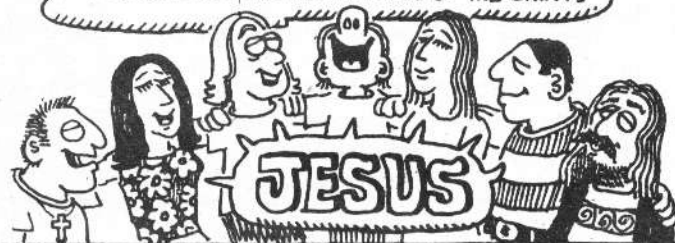
SINGING TO THE LORD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART
PRAISING HIM, THANKING HIM &
PRAYING TO HIM CONSTANTLY.

THE BELIEVER IS TO EXPECT
RIVERS OF LIVING
WATER FLOWING
FROM HIS HEART
1 Thess 5:17
John 7:37-39



16 (3) FELLOWSHIP

"FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLING OF THE SAINTS"



17 IF YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR
LIFE TO JESUS AND/OR
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT HIM—CONTACT US
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

WE CAN HELP WITH
LITERATURE & INFORMATION—

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NEED A PLACE TO FELLOWSHIP?

SHARE THE LOVE OF
JESUS AT THE JESUS
CENTRE OR ONE OF
THE PLACES LISTED ON
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TRUTH & LIBERATION Jesus papers still
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"RAPTURE"

A film on the Second Coming of Jesus
produced by David Wilkerson - author of
'The Cross and the Switchblade'
UNLEY TOWN HALL - Tues. 16th & Wed. 17th
October, 1973, 8.00 p.m. A 6-man Teen
Challenge team will be present.

DON'T FORGET THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT!

It's objectives:

1. To argue for and demonstrate the positive value of Christian standards of social behaviour for the life of the Community.
2. To alert the nation to the drastic effects of departure from such standards.
3. To seek to influence the life of the nation at every level with the intention of supporting or re-establishing such standards.

THURS. OCTOBER 11th. 1,000 teenagers wanted to welcome Mary Whitehouse at ADELAIDE AIRPORT at approx. 4-5 p.m. Meet at the Festival area at the airport. Watch papers for exact times.

SAT. OCTOBER 13th. Youth Night at Apollo Stadium 8.00 p.m. With Des Jay, Mary Whitehouse, Dean Davis, The Gospel Ingathering, The Seasons, Noel Fraser and others. Admission Free and offering for expenses.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th. VICTORIA SQUARE 1.30 p.m. March leaves Square at 2.30 for 'Light's Vision' Where a major rally with thousands of people will be held. Jesus people with Jesus banners welcome.

For general information and banners etc. contact Public Relations man. Mr. Peter Daniels, 7 Caulfield Ave., Cumberland Park. S.A. 5041. Ph. 71 6318.

STUMBLING BLOCKS TO JESUS!

"YOU CHRISTIANS SAY YOU'VE GOT THE ONLY WAY."

WRONG. We don't say our way is the only way . . .

JESUS CHRIST DOES. He said it first. Take your arguments to the MAN himself. Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man comes to the Father except by me." John 14:6.

We challenge you to do a simple thing. Go into your own room, shut the door and say "Jesus Christ, I don't even know whether you're there or not, but if you are and if you are the only way to God — show me." Man, if you really mean it — He will, He will!

"I BEEN GOOD . . ."

"I LIVE BY THE GOLDEN RULE"

"I KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS"

"I TRY TO BE GOOD AND FAIR"

"I GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS"

That's not good enough brother! Going to church isn't going to get you to heaven. Neither can you keep the Ten Commandments all the time. It's humanly impossible! The bible says: "FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD" Romans 3:23.

God's perfect standard for getting to Heaven is Jesus Christ. How does your life measure up to Him?



"IT'S JUST ANOTHER CRUTCH."

That's one thing God won't let you have when you come to Jesus. He is not satisfied with anything less than making us completely whole. In Luke 17:19, Christ said to a man whom He healed of leprosy, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith has made thee whole." God does not want fellowship with broken down, propped up people. He wants complete people. Perfect people.

"I'LL CLEAN MYSELF UP FIRST."

You're just wasting time, brother. Jesus is interested in your future, not your past. He promises he'll take care of the old stains. You come to Him as you are — He wants it that way.

However, He does say that when you come to Him you've got to be willing to give up your old way of living "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who keeps his life for himself, shall lose it, and anyone who loses his life for me shall find it again" Matthew 16:24, 25.

"GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELPS THEMSELVES . . ."

Show me this in the Bible man.

Before you start hunting, let me save you the time; it isn't there. It's man's philosophy — not God's. The facts are that "when we were utterly helpless with no way of escape, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners who had no use for him."

God wants us to let go and lean on him. To believe in Him is counted for us as righteousness — to not to do so is unrighteousness. Jeremiah laid it on pretty heavily when he said, "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and the arm of flesh and turns his heart away from God" Jeremiah 17:5.

Adelaide JESUS CENTRE

The 'John Smith' Mission of September, 1972, left a number of young people in search of a place which could become an interdenominational fellowship and outreach centre in Adelaide. They found it at 114 Cheltenham Street, Malvern. For it was at about that time that the guy who is now the pastor at the Adelaide JESUS CENTRE felt that the Lord could be wanting to use the huge two-storey building sitting in the back yard of the house he was renting for some kind of young people's work.

The building seemed ideal — open upper floor big enough for up to 300 people — lower floor with another large open space plus 9 small rooms. The house

was comfortable — great to house 4 or 5 Jesus people as counsellors etc. The property had access via a shopping centre and petrol station, with off-street parking.

Even though the property had been on the market since April, 1972, the owner agreed to let the top floor of the large building for \$10.00 a week. However, in spite of the fact that it is still for sale the Centre is currently renting the house and the top floor of the rear building for \$27.50 a week.

Since that time the ministry has grown considerably. The attendances at the Thursday night meeting for worship, prayer, praise and Bible Study have increased to about 70.



"Sufficient GOD'S LOVE"

ROMANS 8:38— "For I am certain that nothing can separate us from the love of God, neither death nor life, neither angels, nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the world above nor the world below; there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord."

This bible verse has really been a help to me. This year I have just started nursing, and God has shown his love in many ways. I was sure He would help me throughout my nursing. But the first test I ever did I failed. By the time of the next test I had myself in such a state that I could not even study.

The night before the test I was sure I had developed a serious illness, and would be unable to go the next day and sit for the test anyway. I thought I could take a sicky,

Hundreds of young people have been counselled — many for salvation and many have been led into a deeper relationship with Jesus. The pastor, who is now full-time, moved from the Centre to his own newly-purchased house in March this year and 5 guys who love Jesus and want to serve Him are now living in the Centre House. About 15,000 'Truth and Liberation' Jesus Papers have been distributed through the Centre since last year.

The pastor and an associate recently conducted counselling classes for an interdenominational concern resulting in a group of 35 young people from many denominations being available for evangelistic counselling and witnessing situations.

In addition to the kind of ministries mentioned above the Centre brothers and sisters believe that literature publication and distribution

should play an increasingly important part.

It is interesting that the property is still for sale. The Lord has given a great peace about using it knowing that humanly speaking it could be sold at any moment with us receiving short notice to vacate. Some of our friends have mentioned that they feel the need to acquire the premises. The price is \$26,000 with the land worth about \$20,000.

At the moment we feel no peace about anything but the present arrangement, but we believe it could be the Father's will to soon purchase it.

In any case we are looking to Him who owns the cattle on a thousand hills to do His thing — whatever that may be. We desire that His Name should be glorified, his salvation proclaimed and His beautiful and glorious power to redeem and liberate should be shown forth with joy!

but wasn't that letting the Lord down?!

So the next day I found myself walking, none too bravely, from the station to the hospital. I thought to myself "I'm a fool: I'm sure to fail." Then the words of Psalm 139 came into my head.

"O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me.

Thou knowest when I set down and when I rise up.

Thou discernest my thoughts from afar. Thou searchest out my path and my lying down.

And art acquainted with all my ways — Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?

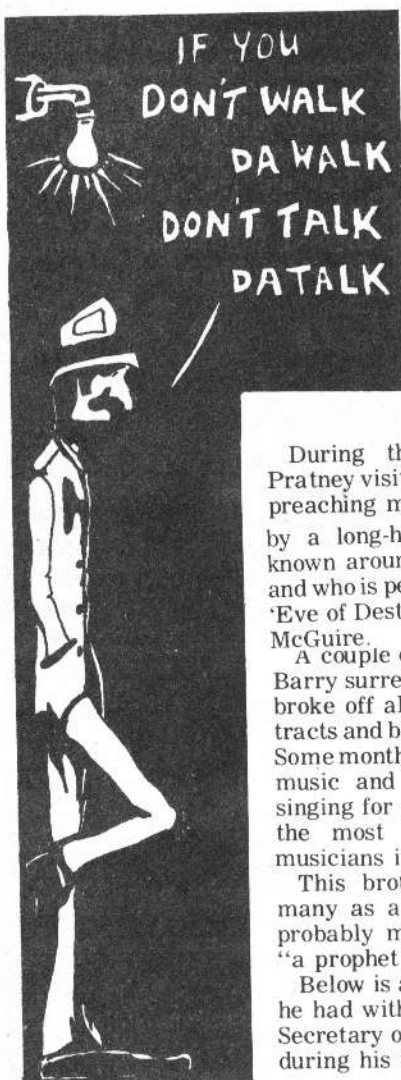
If I make my bed in Sheol, Thou art there."

Suddenly I was aware of God's great love for me. I knew that whatever we did we could not be separated from the love of God. Even if we do something that looks a terrible sin in the eyes of the people who love us. If we ask God to forgive us through Jesus — He will!

Romans 8:37— "No, in all these things we have complete victory through Him who loved us."

Praise the Lord! I passed the test.

Jane Magarey
Coromandel Valley S.A.



BARRY McGUIRE . . . rebirth!

"JESUS
set me
FREE"

During the Winter of 1973 Winkie Pratney visited Adelaide on a teaching and preaching mission. He was accompanied by a long-haired, bearded guy who is known around the world as a pop singer and who is perhaps best-known for his song 'Eve of Destruction'. His name? — Barry McGuire.

A couple of years ago, at the age of 35, Barry surrendered his life to Jesus Christ, broke off all his film and recording contracts and began to share the love of Jesus. Some months later, God gave him back his music and he has been testifying and singing for Jesus ever since. He is one of the most powerfully anointed Gospel musicians in the world today.

This brother has been described by many as a converted pop singer but is probably more accurately described as, "a prophet with a guitar."

Below is a transcription of an interview he had with the Rev. David Harris, S.A. Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia during his recent visit.

DAVID: Did you ever think you would become a Christian?

Barry: No, as a matter of fact, I thought that Christianity was the very thing that was causing all the problems in the world — Christianity and the Judao — Christian moral structure that was the foundation of our Society. I thought that if we could just get rid of those archaic, old outdated commandments we could take our place as human beings in the world. I thought that it was impossible for us to live up to the Ten Commandments, so why should we try to? My whole thing was liberation — a liberalist — to be liberated from the teachings that we had been brought up to believe were true. To get into a more realistic relationship. That's what I thought HAIR was all about when I got into it. I thought it was a statement of breaking down the barriers between the rich and the poor, the black and the white, male and female and becoming totally free, liberated, bisexual. I thought that heterosexuals were just as hung up as homosexuals. I thought the truly liberated person would be bisexual that he would be amoral, not immoral or moral — beyond morals and I thought I was really into a pantheist type of thinking. I thought we were all gods and that if we would just finally realise that we were gods then we could take our place as gods and I thought that I had realised that I was a god, so I was a god.

DAVID: Barry, how did you become a Christian?

BARRY: Well all of my different philosophies — when I carried them out to the ultimate end, — they all led to the same end — an open grave; all led to a dead end — nothing worked. I met people who carried my philosophies to the extreme and they were just monsters — people like Charlie Manson. If you are going to be liberal, how liberal are you going to be? If you are going to be liberated, where do you draw the line? Once you take existentialism to its ultimate end, nothing is valuable any more — you can kill people or do anything you want to do because nothing matters. I backed up a little bit and started looking for some absolutes. I had been living in a world where there were no absolutes and I started looking for some but could not find any anywhere so I reached a point in my mind where I didn't think there were any. I just thought the whole thing was some kind of a biological freaky phenomenon, that life had 'popped out' that we were just vegetables that had learned how to pull our roots out of the ground and walk around. And then one day I met a guy in the street who told me that Jesus was the Son of God. In Hollywood we call them Jesus Freaks — he was out on the street telling people that Jesus was coming back. Saying that Jesus had died to set them free and was raised from the grave and is alive now — that his Spirit was in the world. He asked me if I was ready for His second coming. I said, "No, no as a matter of fact I am not." I tried to forget what the man told me, I was on my way to a movie and I did not want to stand and talk to him so I just left. But the thing that kept ringing in my memory and I couldn't forget was what he had said about Jesus. Then one day I went over to a friend's house about a month later. I was into the drug world for about ten years, and this friend of mine had a bowl of "grass" under his coffee table and I went to get some. That particular day he had a little book called, 'Good News for Modern Man' (I did not know it was a New Testament); it was on top of the coffee table. I was sitting there and I saw the book had newspaper headlines all over it with 'Good News for Modern Man' and I thought "What is this?" I thought, "Hey, I'm a modern man and I could use some good news." My friend was on the floor and he was using his tarot cards and I said, "What is this here?" He said, "Don't read that man, that will get you crazy." I thought, "Hey I'm looking to get crazy, I figured the only truly free people in the world were crazy, once you became free, a child of the Universe, you could take your clothes off, walk down the street, talking to the birds, the stars and the trees and they would come and lock you up. So I figured getting crazy was a step in the right direction. I took the book home with me, opened it up and first thing I saw was that it was the NEW TESTAMENT and I thought "Oh no! It's that Jesus trip again!" Everywhere I go —



CONT'D — and I thought "I'm going to read this, and the next time some dude comes up to me and tells me Jesus loves me I will be able to talk to him, and say I read that book and know what's wrong and tell him one way or the other." so I started reading. There is one thing about the truth — when you hear the truth you cannot deny it. The Truth is so simple, so pure that when you hear it — and when I started to read the words of Jesus, I was 35 years old and never read a bible in my life, and man — it just convinced me — it opened my eyes — showed me who I was — where I was — who God was — who Jesus was — the length between God and myself through Christ — what the Resurrection and Crucifixion was all about. It was just so heavy for me that I didn't know what to do. I felt, "Well Jesus is the Son of God; this is the Truth." Then I saw my life and I felt "Man, I will never be able to accept Christ as my Saviour — I will never be able to change the way I am living." It really knocked me down because all my life I had been going one direction and all of a sudden I realised it was wrong — that my life was a dead-end life — that I had made the wrong choice. And I did not mean to make the wrong choice. I didn't set out to be a bad guy, or an evil dude or a loser. There I was at the end of the road and it was the wrong road, so I felt, "Well man, I have blown it and I'm going to be in Hell a long time so I guess while I am still alive I might as well get it on as much as I can." So I decided to just go out and live it up. But I tell you, because I knew the truth, I couldn't have fun any more, like I used to. Once you know something, you can't pretend you don't know it. I would go to a party with all my friends and everybody would be getting it on, and I

would be sitting over in the corner thinking, "Oh as it was in the days of Noah," and I couldn't do it anymore. Everything, I saw through the eyes of prophecy; everything I heard through the ears of Jesus — the eyes of Christ. I saw everything for what it really was; just empty lonely people clutching at each other for a moment of pleasure to forget the emptiness within themselves. It just got heavier and heavier and I couldn't handle it anymore. I reached the point where I couldn't live the life I was living. I did not think I could become a Christian so I just thought I would go out and jump off a cliff somewhere — go down to South America and take a walk in the jungle and not come back. Then that night, one night in Hollywood I was at a party and all my friends were there getting it on and I couldn't do it anymore so that night — it was my first prayer since I was a little kid that I could remember — and I said, "God I don't even know if you're there, I don't know if this is some kind of philosophical trip or some kind of a head trip, I'm not saying you're not there because you may be there. I don't know if you are there — if you are there I want to know, I really want to know, don't put me on — if you're not there don't tell me that you are! But if you're really there, just let me know." I said "Are you there?" And before I got the thought out of my mind, I was flooded with the fullest, warmest, and the most loving sensation filled my body and an affirmative answer, "Yes I am here." I thought all these years and You have been here all this time — "Yes all this time waiting for you to ask me this question."

I started weeping, and saw all the people I had hurt because of my selfishness — all the lives I had ripped up, people I had turned on to drugs who had over-dosed and died. I could never go back. You cannot go back and undo anything, you have done it. It is done forever. I started weeping and I said, "Lord why me?" He said, "If you give your life to me Barry, I will wash away all these things, and I will heal all of these things. I will untangle it. I will straighten it out." I did not know why it was me; but I promised him that night, "If you want me, after this — rotten piece of meat that I am — I will give myself to you." And that night God came into my life. And as the days proceeded, He led me out of Hollywood, out of the life I was leading; gave me the power to walk away from drugs, walk away from the immorality of my day to day existence, to walk away from my lusts, drives, habits that I had been into for years and years. He just washed them away.

I didn't know any Christians, the only thing I knew about Jesus was what I had read in that little "Good News". I prayed, "Lord can you lead me to some people who know you, I need to meet some people that love you and are living for you. And within three weeks after I prayed that prayer I found myself out of Hollywood 200 miles away in a little town where I met some real Jesus people, some modern day disciples; young people who had totally given every thing to God, and were out on the street telling people about Jesus. Through them I met some other people and got into some tremendous teaching ministries. God is raising up some tremendous teachers in these last days.

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JESUS HAPPENINGS

Enfield Outreach

It is an established fact that in these times, the Lord is reviving and empowering his church in a miraculous and mighty way. "All over the world the Spirit is moving" has become the catch cry of many denominations of the Christian church in every nation under heaven. Praise His Holy and Blessed Name!

In these days of street Christians [a sovereign move of the Spirit amongst the hippies and discontents] there is a tendency to overlook the fact that Revival begins in the church! Many people have become weighed down with frustration and fatigue at the futile efforts of men to enliven the encrusted, broken down organisation that the church has regretfully so often become.

But the arm of our God is 'not shortened that it cannot save'; neither is the transforming power of our Lord one speck diminished by our disbelief.

If you are one of those that has almost lost hope, or if you are one of those in a remote area that has long prayed for revival and not heard what the Spirit of our God is doing, the word is 'Sing O ye heavens, for the Lord hath done it; shout ye lower parts of the earth, break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest and every tree there-in; for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel'. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!!

Whyalla

Things are really moving with Jesus in Whyalla.

God has sprung open the door in children's ministry.

We realized that there were at least 16,000 people under 17 in our city and we were challenged to do something about it.

Pastor Bruce Leane and his wife have begun an R.I. class at one of the many primary schools. The class grew from seven to sixty in 6 months.

Meanwhile it was decided to hold a fiveday tent crusade near the school. But — God had better plans! The tent went up right in the school. About 250 of the 700 students attended at least one meeting. Most of them had no church background at all. A regular after-school club has been continuing there for 9 months now.

Similar happenings can be told of three other Whyalla schools as well as one in Pt. Augusta and one in Pt. Pirie. The great

'Let your light so shine before man ' Matt 5:15a

Jesus meant it! — And so do Brian Michie (minister at Enfield Methodist) and the group of young people who patiently and lovingly reach out to shoppers each Saturday at the Enfield shopping centre.

Their mouth is where the people are — that's where Christians ought to be!

When their church was suddenly surrounded by a shopping centre, attracting thousands of people — they praised the Lord and mobilized for witness.

Each Saturday begins with breakfast at 7.30 a.m. It is a time of sharing, preparation and Prayer. By 8.45 the team is on the street, handing out the week's message from the WORD with a smile and silent prayer that the seed will grow in many hearts unto salvation.

It is recognized that many shoppers will be preoccupied with their shopping needs. However, few refuse the handout and it disappears into a pocket or a bag — perhaps to be rediscovered in the quiet of a kitchen or flat?

Others have finished shopping or are waiting for a wife or friend. Some stop and chat — the team talk of their faith and love for Jesus as the Spirit leads.

The car park is another opportunity not overlooked. Many people are found sitting in their car — generally bored and highly receptive to a friendly face. Many talk — some about eternal things. (Praise God for the hunger he works in the heart of man).

The church building acts as a backstop to all the activity. Posters and amplified music proclaim God's plan of salvation.

Books and leaflets are also on hand.

TWO PROBLEMS

• There are not enough workers — the car park is barely touched; some weeks there are insufficient to get to the cars at all.

• There is a real need for Jesus music groups — Brian believes recorded music cannot compare with live groups in proclaiming the message of Jesus and attracting people across the street to the book shelf. Christian music — not just for entertainment but as a real ministry in the Lord's work at Enfield.

Jesus said, 'Go ye into all the world' — even on the footpath in front of your church.

How about some Jesus musos and street Christians going down there and checking it out for a possible ministry?

Maybe you'll get blessed just like the reporter did.

Pray for our brothers and sisters down there.

If you can help in anyway contact: Rev. B. Michie 29 Park St., Sefton Pk., Ph. 44 2012.



thing is that these have not been one church affairs but Christians from 6 denominations have been involved. Visitation of the contacted children have been shared by the churches involved.

Multi-denominational religious instruction has been carried out in two schools with the R.I. teachers using musical instruments and loads of visual aids.

Coffee Shop evangelistic outreach was

held earlier in the year — run by the Baptist Church and assisted by five other churches. It attracted many street kids each night and several bikies were converted — not from bikes of course, but to God.

Great after church youth meetings have been held with youth groups from all the churches being inspired.

It's great to be working for Jesus and not my church. Praise God!

Wudinna

"We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord."

It was cold. And late. But as we congregated in that warm living room at Kyancutta after our trip from Adelaide, — to be directed to our billets — we were aware of that Christian love, that sweet fellowship which bridges all gaps, and makes us truly one. And this consciousness was to permeate the whole weekend.

"We", was a group of thirty, from the Adelaide Jesus Centre, who travelled, at the invitation of the Wudinna Methodist Circuit, to Wudinna in June, for a weekend of teaching, ministry and fellowship. A bus load of folk from Pt. Lincoln came and stayed over Saturday night and other folk from all over Eyre Peninsula joined in the weekend's activities.

The official activities and meetings of the weekend were of great blessing: a dinner on Friday evening, followed by

testimonies etc.: a seminar on evangelism, with room for sharing, on Saturday afternoon: a barbecue tea, at Kyancutta, followed by a Jesus Rally: church services in the various churches of the circuit, led by groups from the Jesus Centre: the luncheon at Wudinna: the final service at Koongawa, with its stirring testimonies from within the circuit.

These activities were all very wonderful, and beautiful. But the fellowship, the oneness in the Spirit, the warmth of the love evident in the Wudinna Methodist Circuit which flowed to encompass all of us, the person-to-person sharing; these were the things which made the lasting impression. Praise God, who truly makes us one in Him.



Jamestown

A popular chorus begins:—"All over the world the Spirit is moving".

In Jamestown we can say a loud 'Amen!' to these words, as over the past two years many people both within and without the United Parish have been affected by this move of God.

Lives have been transformed as people both young and old have received Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and great fellowship has been formed between people with this new found faith and assurance. This has nowhere been more evident than in a Bible study group held fortnightly which was started two years ago by six people and now has grown to a dedicated group of about thirty Christians.

In the past year a solid core of young people who have dedicated their lives to the Lord are freely telling people of their faith and are believing for great things in the future. One of the most noteworthy events this year was a service held in the local Baptist Church where six young people of the United Parish church were baptised by full immersion by the United Parish minister. About 150 people crammed into the church and the unity and fellowship experienced during and after the service was an inspiration to all.

These are just a few instances of the spiritual awakening which is occurring because the name of Jesus is being uplifted, as He promised in John 12.32—

"And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto me" Praise God!

Glenunga Methodist Youth

Jesus is wonderful! Now that we know the significance of the Cross we can say that. Yes He does answer prayer, He does make Himself known to each of us. He is Lord. Yes, He is love. We as a Group at Glenunga can yell it from deep down in our hearts because that's where Jesus is. We were lost in a cloud of darkness. What did we get out of all the years of attending Sunday School and Church — hearing the stories of old? Surely there was more to life than merely existing from week to week with the same usual hangups.

Praise God, for little did we know that He answered prayer and that He had faithful servants in our Church praying for Revival. Within twelve months a lot happened. God had led some spirit — filled Christians to our Church, who began preaching the Gospel, telling us of Jesus' love and also telling us of Satan's existence and his hold on many people's lives.

Well we can't tell you the extent to which Christ moved but generally everyone knew that He was the only way. It wasn't easy as we hungered and thirsted after Christ. We needed Him, even though we were from all walks of life — each soul was lost.

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Adelaide Technical High School

"Jesus is alive?!?" "Don't give me that — how naive can you be?" Yes, but . . . Don't you see — there are kids here who reckon they know Jesus personally. Man, they really mean what they say," some of these freaks meet and pray at school at 8.00 a.m.!

And it's true! Jesus is alive and at work in Adelaide Tech. (A.T.H.S.). Religion's on everyone's lips — be it Guru or Jesus or Krishna — but the Jesus people around campus claim a new and living way. Three kids took Jesus at His word this term — and now they're Jesus people too. Praise God!

What do you do when Christians start getting filled with God's spirit? Tell the world that Jesus lives and frees from sin! And that's what's happening.

When 20-40 kids turn up at a Jesus meeting once a week, we realize God's power is at work. Jesus papers, stickers, books and posters are being distributed around the place; cassette tapes find their way around too.

Prayer, praise and letting God's spirit work are the only ways kids at school can fight Satan's army. God's thing — LOVE — can break down all barriers between kids and kids, and kids and teachers. 'Love in action' is beginning at Adelaide Tech. and we want the whole school for Jesus. Pray for us Christian brothers and sisters!

Jan

What is Sin?

Hey, that's a really heavy question, isn't it?

What is sin?

It is a question that bothers a lot of people, especially new Christians. Just about every person born into God's family sooner or later gets puzzled by this question.

What is sin?

Satan really uses this hassle to tie God's children down. When you become a Christian, you don't want to displease Him, so you start asking, what is sin?

Even if you don't ask, usually there are plenty of Pharisees around that soon start laying heavy words on you about "sin". "This is sin". "That is sin". "Don't do this". "You can't do that". "A true christian never..."

Wow, what is this NEW life you got into? Where is the liberty that you were born into? Galatians 5:1

You accepted Jesus so that He would "set you free". Now there seems to be a network of chains and rules and laws and commandments.

Is that what you think?

Many of you reading this right now have not surrendered your life to Jesus because this is precisely what you think.

Maybe you've tried it before and couldn't get past the SIN question. SIN everywhere. Everything is sin. You're a sinner and that's it. Well...

What is sin?

The word SIN is often mentioned in the bible, but is never really fully defined. It never really spells out all the things that are sin and all that are not.

With today's new, modern life style, there are things that people tell us are sins that did not exist in the days of the bible, so the bible doesn't really pinpoint whether these things are sins or not.

So how can you really know? What is sin?

In 1 John 5:17, it says: "All unrighteousness is SIN".

That is, sin is the opposite to righteousness. So now what is righteousness? "Righteousness" means to be "just", to be "right".

The Greek word translated as "unrighteousness" in 1 John 5:17 was also translated as "iniquity", "wrong", "unjust". Now who's righteous?

The bible says that, "we have ALL been 'Unjust', wrong; 'that we have ALL sinned'. Romans 3:23.

So if we are ALL sinners and sin is the opposite to righteousness, then no-one is "righteous" — Right? Romans 3:10

Where does this leave us on the sin question?

What can we do?



Read Romans 4:3. It says: "Abraham BELIEVED God, and it (his belief) was counted unto him for righteousness." Here Paul was quoting Genesis 15:6 where it says straight out that God counted Abraham's "faith" as righteousness.

Wow, that's all he had to do to be considered "righteous", just BELIEVE God.

Now the word 'believe' incorporates the act of obeying. That is, Abraham 'obeyed' God.

Too many people have the idea that 'belief' and 'faith' are only head things, but they're not. They're "do" things. "obey" things, which require "action".

The LAW of LOVE.

Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40) Also Paul said "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". Galatians 5:14

That's Jesus' LAW : LOVE

If you're confused by the terminology: "Law written in your heart", try a more modern term — "CONSCIENCE"

Webster defines 'conscience' as "a knowledge of sense of right and wrong, with a compulsion to do right; moral judgement that opposes the violation of a previously recognized ethical principle that leads to feelings of guilt if one violates such a principle. "Conscience" is from the Greek word "Sunesis" and literally means "a knowing with oneself".

This definition opens up the question of guilt and the effects of sin. The best and simplest statement is this, "the wages of sin is death" Romans 6:23.

Fortunately the verse goes on with the great promise, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". Paul said in Romans 14:23, that anything you do "doubting" it — it is SIN. He said, "whatsoever is not of faith is sin". If you are really hung up on the sin question start believing and start listening to God. You know what is right and you know what is wrong. When you do something wrong God tells you personally. Call it the "still, small voice", "God's law written in your heart", "conscience", or whatever you want to; but it's God talking to YOU.

Maybe He's talking to you right now.

Really, I'm serious.

Just talk back to Him. He can hear you, too. That's called prayer.

If your conscience hasn't been working too well lately, and you do want to hear God's voice again, just ask Him to fill you with his Spirit and repair the damage. He will. That is, He will, If you are really prepared to do what He tells you.

HOW EVE WENT WRONG

Let's see how this lines up with man's original sin. The one that got Adam and Eve put out of the Garden. God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of one tree in the Garden. If you do, you'll die" Genesis 3:3

In Genesis 3:6 it says that Eve didn't believe God "and she did eat". She sinned. She died.

What constituted her sin? Was it the fruit? No. It was simply her disobeying God. She had more faith in that snake than in God. That is all sin is. Not believing

When you do not believe God, you will certainly not "obey" Him either. So, not believing God results in "disobeying" God.

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Now let's look into the SIN question more specifically — to YOU and ME.

The question will always come around to the LAW sooner or later. Let's look at it.

"Whosoever committeth sin, transgresses the law. For sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4

GOD'S REAL LAW

What Law? Well GOD'S LAW; of course.

Immediately everyone wants to get all hung up on the law of Moses and the ten Commandments.

However, God's Law is still the same TODAY as it was when Adam and Eve were in the Garden. His Law has NEVER changed. GOD'S LAW IS LOVE.

The Mosaic Law depends or hangs upon God's highest law — this law of love. Matthew 22:34-40; Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18.

The Ten Commandments very simply tell you how to love both your neighbour And God.

They were given in "the negative".

"Thou shalt not". But they can be turned around and said positively.

Negative: "Thou shalt not kill"

Positive: "Thou shalt give life"

Go through each of the commandments in Exodus 20 and see the positive reading of each one. They match up perfectly to Jesus' teaching.

Back to Abraham to prove the law question.

"Because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws (Genesis 26:5).

The word LAW means 'direction, teaching'.

God made Abraham the father of many and great nations because he kept God's LAW. What Law?

Abraham lived many years before Moses so it wasn't the Mosaic Law. He lived before any of the Bible was written in its present form. How did Abraham know God's Law in order to keep it? Well, when God gave the definition of His Law to Moses, He said "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart". Deuteronomy 6:6 That's why YOU can't escape God. Because He wrote His Law in YOUR HEART.

David said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God, yea, thy Law is within my heart". Psalm 40:8 Also see Psalm 37:30, 31 and Isaiah 51:7

God's Law is written in our hearts. That's Law. Abraham knew God's Law.

God has written His Law down in a book and He has written that same Law in YOUR heart.

(Adapted from an article by Carl Parks, 'Truth', June, 1972).

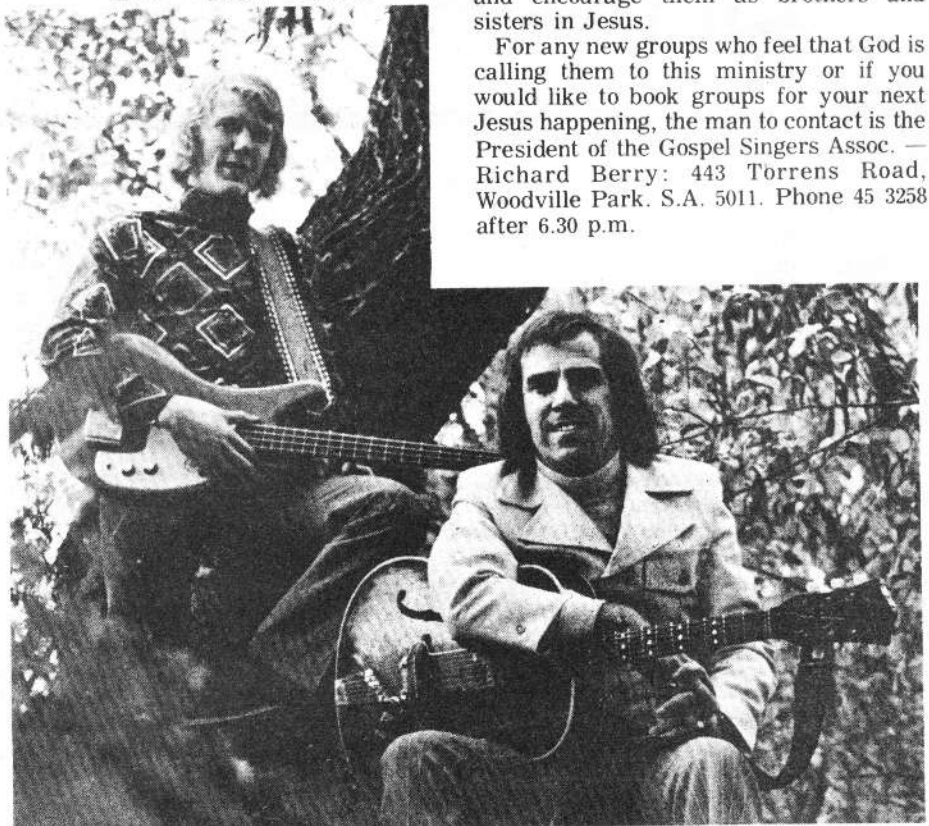
Yes, we surrendered our lives to Christ and He filled us with His Holy Spirit. Some had emotional experiences — others not — but the main thing is that we are now united into the one body of Christ.

We can now reach our Father in prayer and He speaks to us through His Bible. Only recently has it been a blessing to my heart to see the beautiful way in which Jesus has changed the lives of my brothers and sisters. This is only the beginning, for we want to tell others of God's love — a love that forfeited His only son — a love that is calling out to you today — for death could not hold our loving Jesus. I once said that if Christ was real and I accepted a fantasy such as that, it would have to be a miracle. Well what is one to do when she is unloved, indulging in the filthy sins of this world with seemingly no way out, and then is given a break away — not just for awhile, but for eternity?

We can't praise Jesus enough and as we step out in faith, we know that our Lord Jesus is with us and that our lives will mature in Him; that we will be rich in His blessings until we are with Him in our Heavenly home. Our prayers are with you for we know He hears and answers them. Praise God!

Lyn

Richard Berry, right, & his lead/bass guitarist, Bill Mouthaan.



Jesus Music

There are a number of Jesus musos (short for musicians) who are in action most weekends at Jesus' places all over Adelaide. Anything from coffee shops to rallies to church services — in fact any type of happening that is really worthwhile.

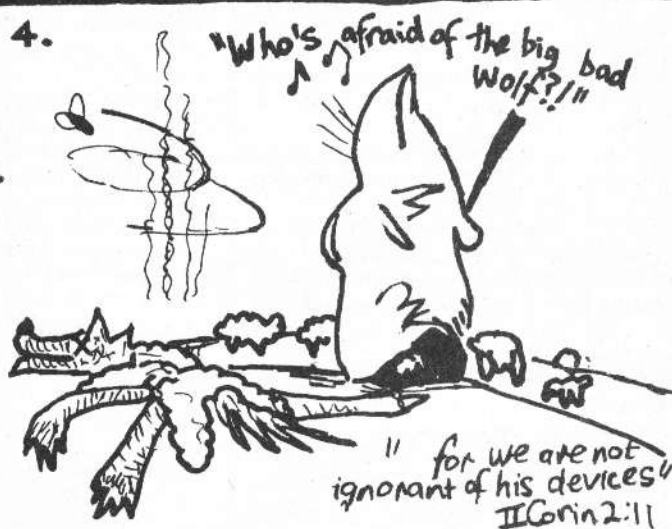
They have formed together in a type of "Jesus Musos' Fellowship", under the banner of the "South Aust. Gospel Singers Association" which commenced about seven years ago when modern music in the Churches was still in its infancy. Some 40 musos have been active over this period with a ministry that is vital and necessary — conveying the gospel of Jesus Christ not just for entertainment.

The combined groups have staged quite a few large productions including "Gospel Festival 67" and "National Gospel Music Festival 69", the latter being in association with the Adelaide Festival of Arts. Many local presentations have also been held at seaside resorts, camping areas and places where kids gather away from the Church scene.

At the present, Jesus Folk music dominates the Adelaide music scene with several folk-rock groups.

Adelaide has been fairly "light on" with Christian gospel groups and we pray that God will raise up many more dedicated Christian musos who will stand hand in hand with evangelists to proclaim the glorious message of Jesus and His saving and liberating power. Pray for our musos and encourage them as brothers and sisters in Jesus.

For any new groups who feel that God is calling them to this ministry or if you would like to book groups for your next Jesus happening, the man to contact is the President of the Gospel Singers Assoc. — Richard Berry: 443 Torrens Road, Woodville Park. S.A. 5011. Phone 45 3258 after 6.30 p.m.



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TO JUDGE OR NOT TO JUDGE

(2) ANAKRINO — (Krino with the prefix ANA — literally 'in, through, by')

DIKRINO — (DIA means almost the same as ANA — 'in, of, and by' — it is a primary preposition, denoting the channel of an act).

In the King James Version, Anakrino has been translated 'ask question, discern, examine, judge, search'. Diakrino — 'discern, distinguish, make to differ, be partial etc.'.

The difference between Krino, Anakrino and Diakrino is that ANA and DIA allows for absolutely no damning, condemning or passing sentence.

We should Anakrino and Diakrino — investigate, study and discern if we want to be spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:15). Jesus said in Matthew 24:5 'many will come in my name and shall deceive many'. God does not want this. In 1 John 4:1 He said 'beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God'.

'Try' means TO 'prove'. That is we are to prove every spirit — there is to be no room for indecision.

(3) Dikastes and KRITES — Krites is the root of our word Critic. In the original, both of these words were limited to judicial judging. A judicial verdict is part of these two words — they are very near in meaning to Krino and opposite to Anakrino and Diakrino.

In the King James Version, both words were translated only to 'judge'. The sense is that we should not go around criticizing everybody and everything. A 'discerning spirit' is not a 'criticizing spirit'. We are not placed on the earth to be its 'critic'. When you 'discern' someone, it is not necessary to criticize.

So, beloved, Jesus calls us to NOT Krino, Krites or Dikastes but COMMANDS us to Anakrino and Diakrino. He also gives us a sure approach in discernment. "You shall know them by their fruits", He said.

Too many people don't recognize the difference between 'fruits' and 'works'. 'Works' are what we do, 'fruit' is what is produced.

Many Christians get confused when the Lord does something with people in a new way. They admit that 'good fruit' is produced, but cannot understand or accept the methods used. These dear brothers are looking at 'works' and not 'fruits'!

The Lord keep in us a pure heart from which comes no condemnation or criticism of others but which is yielded to the Holy Spirit and is given true 'discernment' and is not deceived.

(adapted from an article by Carl Parks 'Truth' April, 1972)

BE NOT DECEIVED . . .

Brothers & sisters be warned! God's Word says that in the last times numerous religious deceptions will appear. Not only will blatant imposters arise outside the Christian family claiming that they are the Christ or His modern-day equivalent, but many will also arise from within the 'church' preaching a 'different' gospel. 2 Cor. 11

Of the
first
Jesus
said:

"Take heed that no one leads you astray. ⁸ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

²³ Then if any one says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Lo, I have told you beforehand. MATTHEW 24

And of
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⁸ See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ COLOSSIANS 2

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds. 2 CORINTHIANS 11

The first deception is not even Christian-based. It does not allow for the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of men.

The second is much more subtle. It allows for the Cross but either adds to it or takes from it. It is always legalistic.

Coromandel Valley Methodist

Things are really moving in our area and we all praise God for the way He is doing wonderful things all around us.

About eighteen months ago it was decided to start a youth home fellowship group. This initial group rapidly grew and before long the fortnightly meetings had drawn an average of twenty people.

This night of sharing prayer and bible study became a first priority appointment that every one looked forward to and which was a real time of showing us how we really needed the fellowship we were experiencing with other Christians of our own age group.

As the group continued to grow the Lord put it upon the hearts of its members to

develop its prayer life and so it was that on the alternate Friday nights the first prayer meetings started in the church. More and more the group seemed to have a real sense that it was being led to devoting a lot more time to this.

This time taught everyone more of the nature of prayer. Together, we discovered that prayer was not something staid and rather boring but rather that it is a way of talking to our personal Saviour and thus a real way of release from the worries and troubles of life.

Starting with a simple and very basic faith the group have found just how powerful prayer is, and how nothing is too big or too small for the Lord to worry about. Jesus' promise in Matthew, "Where two or three are gathered in my name I will be in the midst of them", we have found to be true in a mighty and wonderful way.

BARRY McGUIRE Cont. From Page 9

DAVID: Where did you meet Winkie?

BARRY: Through these kids that I met in the street, Winkie was having some classes in California. I heard of this guy called Winkie Pratney and I thought, "What could a guy with a name like that know?" When I sat in his classes and he started getting into the scriptures, revealing the connection of all the different verses and how it all fits together and what the plan of God really is, what immorality and selfishness and sin have done to God's creation, then I started seeing the overall picture of sin versus righteousness, of rebellion versus submission. When I saw all that was happening to the world and to all the beautiful people that God has created, because of the rebellion in the heart of man, this broke me

Now the thing I am doing is speaking to people and singing songs. I stopped singing for about six months when I first met the Lord. I didn't know what I was supposed to do, so I didn't do anything. I didn't want to do anything unless I knew it was from God. Then one at a time the Lord started giving me songs back again and then he started opening the door for me to minister through music. Sharing my testimony — what I have seen and done — what God has done in my life — how Jesus has set me free — the promise of Salvation. Just the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus is our Saviour and He is coming back.

It lays legal demands other than faith upon Christians thereby denying the all sufficiency of the Cross in achieving man's salvation.

We know that a man is not justified^a by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified.

GALATIANS
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¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a sabbath.

COLOSSIANS 2

Groups in both these categories are operating in Adelaide & S.A. Beware of getting caught up!

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. | JOHN 4:1

The Lord Jesus has given us a new unity and love in our prayer group. He has also given us a real awareness of the needs of our local community. In recent weeks we have been able to witness in practical ways to our neighbours as we give them help in practical ways as well as continually lifting them up in prayer. There is a real assurance that their needs and problems will be met and that they will meet Jesus in a real and personal way.

At the moment as well as the Lord giving us this real burden for prayer we have also been blessed with an exciting sense of expectation that our area is really going to see great things and be mightily blessed in the future.

We all thank God for giving us all that we have and praise Him for blessing us with His all powerful Spirit and other people who have guided and taught us during the past few months.

**The words that I speak unto you,
they are spirit and they are life.**

— Jesus (John 6:63)

"Ho!, everyone that thirsts, come to the waters, and he that has no money; come, buy and eat; yes, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Incline your ear and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord and he WILL have mercy upon him; and to our God for he WILL abundantly pardon" [Isaiah 55:1,3,7,]

It is a sad fact that many people cannot believe that the forgiveness and life offered through Jesus Christ is free. We judge God's actions according to our own standards. Praise Him, that is **not** the case.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" — saith THE LORD (v.8)

It is also true that man is readily persuaded to chase after the transient things of this world but is incredibly reluctant to take even a sip of the living water which Christ gives. And yet, one sip is all it takes to prevent one ever again seeking more worldly pursuits such as fame, sensual pleasure and money.

Malcolm Muggeridge put it this way — "I may, I suppose, regard myself as a relatively successful man. People occasionally stare at me in the streets — that's fame. I can fairly easily earn enough to qualify to admission to the higher slopes of the Inland Revenue Department — that's success.

It might happen once in a while that something I said or wrote was sufficiently heeded for me to persuade myself that it represented a serious impact on our time — that's fulfillment. Yet I say to you, and I beg you to believe me, multiply these tiny triumphs by a million, add them all together, and they are nothing — less than nothing, a positive impediment — measured against one draught of that living water Christ offers to the spiritually thirsty, irrespective of who or what they are." (Jesus Rediscovered)

Jesus said "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give, shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." [John 4:14]

"If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. He that believeth on me . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." [John 7:37-38]

