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JESUS MUSIC AND JESUS PEOPLE IN STRANGE PLACES.

Hey watta ya know! The Christians are at last coming out of their long Rip Van Winkle sleep. There's a stirring in the air. Jesus Kids at Sunbury and Mulwala. No sweat! Maybe you wonder what's on about the emerging Jesus culture. To be honest we're as old fashioned as can be. We are just beginning to take the challenge of Jesus seriously. He was not crucified in a Cathedral between two candles but on a cross between two thieves. He never said "Come ye sinners into the church". But, HE DID SAY "Go go my disciples into all the world and preach the GOOD NEWS." So fellas that's why your seeing us in new places. We love you all and we're tired of seeing the church grooving in its own small corner instead of being a light on a hill which cannot be hid!!

In this edition we're including some articles on Jesus Rock — a comment on the Genesis Rock Happening. A write up on Wilson McKinley Rock Group and the first of a series of testimonies of Jesus Rock Artists. Genesis Rock Happening wasn't bad but we want to say a couple of words to Jesus Muso's. We feel that as yet you aren't saying much. Why we love the new sound (it's great to know that God OK's the guitar and drums as much as the electronic organ). We are impressed by the growing desire of Jesus People to be creative to communicate in the language of the people. Message music today is largely mood music and expresses something of youth's existential anguish. Jesus music must begin to express intellectual facts of the Gospel. Salvation is not simply an emotional "HIGH". It is a total invasion of thought and life by the

person and teachings of Jesus. How about some definite comment on who Jesus is, written to the "with it" vibes. (SOMETHING MORE DEFINITE THAN SUPERSTAR FOR INSTANCE).

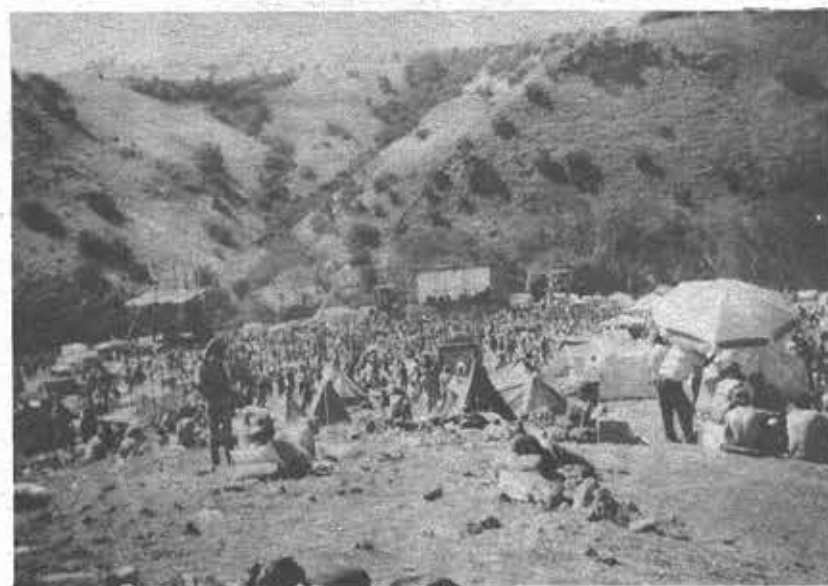
And if you are a muso — Man make sure your music is controlled by Jesus. Don't try merely to manipulate Jesus by your music. Because muso's are also human! There is so much hypocrisy in music. Dionne Warwick has long been an outspoken supporter of the oppressed negro in the ghetto's yet she has 300 Gowns, 10 Fur Coats, 500 Pairs of Shoes!!!! Somehow I don't feel impressed. And I fear — I fear the new liberation Jesus music will attract many new muso's who talk of Jesus but whose music is their crutch rather than Jesus being their Lord and satisfaction. Some guys at present are great when they feel good vibes but if the scene hassles them a little they kind of drop out.

Paul speaking to Timothy long ago said, "Lay the message on the people when the vibes are good or when they're bad — when it's popular and when it isn't."

If it is good enough for preachers it's good enough for muso's. You've got a groovy talent but one of the easiest to use as a shallow head trip or cheap substitute or emotional high. That may have seemed all very negative fellas but we're with you.

We need you brothers. Music is a great media and we are sure Jesus ought to rate more mention in the mixed vibes of the hour. Go deep with Jesus and His word. Be christ like in your life style. Be totally abandoned to Jesus. Feel something — but above all else SAY SOMETHING LOUD AND CLEAR. And we'll say RIGHT ON MUSOS FOR JESUS.

festivals —



General Scene



Jesus people baptized at Pop Festival



coming next issue ~

- * The Jesus movement in Western Australia.
- * Jesus invading U.S. Colleges and Universities.
- * Bikies for Jesus :- The story of God's Squad.
- * The sister ministries of Truth and Liberation.

Love of Jesus Behind Prison Walls.

Ted is in jail serving a long term for armed robbery.

But Ted is not bitter. Because he is a Christian. Ted committed his life to Jesus Christ at the Billy Graham Crusade in Melbourne early in 1969, while he was on bail awaiting his trial.

When Ted became a Christian some of his former companions told him to "stop or die".

But Ted wouldn't stop. Because for the first time in his life he had found peace, forgiveness and a purpose for living.

Ted has found that being a Christian in jail isn't easy.

But Ted has stuck to his faith in Christ.

And the Lord hasn't let him down.

But enough from us. Why don't we let Ted tell his own story of how Jesus Christ being a living and loving reality came into his life.

"I will never forget 1969. It was a year of mixed blessings for me. On Feb. 1 I was arrested at gunpoint by several armed detectives and after a gruelling interrogation lasting several hours, I was charged with armed robbery of the bank of NSW in Brighton.

This was the beginning of bad times for me. But was it really? I have very deep thoughts about these events now. Just briefly without too much detail I will give you a short summary of my life up to the time of my arrest.

I was married when I was 18 on the day President Kennedy was assassinated. I was an apprentice electrician and I had a battle to survive on minimum wages.

When I was 21 I went into business for myself. I was still running my own business when I was arrested but at the finish it was only a "cover."

In the early days my business made good progress but then I started gambling and drinking heavily.

I bought a racehorse under a dummy name and leased a couple of others. These type of "hobbies" require plenty of money and I had become lazy and had neglected my business.

I met up with fellows who were named in the forged \$10 note and police bribery allegations. It seemed a profitable business to play around with; safer anyhow if something went wrong.

There was always a chance of a pay off, in terms of a bribe. Anyhow I never had much of a conscience. So you may be able to understand that things didn't worry me.

But back to the armed robbery. After I was charged I was finally released on \$3000 bail and I went to stay at my parents home.

Unbeknown to me my parents were pretty new converts to Christ. My dear mother had told a few of her new friends about me after my arrest and a great number of them started to pray for me...

So when I arrived home I was met by a couple

of church men. We had a bit of a chat and I claimed I was innocent of the charge, which was a blatant lie. But to make everyone happy I agreed to go along to their church.

Afterwards I abused my parents and told them I didn't want any interference in my life.

Well I started going to church and I really heard the Gospel message for the first time.

I was afraid to become involved but I was beginning to wish in a way that my life could be normal and that I could be like the people around me. I liked what I saw.

Eventually the Billy Graham Crusade came to Melbourne. I was invited to go along and I did, but I assured my friend he would see no action from me. I did not believe God could come into anyone's life through Christ.

I told my friend something would have to happen for me to move. I can guess what you may be thinking. Something did happen, in a very strange but real way.

You may recall that at his crusades Mr. Graham makes a last appeal for people to come forward and surrender and stop fighting themselves. Well I had been fighting myself and trying to tell myself that I wouldn't walk out even though I wanted to.

I restrained myself, but when Mr. Graham said "this could be your last chance, God may be talking to you right now", I was up and out of my seat and moving to the front before I realised what I was doing.

I gave myself to Christ. What a relief when a person like me can lay his sins on someone else. Not that I could understand it all then. But I can tell you I felt real good, sort of clean.

I was what the bible calls born again. This is quite true and real. I know I felt it and something else seemed alive within me.

Soon I was asked to give a testimony at the chapel I had been going to. At first I wasn't very keen on this. I had become a Christian, started going to bible classes and praying but I didn't want it to go any further.

I was afraid of my past, the people I knew wouldn't be very happy about the things I was doing. I knew I had to go to jail so I only gave my testimony once and made excuses when asked to speak at other times.

You see I wasn't fully trusting God although in all honesty I wanted to.

Next I ran into some of my former companions who gave me an ultimatum "Stop or die." This really shook me up and I will never forget that sick and frustrated feeling I felt.

I began to wonder about God for a while and doubt moved in. But soon I was on my knees praying like I had never prayed before. I offered my life to God. He knew I was afraid especially when one doesn't fight back.

I had to learn to trust God and not to be ashamed to speak up for him whenever the chance arose. I got the chance and I was speaking everywhere before going to jail.

God helped me in quite a few extraordinary ways. He also kept me safe although attempts were made to get to me. The last months I had before going to jail were the best I had ever had.

I loved my new life although I was always tense, always looking over my shoulder.

But I now had God with me, never had I had such peace.

Jail is not a very pleasant experience anytime, but when I arrived it was made extra tough because I was in a delicate position. I spent nine months in "H" Division before going to Geelong for two years.

I came back to Pentridge because of trouble at Geelong and I am now in A Division.

I have always continued my Bible studies and read as many Christian books as possible. This helps not only myself but others when I speak to them.

I have seen several prisoners give their lives to Christ. Some turn out stronger than others but you can always see the change.

What helps me more than anything is knowing that Christ lives in me. This gives me great strength. I know that nothing can happen to me unless he allows it. We must still face our problems but he faces them with us.

And he cares. We should always remember that God is our Saviour everyday. If we look to him to supply our needs he is more than capable.

For awhile I felt as if I wasn't good enough to receive God's blessing, but I found this was nonsense. We are all different. God knows this — we should just offer him ourselves as we are.

This is ourselves at our best. If we give him our best don't you think in return we will receive his best.

We will if we believe and trust. We must always take time for prayer and Bible study. For if we expect God's love and help, don't you think he requires our attention. This is his way of communication.

I have never been sorry I gave my life to Christ. At times problems have seemed impossible and I have been afraid but Christ has never let me down. I have let myself down but Christ has never let me flounder for long.

He is always there to pick up or watch out for his own. I know he loves us more than any love a human is capable of.

And this will always carry us through."

Signed

(For rather complex reasons involving Ted's protection we have taken the liberty to change his name in this account — all else is factual)

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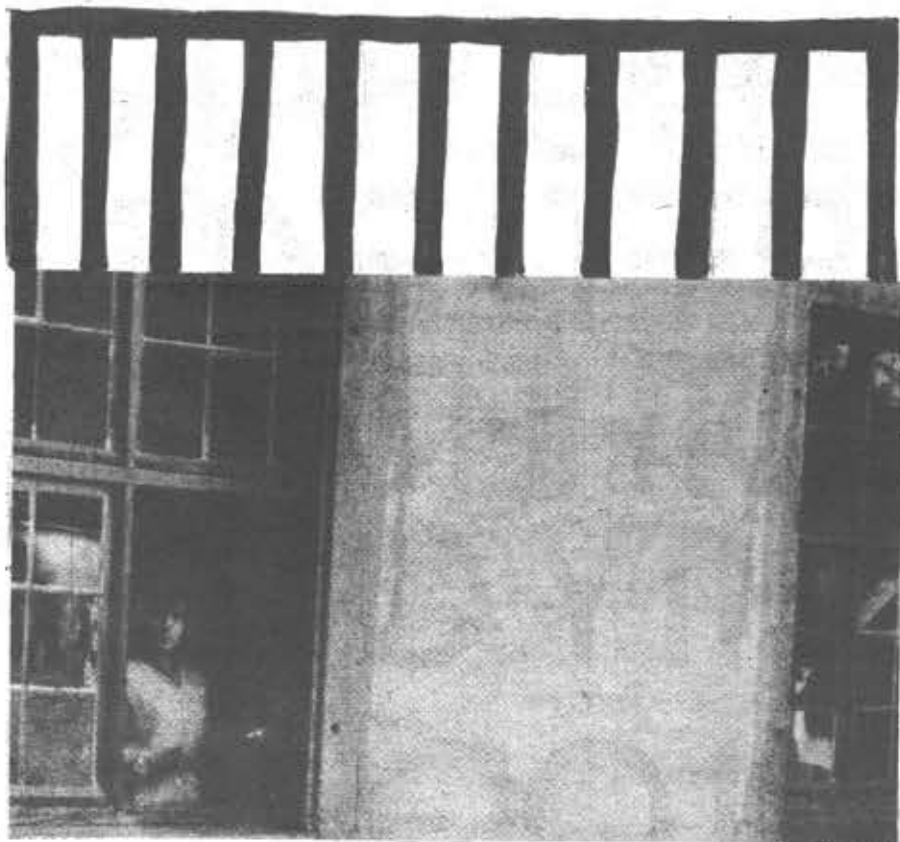
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CAUTION, COUNTERFEITERS

Whenever there is something of value, there are always counterfeiters around. One parable represents the Kingdom of God's peace as a pearl of great price, so precious that a man sold all he had to get it.

From the earliest days of Christianity there have been false teachers. One of the first problems the young Church had was with Judaizers, that is those who wanted to make Christians obey the Jewish law of Moses, with all its legal requirements. Jesus said that His followers are free. The false teachers said they were bound to keep the law with all its ordinances about what to eat, what to wear, special days of observance, things clean and unclean rites of circumcision, worship ceremonies, priests and scribes, and on and on. Paul warned the believers again and again not to be sucked into this trap. Your salvation is dependent on the works of Jesus and your relationship to Him. Trying to get into heaven on your own won't do it. As Larry Norman puts it in one of his songs — "You can't hitchhike your way to Heaven, the Devil's closed the road".

For 1900 years, the counterfeiters have been around perverting the gospel, making men subservient to other men, or bringing them into subjection to win. The heresy of salvation by denominationalism is one form. You can't divide His body the Church? Someone will have to answer for this.

At the present time, all over America and Australia and Europe, thousands of young people are coming to Jesus. Following right on their heels are the false teachers. A letter from California tells how a bunch swept through Berkeley teaching young believers it was necessary to submit to them and their laws, wear their kind of clothes, eat their kind of food. Several were misled because of this type of preaching sounds persuasive. Despite much being said today about individual freedom, people do want either to lead or be lead. The idea of real freedom in Jesus is quite foreign to our earthly scheme. When the anti-christ comes promising peace with strong

leadership, men will quickly submit.

Another letter, in the Hollywood Free Paper, warns against the group called "Children of God" who have an almost hypnotic control over their subjects as do some of the Eastern religions.

In New Mexico a group called "Children of Light" appeared at Encino where they have taken some of our weaker brothers and tried to take others. They preach that they are the true Body of Christ, the Church. Under the guise of unity they are tearing asunder, hinting strongly that if you don't belong to their group you can't be saved.

There are several denominations preaching the same.

In Australia some freaky brothers, who have gotten all out of balance, are troubling young Jesus people by extreme teaching about the Spiritual gifts Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would give the Church. They are falsely telling us that unless you speak "in tongues" and in Acts chapter 2 you are not saved, in spite of dozens of verses in the N.T. such as John 1:2, "As many as received Him to them He gives power to become God's children even to those who BELIEVE ON HIS NAME". Romans 10:8.10 Living New Testament (or any other translation!) "For salvation, that comes from trusting Christ (which is what we preach) — is within easy reach of each of us; in fact, it is as near as our own heart and mouths, for if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you shall be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; with his mouth he tells others of his faith confirming his salvation". We do not despise any of God's gifts but when these false teachers hand out their leaflets to brothers who haven't yet found Jesus, leaflets which start talk more about tongues and healing etc, than about Jesus who is our life, we get uptight. At La Trobe University Easter Tuesday these same brothers encountered (in Ballarat, and John Hirt of the House of the New World tells me he has found in Sydney) hassled

the crowd for hours. When we challenged one sister from the Scriptures, she told us we did not know our Bibles. She stated though she had only been a Jesus person a few months "I can't possibly be wrong about any truth because I'm perfect in Christ". We could sense no emphasis on the fruit of God's Spirit (love, long-suffering, meekness or humility etc.) We believe they were sincere but instead of working with all the other Jesus People there at La Trobe, they were dividing God's people, handing out literature emphasizing their own doctrines, and calling upon us to attend their centre, rather than centring on our Lord Jesus!

A similar group invaded our Coffee Club at Frankston, badly hassled a bikie who had accepted Jesus the night before and said "Don't listen to the crap those guys give you!" (The "crap" incidentally was John 1:12 etc.) "Unless you've spoken in unknown tongues and done miracles you are unsaved", they rapped. We hasten to say that we do not belittle any gift God's wonderful spirit gives His people but we decry a false emphasis amongst these brothers.

Now brothers and sisters we hate having to hassle with any who claim to know and love the same Jesus as we do, but after much prayer we felt we should identify this growing counterfeit statement of the Gospel.

Paul said "Mark those who cause division among you and avoid them", (Williams translation).

The following article has been compiled to help believers understand the issues and keep from being misled. To unbelievers we say, no church can save you; only a person and He is Jesus. Because there are counterfeiters around, don't throw out what is true. Only know that it is all the more precious. You don't counterfeit a 1c piece only that which is of great value. God is my Father, Jesus my Saviour and the Holy Spirit my Guide.

I know no other Lord.



Hey, Brother Griffin, you there —
You with the long hair and the heavy beard —
You with the faded out shirt and the low slung
Levis —
You with the bare feet . . . and the light of God's
love in your face —
You there . . . racing across the beach full
Of life and gusto to take His Gospel to the Hippies
Do you hear what they're saying about you?

They're saying you're cuckoo!
They're saying you're a little crazy!
They're saying you're a disgrace to the Christian
ministry!

"The very idea!"
"A minister! With long hair and a beard!"
"And in a sweatshirt and low slung Levis!"
"And barefooted!"
"And trying to make Christians out of Hippies and
Yippies!"
"The very idea!"

Matthew 3:4-6. John the Baptist wore long
hair, and camels skins and ate locusts and wild
honey!

"John was the greatest man that ever lived" —
Jesus!

IONS OF THEOLOGY

ON LONG HAIR, BARE FEET, LEVI'S AND OTHER WEIGHTY QUEST- IONS OF THEOLOGY

The Spoilers...

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ". (Colossians 2:8.)

One of the great things about life in the new world will be this: sin and Satan and error and evil-workers — in their thousand and one forms — will all have been dealt with forever. But this glorious ideal is far from fact just yet! In this evil world *caution* is the watchword of the believer. From Genesis to Revelation, God's Word bristles with warnings to be careful, not to be deceived, to beware of religious dogs. Continually we must be on guard against wolves looking like sheep, demons appearing as angels, and clever-deceivers parading as the just and good shepherds of the flock.

In Col. 2:8, Our Lord tells us that any man is capable of deceiving us if we are capable of being deceived. If we are ignorant of the Scriptures, we will be taken in by those who twist the Scriptures. If we do not know Christ's eternal authority in our lives, we will come under the human authority of some man seeking to usurp God's rightful throne within us.

Note, in order, how certain men "Spoil" other men;

"Through philosophy" — a religious idea which looks good and sounds convincing because it is ideal or different. Check any new teaching which

comes to you free of charge: *Is it practical to your life, honouring to the tone and tenor of Scripture, and edifying to your soul? Does it give Christ more room within, and more power over you? Or does it bring you into sympathy with a new human domination of some kind? "Philosophy" is invented by some man and is not only dependent upon him for interpretation, but also for power to work in your life.*

"And vain deceit" — the vanity of a man will always exalt himself in a movement by his teachings. "We would see Jesus", not just hear about Him. But where "vain deceit" is present, you will only hear Him quoted. "Vain deceit" robs Christ of His pre-eminence in the spiritual Church by setting up a new headquarters or name for operations. The man who thus spoils others is always known for his Hitler-like demands that everyone find their true stature by kneeling at his private footstool — perhaps not at first, but eventually.

In prison and in churches. The tyrant seeks to reign.

"After the traditions of men" — Tradition of men always bespeaks a human authority as its base. Satan once declared that he would exalt his throne in heaven; but having been violently expelled, he must now do it only in earth, in the heart of that person who voluntarily becomes a slave to some man-made tradition. Tradition robs Christ of His authority. It will dare to approach

Him and demand, "Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?" (Matt. 15:2). There is no more demanding, damnable despot and spoiler of men's souls today than tradition, be it as old as a century or as new as tomorrow.

"As the rudiments of the world".

You will be told that "our" things and times and places and garments and food and observances are important to godliness; wearing this, praying then, eating that, living there, doing thus and thus. You will be part of the select people under a select leader, and all others will be excluded because dissimilar to "us".

But remember, that the teaching is none to follow which blinds you to the function of the Church worldwide; the inheritance which Christ holds in her; the gifted and godly men He has granted to guide her; her Head in heaven as supreme; the Holy City as her final home; and her joy in living by all of God's Word now, and communing with all those who do the same. The rudiments of the world belong to some part of this world, and no man can afford to be spoiled by a sinister system which has no light, no scruple and no future.

Beware! Any man can deceive you — especially the man in the mirror and especially the man who can quote too many Scripture texts to prove that he is God's new man, opening God's new work in God's new city, and that all those who are wise enough to follow Him are God's new people!



THIS SO-CALLED "FOOLISH" PLAN OF GOD IS FAR WISER THAN THE WISEST PLAN OF THE WISEST MAN, AND GOD IN HIS WEAKNESS—CHRIST dying on THE CROSS—IS FAR STRONGER THAN ANY MAN.

INSTEAD, GOD HAS DELIBERATELY CHOSEN TO USE IDEAS THE WORLD CONSIDERS FOOLISH and OF LITTLE WORTH IN ORDER TO SHAME THOSE PEOPLE CONSIDERED BY THE WORLD AS WISE AND GREAT... ROMANS 1:25, 27, 28

why war?

Nixon has stepped up the bombing. Nth. Vietnam have increased their infiltration of the South. There is more uproar over the war. Peace marches by students, demonstrations by veterans, support rallies by the right-wing — everybody is involved.

You can hear some pretty good arguments against the war and you can hear a lot of speeches in favour of it. Everybody has an opinion why or why not.

A more basic question would be, "Why do we have war at all?" Not only is there war in Viet Nam, there is the Middle East crisis, numerous border-skirmishes around the world, racial problems, Protestants and Catholics fighting in Ireland, and the last few years have seen dozens of wars all over the globe. Added to these is the terrible world war of only two decades ago and unimaginable bloodshed and inhumanity.

The entire history of man has been continuous warfare and just because we are modern, educated, "cultured", and in a period of great scientific progress war has not stopped. In fact, we have to face even greater problems and many warn of the annihilation of mankind.

The newspapers are full of bad news, not good. This state of the world is a grave problem and many young people are trying desperately to find a solution. But the problem is more than Viet Nam, more than the racial troubles, more than the world turmoil. The things are only **symptoms** of a greater problem and in that problem lies the true reason why these things occur.

In tropical regions, a common but fearful disease is malaria. It is characterised by a high fever, then chills, and in many cases the

patient dies. Now, anyone knows that the fever or chill is not the disease. It is only the symptom of the disease. Cooling the fever or warming the body will not cure malaria. The only way to cure malaria is to get rid of the organism causing the disease.

The world's sickness is not war. War is only the symptom. War cannot be cured. Only the real sickness can be cured. What then is the sickness causing war and can it be cured? The sickness is a disease of the soul and it is called sin. Most people do not admit it because of pride which is another manifestation of the disease and also causes wars, but this fact of sin is very apparent and cannot be ignored. There is no peace in the heart of mankind so how can there be peace in the world? The Bible says, "The heart is deceitful, above all things and desperately sick." The Bible further says about mankind, "They are filled with all kinds of wickedness, evil, wanting things, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless." What a perfect picture of humanity. The Bible then goes on to say that all men have sinned and failed to meet God's standard which is perfectness. Another place in the Bible says, "What causes wars and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war even within yourself? You desire and do not have, so you kill. You want something and can't obtain it, so you fight and wage war."

It is clear that war is a symptom of a sickness that has been with us since the beginning of history and it must be recognized that the wars,

turmoil and crime in this world is the result of sin, which is disobedience towards God's perfect standard and separation from God.

Ignoring the sickness will not cure malaria nor will it cure war. Mankind is at war because, first, it is at war with God Who is the Source of peace.

Then is there any hope? Yes, because if we could receive a new heart — a pure clean heart — then our thoughts would be towards peace and love and joy, and sin would be cured. How is one cured from sin? The Bible says, "If any man is in Christ, he is a new person. The old things of his life have passed away; look, all is made new." God also promises, "A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take out of you the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you."

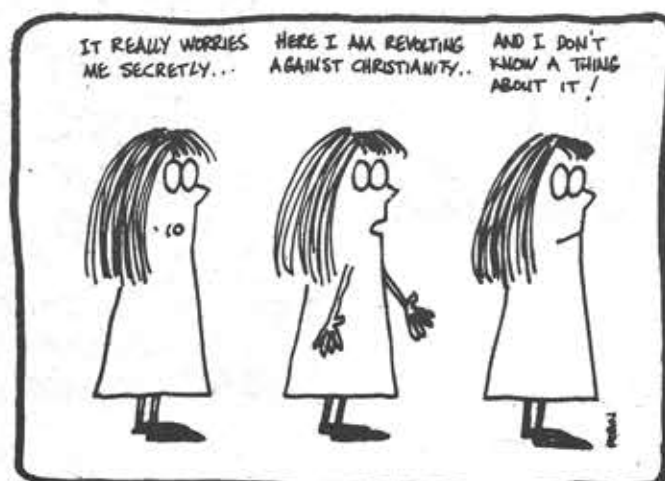
What do you have to do to get this? Just ask Jesus. How about you? Are you serious about wanting peace in this world? Then peace must first come within you. Jesus said, "I am the way. In me you have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." He promises to give you peace. He says again "Just for us, God made Jesus to carry our sins even though He did not sin Himself, so that through Jesus we might become pure and righteous before the Father."

Now, as the Bible says, "Why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the Name of Jesus."

Prayer: Christ, Prince of Peace, Living God; I ask you to reveal yourself to me. Give me a new heart that I might rise above the sickness of this world and my own self, and truly have peace. "He who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

HOW:

article by darryl corp.



"How can I go forward when I don't know which way I'm facing?
How can I go forward when I don't know which way to turn?
How can I go forward into something I'm not sure of?"

John Lennon (1971)

The bewilderment of JOHN LENNON is not limited only to his experience. Many are expressing the same hang-ups. "Hang-ups" is an expression used widely today, because plenty of people **have** plenty!!

Lennon sounds frustrated. He doesn't seem to have an answer to his predicament, at least, he doesn't give one. He confesses to be an atheist, which rules out the possibility that he is pointing to Jesus as "the Way". Probably unbeknown to him, his words are more profound than he thinks. Much can be gleaned from them. How can I go forward? How can I give Love? I **can't** unless Jesus, controlling my life completely is supplying the power . . . even more than that . . . is **living His life in me.**

The peace kick he was on a few years ago seems to have been a failure. The reason is clear . . . the Prince of Peace was not considered. It was destined not to last!

Another of his songs goes, "I'm sick to death of hearing things from up-tight, short-sighted, narrow-minded hypocrites, all I want is the truth, just gimme some truth". Seems he wants it, but refuses to accept Jesus as what he claims to be . . . **The Truth.** Listening to his words, I think I'd be inclined to agree with him. Personally, I can't stand putting up with the rantings of the types he is describing, either . . . but who says we have to? John Lennon seems to suggest he is somehow subjected to them. So . . . you want the truth . . . the logical conclusion! Jesus Christ!

Jesus said, "I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly." You have His word for it.

If you have found yourself in a similar situation where you've tried "everything" and have got relatively few kicks in return and you're about sick to death of the things upon which society places its values, you can be assured . . . through Jesus Christ you can experience **the life.**

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JESUS FOLK-ROCK ARTIST shares heavy vibes

Man! Where does a guy begin when it comes down to telling about the awesome power, the limitless love and the un-ending forgiveness that Jesus, Sweet Jesus, pours out into a person's life? What I mean is, I want to shout it to the world, tell all about what Jesus has done for me, but where do I start?

How about seven years ago, back in the year of '65, when, fresh out of literal paganism, I took my first faltering, baby-like steps into a completely new world, a world that was (as Christians told me) full of Love, Peace, Joy and all those other things that most of us long for deep within? No, no, I can't start there, even if I was the "Miracle Boy" of the Church that I attended, 'cos I bombed out, splat! flat on my God trusting little face!

For a long time I lay there, disappointment burning at my innards, I had missed out on the Big Groove, I didn't know it then, but I was actually wallowing in my own self pity, telling myself that maybe there wasn't really a God after all, or, if there was, He certainly was not interested in me.

So I stood up, dusted myself down, told myself, "That's life — live and learn", and went straight back to the world I had dropped out of. Back to the booze, back to the artificial happiness that I found in playing guitar and singing Rock, Rhythm and Blues and Country & Western music, back to a world of hate, mistrust and a world where the only thing that mattered was boosting my own ego, seeking to glorify my self no matter what it cost the other guy.

And I found that this life satisfied, stimulated . . . for no longer than six months. You see, like it or not, I had tasted the life that Jesus gives and I was to learn the hard way that nothing, but nothing, could come anywhere near it for excitement, purpose and good vibes.

When I get down to the real nitty gritty, I can see very clearly that this has been the pattern of my whole Christian experience. Six years of trying, struggling, promising God that I would live a better life. Six years of hang-ups and hassles. Six years of frustration.

Time and time again I have deliberately turned my back on Jesus to go my own selfish little way and each time I have ended up as a prisoner. I've been locked up in jail, I've been a prisoner of deep, deep depression, I've been an inmate of a mental hospital, all because I would not put my trust in our Almighty Saviour. Loving God, cursing in His beautiful face, loving God again, man, talk about hell on earth.

It was not so long ago that Jesus burst into my mind and life, bringing light into my clouded, darkened mind, bringing life into my puny, useless struggling existence and what a beautiful scene it is — praise Jesus — all things are new!

It all started really when I decided to put down my old life because I was in love with Jesus and not because there were a lot of people watching me and waiting to see if I would make it as a Christian, the more I tried to please people the more I failed the more I yearned for them to trust me the further out into the cold I was pushed by their critical attitudes.

But with Jesus it's a completely different scene. He knows that I want more than anything else to please Him and He is giving me the strength and determination to do it. He knows that I trust in Him and He gives trust in me as a reward.

How about you, brother, sister? Maybe you're like me, a Christian, but a pretty useless sort of guy or gal, don't get hung-up and toss it all in, just let Jesus live His life in you. Perhaps you are not a member of the forever family, if not, and you are being faced with the claims of Christ for the first time, don't think that the road will not be rocky, it will be rocky but it is definitely worth travelling. Anybody who is hanging back, watching, waiting, wondering, I want to say this to you . . . "Come on in, the water's fine!"

Merv' Romeo.

GENESIS.



And in the beginning was the drizzle . . . But when we had the Lord in control of the elements (and Norman Banks' best wishes) how could the sun not come out?

And, praise the Lord, it did — so strongly that within half an hour, the soggy lawns of La Trobe were covered with many backsides.

So began "Genesis", the gospel folk-rock festival at La Trobe Uni on Easter Tuesday.

We reckon the Lord was really around the place on Easter Tuesday. He took away the drizzle and kept it away until about 5.30 p.m. when the outdoors programme was due to finish anyway. There were lots of people communicating with Him all day, and apparently an awful lot got through. There were some there who got to know Jesus for the first time and hundreds of others who are at this moment thinking a lot more seriously about Jesus' claims on them than they ever had before.

There was no great multitude on the grass during the day session, but for the night (highlighted by the Rosebud Rock Drama) bodies jammed the Menzies Dining Hall, spilling out on to the terrace.

Through the microphone or over coffee in the Coffee House, the people were everywhere talking about Jesus. Only 2 folk groups attempted to sing in the coffee house but soon gave up 'cos nobody was listening to them — they were all too busy talking about the Lord!

And when we remember that all the rumoured disturbances fizzled out, it really hit us that He wasn't going to let anyone bust up His festival.

If "Genesis" had made one person think a little more about Jesus it would have been worthwhile. It was more than that — it was exciting because Jesus was there and working overtime — taking over the lives of those who accepted Him, challenging others to do the same, receiving a flood of communication from His followers and just covering the whole scene with His peace.

Colin Wallace and Ellaine Gould.



Merv

OF JESUS ROCK



Is it possible to make good music, believe in what you are saying, and express hope and joy without falling into romanticism? The Labor Day concert in Provo Park showed that it is.

The purpose of the event from its conception was evangelistic; that is, to communicate the good news of God's kingdom to those outside of it. In this case, it was directed basically towards street people, so it was to be a rock concert. Now, many Christian organizations have put on youth-oriented concerts in the past, but despite good intentions they have often failed to really get through because of one little thing: poor music. Lack of concern about doing well musically really takes away from the message of salvation through Jesus Christ; salvation then seems to be reduced to just an abstract thing, whereas the Lord wants to save our *whole* lives. And music is certainly part of life.

Happily, in the case of the Labor Day concert, the goal of spreading the good news was supported by a desire to spread some good music, and the two bands which came to play really got it together.

When I arrived at the park, Noah ("As it was in the days of") was playing and John, the drummer, was in the middle of a solo which had the audience clapping and whistling. Then the bass and lead guitars returned, and over a fine rhythmic foundation, the group sang "... look for me; I'll be gone. In the twinkling of an eye, no time to say goodbye..." They were referring to that "blessed hope" of those in God's family: Jesus shall return, and in the twinkling of an eye we shall be changed and caught up to be with Him forever.

For the next song, Fred gave his guitar to Henry and picked up a violin, Henry gave his bass to John, and then they played "Born Again". "I've been called out; I've been set apart." The violin solo was beautiful.

"We're Gonna Have a Good Time" was a funky little tune about life in the new heavens and earth which will replace the ones we're now living in. Noah closed the set with "Free — I'll Never Come Down;" here they sang of the liberation you receive "when the love of Jesus fills your heart." And this was what brother Sebastian, who "produced" the concert, spoke of between sets: that the purpose of those involved was to share some of the love that the Lord had given to them.

When Wilson-McKinley, a group of four brothers from Spokane, began to play, they lofted a few people onto their feet. In other words, they played rock. But, again the music was centered on Christ, and not only in the lyrics: the excitement and good feelings that the music produced were definitely related to what the words were saying, and I think the audience really began to see this before the concert ended.

Much of current rock music, and its folk and country variants, appears to have real spiritual problems. One of these is romanticism. Five or six years ago people were really trying to work out a new life style and explore new spiritual territory, and the music often reflected the optimism that they felt. The life style was to be based on love and peace, and the spiritual hope was enlightenment in the Eastern sense of the word. But a lot has changed in a few short years; the Love Revolution is now just the Revolution, the same kind of political trip that has failed to improve the world throughout its history. What has happened? At some point, people just gave up the quest for a real basic change and became romantics. They returned to the little details of life and just shelved all the questions they had asked and visions they had had. And the music today very often shows this. I remember vividly something Dr. Francis Schaeffer said about this a couple of years ago. He had just heard "Hey Jude" by the Beatles, and said he felt like crying: they

had dropped their spiritual quest for enlightenment, love and peace, and were just saying "find a girl, be happy, it'll all be O.K." *Rolling Stone* described the situation perfectly a couple weeks ago when they wrote of the George Harrison Bangla Desh Benefit Concert as a brief revival of the ideals of the 60's which now seem to have gone into limbo.

A different sort of problem is revealed by groups who have worked hard to master a kind of music (such as blues, country and western, or even 1950's rock and roll) which was created by a culture or sub-culture completely foreign to them. A few weeks ago I heard a couple groups in a little place on University Avenue, and they did an excellent job of playing country and western and early rock and roll. But as the music continued, the feeling of put-on grew more and more oppressive. Clearly, an important part of music is the personal expression of the musician, and if this is missing, a void will be felt no matter how skilled the performance.

One thing certain throughout the Wilson-McKinley concert was that the people were digging the music, and that includes the musicians: they seemed really involved in their playing.

And what was the effect of the underlying message itself? It is often hard to see just by looking at people what they feel about something, but a few times I saw people in the audience lose their detached expressions and actually listen attentively, especially during some of the raps by brothers during and after the concert. It really is a joy to see the Lord planting seeds in people's lives!

All the brothers and sisters who were there in Provo Park on Labor Day have much to thank the Lord for: fine weather, fine music, fellowship, and a chance to tell others of God's gift of forgiveness and new life, which all receive who put their trust in Jesus.

—Larry Cool

The Letter To The Street Christians

LETTER TO THE CHRISTIANS AT BERKELEY

From brothers called by God to share on the streets the good news about Jesus the Messiah. To the Christians in Berkeley, members of His forever family, set apart from this messed up world system by Jesus Himself — and to all brothers and sisters everywhere who know Jesus as God, your Leader and ours. We'd like to wish you peace from the middle of this upside-down world.

Wow! We are so thankful to our Father for you and for what He did for all of us when Jesus went to the cross — and that He has given you a heavy new life-style, so you can be able and ready to tell others about that good news and what it's doing in your life. You're all set to eat up everything He gives you while you wait for Him to come back for all of us. By His Holy Spirit in your heart, He proves that you will never be busted for breaking God's Law — so that when He comes you will be free. Our Father never cops out on a member of His forever family.

But now, sisters and brothers, we're going to lay a heavy rap on you. Get yourselves together and quit hassling with each other. Where it's at is to be working together as parts of the same body, so why do you keep hassling? Like some people say that you have to "speak in tongues" to know God's power in your life while others say that you shouldn't "speak in tongues" at all. Some say that the King James Bible is God's only Word in English while others won't even read out of it. Others self-righteously say, "I'll just follow Jesus". Jesus is torn apart by your selfish trips. Is there more than one Messiah? Which one of these ideas was it that died on the cross for you? Can you claim that following one of them has given you eternal life? Quit it! It was Jesus who died for your rotten ways, and He is the one who has given you life. This is the good news that set you free. It wasn't a plastic rap or special words, because that would deny the force and power of Jesus' sacrifice.

Dig it! For those who don't know Jesus, the cross is jive, but for us who know Him it is the power that has changed our lives. God ran it down in the Old Testament: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and won't even consider the cleverness of the clever". So where is the intellectual? Where is the business man? Where is the politico with all of the answers? Hasn't our Father shown us how useless all their earthly wisdom is? Since even the sharpest human mind trip wouldn't make it possible to know God, He opened up the way for those who believe Him like little children. So people everywhere are trying to get out of their heads, while we tell about the reality of Jesus the Messiah killed on the cross for everyone of us. Now that doesn't make a bit of sense to a dope freak or to a politico who thinks you have to change the system to change men. But to those who know Jesus, He is both the power and wisdom of God Himself, because this "foolish" plan of God's does what couldn't be done by all man's intellectualism; and God in His greatest weakness (the cross) is stronger than man's greatest strength.

Just look at yourselves. Not many of you would be considered intellectuals, and very few of you are from the ruling class. No, God has chosen foolish, stupid people like us in order to bring down the intellectuals and the rulers. And He uses the simple things in life that the wise see as wasted to show up the worthlessness of their plastic trash, so that nobody can brag in God's face. But your very life comes from Jesus and it's through our living connection with Him that we are truly wise, truly good, and made part of God's family forever. That's why God ran it down, "If you're doing any bragging, brag about Jesus".

That's also why, when we told you about Jesus, we didn't use any intellectual jive or rhetoric, but only rapped the straight "Good News". Let's face it people, that's all there is — the person of Jesus the Messiah and the fact of His death on the cross. Even though we speak in weakness and fear, the strength of that message still stands. It can't be done with intellectualism and rhetoric but only by the convincing power of God's Spirit. Dig it! Your faith has to stand on the power of Jesus in your life, not on any philosophical jive.

mixed vibes.

Dear Bob and John,

IT WORKS!

I want to tell you how meeting Jesus, changed my outlook on life but I can't, because I don't have the words to express my emotional feelings.

Thanks to the kids at the Coffee Shop in Bellarine, Jesus Christ and I were introduced to each other. Not by 'Jesus, meet Sue' or 'Sue this is Jesus — shake hands!' but by praying hard, and experiencing Him (His works). But I can definitely say that I am enjoying a fuller, carefree life, now that I have met Him.

You want to know something? I didn't even believe in Christ, the Bible, or God at one time. Boy, I didn't know what I was missing out on!

There's one saying I have picked up — if the kids who read Jesus papers remember it, it might help them overcome a few problems.

"Don't get all hung up and stew in your problems down her; Just pass them upstairs!"

I do that, and wacko — man you really feel a weight lift from your shoulders. The problem is still there, but you're not all keyed up and blue — I reckon, that's where faith gets into the picture.

Fair dinkum, you feel 100 per cent better!

If I could put the words that express my feelings into sentences, I'd tell the whole world, 'cause I reckon He has given me the "Egg" (New Life).

Congratulations of the Jesus papers, it gives something to read and think about.

Yours in Christ,
Love, Sue.

C-o Betty Grange,
P.O.
Bellarine.

WRAPPED IN JESUS.

Dear John, (as Editor of Truth & Liberation)

Praise be to God! I can't stop thanking Him that a paper so full of the reality of knowing Jesus, has been published. Truth and Liberation is not just a mere title but the real content of the paper. I know it's going to get to lots of street kids because they're looking for real, not phoney, Truth and Liberation.

The Jesus Paper is an answer to my prayers, because now, with the power that Jesus has given to tell other kids about Him, I can talk to them and then give them a paper to take home and think over. Words, as it were, wouldn't be lost because they'll have the Way, Truth and Life printed, in front of them. Look! Praise the Lord, He's doing and going to do great things.

I think it's great the way the paper presents, not just to street kids but to Jesus People what actually we have "in Jesus" and it's a great encouragement.

Now ... for the bad points ... stop ... I can't think of any and I've read my copy through an awful lot.

Now ... for recommendations. I'd like you to keep presenting Jesus and the life He gives us because He's our Leader, and in doing this you'll continue to present real "Truth and Liberation". This will also help Jesus People to witness because we should present Jesus our Leader and Liberator.

The only addition I can think of at present is if you include a short list of names and addresses of Jesus People in different suburbs who were suitable and available and willing to be contacted by a kid, in need, who picked you Truth and Liberation. Now, I know this may be more of a problem than it's worth because of who, on earth, you'd include but I'm suggesting it because I'm so wrapped in Jesus that I'd love to help anyone in my area, to find Jesus (and the Editor, at Boronia is a long way from the other side of town!!) Anyway only do what Jesus wants you to and He won't let anyone miss out on His love because of the size of Melbourne, I'm sure.

Anyway, shall close for now, as this wasn't meant to be an epistle, but a few words of encouragement.

In the strong name of Jesus,

Ros

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334 Gilbert Road,
West Preston. Vic. 3072.

EDIT:— We welcome adverts for Jesus People happenings anywhere in Aust. We want to get a directory going so that even interstate travellers can find Jesus People.

Just send in a letter telling us briefly what you're happening is, where it's at, who you are, when it's to be and we'll do the rest.



NICE TRY...! BUT
JESUS IS STILL
THE ANSWER.



RIGHT ON BRISBANE FREE PAPER

Dear John,

I just received your paper Vol. No. 2 tonight — and I thought it fantastic. Congrats on such a great paper. You probably know that we have a little thing going up here in Brisbane too.

I would love to communicate with you regarding distribution, finance and so on — seems to be a very expensive paper — our last paper (50,000) cost about \$650.00 — I think yours will be more expensive — anyway, I would love to hear from you — even do a story on you and the organisation in our next issue.

I think that some of your material is great. That Francis Schaffer stuff — we take a lot of ours from American Jesus Papers — seems that you do too — I would like your permission to use some of your material for our paper — please feel free to use ours if you think it O.K.

Anyway — all the best — we are praying for you and your paper — May God bless you,

Yours in Christ,

Bob Adsett,
Editor of Brisbane Free

Paper

P.S. If you would write care of my home address I will get your letter quicker.

Bob Adsett,
89 Cedar Street,
GREENSLOPES, Brisbane. 4120.

EDIT: — Them's our sentiments about your paper too, Bob — We'll send a story sometime of how it's all happened and you might do the same for us. The Spirit of God is sure beginning to move all over this land. Praise God!

Dear John,

JESUS LIBERATES — BY FAITH

I had written two letters to you, but they were just an ecstatic reaction to your Jesus paper "Truth and Liberation". After reading them through again, I realized I had not said what I wanted to say, so I scrapped them.

I would like to tell you about how I have been bound for years, although a saved person, by disbelief in the power of Christ indwelling me, and I had completely ignored the Holy Spirit. But He has not ignored me, and through God's grace, after so long, the Truth and reality of the Spirit actually **indwelling** my life have been shown me by Himself because Jesus loved me so much. Now I am truly liberated, because through His grace I believe God's promises of power through **faith**. All I want to do now is praise Him for the new meaning He has given my life, through reaching down and giving me His understanding and love.

Dear John, I love Jesus,

Your sister in Him,

Debbie Maree Triplett.

P.S. Sorry, no snaps available (happily)
P.P.S. This sounds sort of vague, but I think the point I really wanted to make is that Jesus can't reach us with His truth and power, and can't abolish our disbelief, until we acknowledge that something desperately needs attending to in our spiritual life, and "call upon the name of the Lord". Only then can He work in us.

Praise Him.

3 Error Street,
Braybrook, Vic. 3019.

WOW! GAS! ALL GOD'S PEOPLE ARE OUTASIGHT! Dear J.S.

I call you this mainly because you are too cool to call "mister" and it is not, as yet, my privilege to call you John.

I am writing to you as my uncle tony has given me this paper of yours and it has so much intrigued me that I felt an urge to write to you as I have been (and I am proud to use past tense) a sinner and it was your magazine which really helped me to become a Jesus Revolutionist.

When I refer to my "uncle tony" his full name is Reverend A. Hooper of the Methodist church Sebastopol, as my parents and I were in Ballarat visiting uncle tony and aunty bet my uncle told me of the outasite work you've been doing and of what you have in mind for the future. Congratulations for the marvellous job you have done so far. It would be outasite if I could be down there joining in on all the scenes with Jesus people but as we live 30 miles from Ballarat it is rather impossible.

Man you've done a cool job and may God guide you on your way as you help our generation realise what a gas scene it is to do your thing with God.

I wish there was some way of helping you, man, so I will try and find some material for your mag.

I'll tell you a funny thing. When my sister and I were about 10 and 12, we had this painting (a rather large one of about 16" x 32") given to us for Christmas. It was a painting of Jesus and the lamb that was lost in all the bracken and thawns and all the other sheep around them. Well then it was okay. (at that time we were living at the Basin!) well then we disregarded it. Since then it has just been lying around collecting the dust and after that visit to uncle Tony's and after reading your

mag I sort of re-noticed the painting and asked mum and dad could I have it for my room. Well they said "yes of course!" in an astonished tone (they are Christians but they never thought I would convert) but they were both pleased that I am taking a notice of God.

I remember about 3 years ago my girlfriend invited me on a church camp to the Grampians. Well the reason for our going was more-or-less to stir! It turned out that after a couple of days there, that the minister said at one evening service "anyone who wants their souls recleansed and their sins forgiven please stay behind after the service". Well my girlfriend looked at me and I looked at her and she said "If I tell you something don't laugh at me?" and I replied "I won't laugh because I know what you're going to say and I agree".

Well we went up to the minister after the service to be recleansed and forgiven. I was real ashamed and was crying my eyes out. It was when we got back to school and teamed up with our old sinful mates that we started to sin again. We were ashamed but we didn't like to be laughed at, and we weren't strong enough to take bad criticism so it has been 3 years of **terrible** sinning until last Monday when I was given your gas mag and now I am a completely changed cat.

I don't know what I would have done without the Lord God but I know in my heart is where he belongs. For that matter, cat, he belongs in everyones hearts, don't you agree? I hope I have the fortune that you should write back in reply J.S. as I think you a very outasite man and would love to talk to you more about Jesus Christ.

How much does your mag. cost? because I would like to see a few more editions as they are a gas! Deadset!

Well I must close for now J.S. as it is getting rather late, but I hope to hear from you soon.

May God be with you,
Mandy Oliver

P.S. I forgot to mention one thing. I am a motor bike fanatic, they're cool machines and I intend to get one in a year or two so send me any info. on bikes — Jesus People please.

God speed,
Mandy

Box 12, P.O., Beaufort, Vic. 3373.

EDIT: — Gas to hear our mag led you back to Jesus. Don't get too hung up on John Smith. He's a very ordinary bloke. Our Lord Jesus is where its really at and the less people get grabbed by us, the more He seems to shine through.

THE JESUS MOVEMENT IS JESUS MOVING!

To John,

Hi man, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I've just been looking through your gas paper and it's really tremendous to see Jesus moving in and through your paper, especially the contacts you appear to be making, and the people who appear to be interested, praise God. We long to hear how the Lord is moving and it's truly in an unusual way isn't it? Nothing like the old order of things, but it's a complete new way as in your paper. Everything is different, the songs are great and not the long drawn out hymns that make you go to sleep (I'm not knockin' the words, they're tremendous but the tunes are just not the kids thing) and I believe you have to present Christ to them in their language and understanding. I'm all for your newspaper and I think it's great.

I was wondering whether or not you would like us to give some of these papers out for you because we'd love to help you with your paper if you want us to. No, I don't want to steal your scene but just to help you to present Christ to a lost and dying world. We do street witnessing on Friday nights, and we could sure get rid of them for you, but pray about it and see if Jesus wants this, as I'm sure He would, for He said to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" and this is what you are virtually doing, is giving these lost kids a hope in life, something to hand on to — Jesus, who IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

I was wondering, if you could give us some ammunition on this Jesus gear shop because we would like to get these bumper stickers etc. but we don't have anywhere really to get a hold of them unless they come from Eastern States, so if you could give us the run down on this place, prices, literature etc., it would help us a lot.

My girlfriend and myself would like to do things for Christ and we'd like to help you, so pray about it and let us know, will you man? Groovy. "Be strong in the Lord". Hope this letter finds you praising God, for all His goodness and mercy, praise His Holy Name. Hope you can help us to help others.

We love Jesus,
Your brother and sister in
Christ,
Steve and Joyce

63 Ashburton Street,
East Victoria Par, W.A. 6101.

EDIT: — Buddy we certainly would appreciate your helping us spread the word in W.A. I'll write you. We hope next edition to release quite a list of our own media (stickers, pendants etc. and **if you get these you will be helping support the ministries of Truth and Lib. etc.** See Keswick Book Depot ad. on back page. These guys have a fair range — drop them a line. **SECOND TIME ROUND**

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Dear John,

I read with interest your publication of "Truth and Liberation", and as I went through it there seemed to be something lacking.

It could be summed up that the truth of Rom. 10:9 seemed to be missing "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth, Jesus as LORD".

Our Saviour is worthy of His rightful title. Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost. All those who came to Him with their need in the gospels acknowledged it e.g. "Lord, I believe", not Jesus I believe.

I know you recognise this yourself, but I feel we need to keep the standard high, otherwise there could be disappointment and failure. We should always set the right example and not be pulled down to lower levels, in becoming all things to all men the apostle never lost his dignity as a Son of God of JESUS Christ, a servant.

Trust you will suffer this little exhortation "to our own Master we stand or fall".

God bless you in your efforts to reach these young people.

Yours in Christ,
Douglas Potter.

15 Burnley Street,
Frankston, Vic. 3199.

ED.: — We deeply appreciate our brother's concern and we hasten to say we are not wanting in any way to lessen the impact of our Lord Jesus Christ and we would point out that our outline of the Gospel in the Life Column includes a clear prayer surrendering to the Lordship of Christ. Our whole paper calls to acknowledging Him.

However, we would differ with our brother regarding the Names of Jesus. For instance, on the Day of Pentecost we note Peter used "Christ" 3 times, "Jesus Christ" once and just "Jesus" 3 times and the full title "Lord Jesus Christ" does not appear as such in his message. It is not in the legalistic use of His varied titles but in our life style of obedience to the teachings of Jesus that we most show our acceptance of His rightful place in our lives.

In Acts we note that out of the 35 times "Jesus" is mentioned 20 times were in direct discourse. 13 times "Christ" is mentioned — 7 times were in direct discourse. 11 times "Christ Jesus" of "Jesus Christ" — 9 in direct discourse. 13 times "Lord Jesus" — 3 times in direct discourse. About 40 times "Lord" mentioned (it is difficult to ascertain whether Lord means Lord Jesus or the Father on many occasions — e.g. the Word of the Lord); in direct discourse Lord occurs about 14 times. The terms "Lord" and "Christ" are in fact titles — hence the phrase "Jesus is the Christ" (or Messiah).

So in statistical summary (we may have slightly erred in numbers in this hasty summary — even so the trend is clear) there is no rule as to which Name or Title of Jesus Christ — our Lord, Liberator and Leader is used in the preaching of the Good News. If we wish to be legalistic, "Jesus" is the Name most commonly used in New Testament outreach. He is our Lord, our Saviour and the Promised Messiah. By any of His Names, we love Him, we obey Him and we speak of Him. It is also noteworthy that "Jesus" is His saving Name — "Thou shalt call His Name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins" Matthew 1:21. It is the Name which offended the enemies of the Gospel "... commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the Name of Jesus" Acts 4:18; Acts 5:40. It is the Name of His ultimate recognition and total Lordship. Paul said to the Philippians "at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow".

As often as not in the Book of Acts (which is the chief record of how the evangelist spoke to the unconverted — the Epistles are Letters to Believers) the Name Jesus is used on its own as His Name by the various Apostles — e.g. Peter — Acts 3:26; 10:38 Paul — Acts 9:27; 17:3; 17:18; Stephen — Acts 6:14; 7:45; Philip — Acts 8:35. All the Apostles in Prayer and Preaching — Acts 4:30; 5:29-30. Jesus Himself to Paul said "I am Jesus" — Acts 9:5; 22:8; 26:15. The Angles — Acts 1:11; The Spirits — Acts 19:15.

We are not ashamed to stand with Philip the Evangelist of whose Ministry it is written "He preached unto them Jesus" Acts 8:35 or with Peter and John of whom Luke observed "that the people acknowledged that they had been with Jesus".

This lengthy reply, we felt necessary because many older brothers feel the more common use of "Jesus" only in the Jesus movement is contrary to New Testament teaching and therefore a danger signal as to the depth of understanding amongst us regarding who Jesus Christ is. We will be featuring soon an article on "Who is Jesus".

requiem for a little boy.



A little boy sat on a hill not far away and there he'd play on a live long day,
He'd smile at the sun, then he'd laugh at the moon,
There time would always come too soon,
But then one day his mother took him away,
To a land where the trees never grow,
Now he sits all alone on a cold, hard kerb,
Watching the autos, rushing by.

Gone is the clear look of life from those eyes that have shed many a tear many a lonely night.
His days have lost their ring the birds no longer sing to this boy from that hill nor far away,
Cause he can't catch fish in a swimming pool,
And he can't climb trees the way he used to do,
And the signs all say no walking on the grass,
So he sits all alone on a cold, hard kerb,
Watching the autos rushing by.

His mum works late at night,
For Seymour, Smith and Smatters,
And she hasn't time to make him apple pie,
The TV is for company and he would so much rather
be catching fire flies on that hill nor far away,
And I wish that I could find that boy and tell him
of a special joy that comes from making Jesus his friend,
Somewhere he sits all alone on a cold, hard kerb,
Watching the autos rushing by.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT



★ God loves you and has the heaviest life style for you.

HIS LOVE:

"God loved the world so much that He gave His unique Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

HIS LIFE STYLE FOR YOU:

"No mere man has ever seen, heard or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

★ EVERY PERSON HAS GONE HIS OWN WAY RATHER THAN GOD'S AND IS SEPARATED FROM GOD SO HE CANNOT KNOW GOD'S LOVE OR EXPERIENCE HIS LIFE-STYLE.

People were created to groove on God, but our stubborn selves caused us to go our way rather than His, so our contact with Him was broken.

"All have purposely done their own thing rather than God's; all fall short of God's ideal." Romans 3:23

SEPARATION FROM GOD:

★ "For the wages of going our way rather than God's is death." (spiritual separation from God) Romans 6:23
Some of the results of that separation are worry, irritability, and lack of purpose in life as well as the heavier things like murder and stealing.



A great chasm separates man and God. Man's best efforts to bridge this chasm—doing good, tripping out, meditating, religion, etc.—are not enough.

"When we put on the robes of our own righteousness, God sees them as filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6

★ Jesus Christ is God's bridge. He makes it possible for you to know God's love and have His life style.



"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still going our way rather than His." Romans 5:8

"Christ also suffered. He died once for the waywardness of all of us who were going our way rather than God's, although He Himself was innocent of any wrong at any time, that He might bring us to God."

1 Peter 3:18

"Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me."

John 14:6

★ When you receive Jesus Christ as liberator and leader, you will know God's love and have His life style.

"All who receive Him, He makes children of God. All they have to do is trust Him to liberate them."

John 1:12

★ "I am standing at the door and constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in and talk with him spirit to spirit."

Revelation 3:20

★ Here's how it adds up:★

1. God loves you and has the heaviest life style for you.
2. Every person has gone his own way and is separated from God, so he cannot know and experience God's love and life style.
3. Jesus Christ is God's bridge. He makes it possible for you to know God's love and have His life style.
4. When you receive Jesus Christ as liberator and leader, you will know God's love and have His life style.

★ You can receive Jesus Christ right now by asking Him. Just talk to Him spirit to spirit. He knows what you feel inside, so your words are not as important as your attitude. You might say something like:

"Dear Jesus, I know I have done wrong. I am willing to turn from going my way. I open the door of my life and receive you as my liberator and leader. Thank you for forgiving me. Take control of my life center. Make me the kind of person you want me to be."

If that expresses your desire, then just tell Him and He will come into your life as He promised.

ALL POWER THRU THE SPIRIT!!

A GREAT AWAKENING? REVIVAL IN CANADA.

Revival fires are burning in the prairie provinces of Canada (see December 3 issue, page 33), and some church leaders predict the movement will flare into a great spiritual awakening across the entire nation — making it Canada's first nationwide revival in history.

"All these years I've been building my church, and now I've seen everything I built completely crumble. I saw by board members, my deacons, my Sunday-school teachers — the best people I had — all coming forward to get right with God.

"Then I saw God take that crumbled structure and build a real church, his church. It's beautiful to behold".

This is how pastor William L. McLeod of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, described the revival that began in his church in mid October. It has spread to thousands of persons, to churches and Bible colleges in Regina, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Toronto, to towns like Moose Jaw and Swift Current.

"People throw arms around one another in genuine Christian brotherly love and concern", observed a school principal who attends Ebenezer. "A person with a problem knows that all these people love him and are praying for him. To me it is an overwhelming manifestation of God's love".

One night Sam and Arnold Derkson, brothers who had not spoken to each other for two years, were reconciled; they sang a duet the next night. Husbands and wives testified how their faltering, loveless marriages were rejuvenated by the love of God. A woman whose husband had left her said she was on the verge of suicide until she committed her life to Christ. A few nights later her husband was on his knees at the altar, and the two were reconciled.

People from many denominations began pouring in, and soon a dozen churches were co-operating. The University Drive Christian and Missionary Alliance Church cancelled its annual missionary convention to participate. The nightly meetings continued through October and November and were moved to the city's largest sanctuary, which belongs to the United Church of Canada. Thousands jammed into double sessions Sunday afternoons and evenings, with hundreds spilling into an overflow sanctuary across town. On the last Sunday of November more than 3,000 attended double services in the city's 1,800 seat civic auditorium. "Afterglow" meeting, lasting into the wee hours, are held in the various churches. Regular Sunday morning services in the churches go on for hours following the same pattern as the larger gatherings.

Although theologically liberal ministers have all but ignored the revival, many of their members are involved. "I couldn't handle so much enthusiasm", remarked a prominent liberal clergyman.

The revival has been contagious. People have come from all over Canada to observe and participate, in many cases sparking revival back home. Young people from Golden Prairie upon their return home called a special meeting at their church, staged a skit depicting the deadness and apathy of the church, then told the congregation about their own new commitment to Christ. "It worked!" reported one. "Now we have a Saskatoon revival in Golden Prairie".

"In thirty-five years of ministry I have never witnessed such a spiritual movement as this", remarked Central's president, Dr. Donald Loveday.

Similar sentiments were uttered by presidents Kenneth Hanna of the 150 student Winnipeg Bible College and Alvin Martin of the 225 Canadian Bible College (CBC) in Regina after revival teams stirred their schools. "This revival is not personality-centred or program-centred", observed Martin, who also said he was impressed by how the revival reached below the ecstasy level "clear down to a person's will".

After a stirring extended session at CBC, many students hit the streets to witness, circulate news

of the revival, and to invite townspeople to the nightly meetings that began November 16 and were still going on early this month in a CMA church and the civic hall.

And revival flared at Beulah Alliance Church in that city with small group afterglow sessions lasting past midnight. Boldt tells about a doctor who phoned a dentist friend at 1 a.m. and said, "I have to get right with God. Will you pray with me?"

Further south, at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, a church already was packed out when Boldt and his team arrived in town. People began weeping and coming forward to the altar during the opening song, says Boldt.

"There is such brokenness and weeping in these meetings that we're all carrying boxes of Kleenex along with our Bibles", he adds.

There is ample evidence that the revival is more than a tear-drenched catharsis or passing spiritual high. The movement has received little media attention, but the Saskatoon Star Phoenix noted that merchants were beset by repentant shoplifters wanting to make restitution. Police noted a sudden decline in night-time crime and brawls involving young people. Principals and teachers remarked about the dramatic changes in student behaviour.

Family life improved for many. Numerous youths testified that they had kicked drugs and turned on to Jesus during the revival, and that Jesus had given them a new love for their parents. A father spoke out: "I used to literally hate my son because of his long hair. Now I couldn't care less about hair. The Lord has given me a love for him that goes way beyond things like that".

A troubled Saskatoon high-school teacher said he found the peace of God at one of the meetings, adding: "I used to take tranquilizers. That used to be my saviour. Without them I'd just be a such a bundle of nerves that teaching was agony. Now I have such a deep peace that I roll out of bed singing in the morning".

Pastor McLeod's 17 year old son Timothy declared he was through with play acting, accepted Christ, and proceeded to witness to classmates. Boldt's teenage son Wayne saw five of the "seven-impossibles" among his classmates receive Christ during the first week of revival. Recently they have been travelling as a testimony team to churches and schools elsewhere.

The generation gap never had a chance. Young people declined to be segregated into their own afterglow groups. It was common to see youths and middle-aged people praying together and counselling one another.

Denominational barriers dissolved; doctrinal differences were ignored. Love prevailed, Catholics, Lutherans, Baptists, Nazarenes, and others prayed, wept, and shared together as if they had been in the same family for years.

Crusade rulebooks have been set aside in favor of flexibility, said Ralph Sutura. There are no structures of schedules, "thus freeing the Holy Spirit". There are no counsellors; instead, volunteers are asked to pray with those who express needs. Leadership and preaching chores are shared among the evangelists, ministers, and lay people "as the Spirit leads".

Teacher Leslie Tarr of the Toronto seminary sees a three-fold emphasis in the revival in the Maritime Provinces, a nineteenth century movement in the Ottawas Valley, and a happening in Hamilton, Ontario, early in this century.

Baptist executive David Clink, one of the many clergymen whose lives have been deeply affected in the current revival says: "I think that this is God's hour for Canada. 'We've never had a nationwide revival, but I sense that this could be it'".

Although there have been many conversions, there has been no organized outreach to non-Christians. Crusade spokesmen say this will be a natural by-product when believers are revived and right with God.

Rush Greenslade and Edward E.

Plowman.

MEANWHILE AT A JESUS COMMUNE

Dear Brother John,

Praise God for the work He is doing in this area. We have seen many lives changed by His power and love. This Sunday we are having a baptismal service of about 60 young Christians. August 6 and 7 we are planning an evangelism workshop. We plan to have workshop seminars all day — teaching about the deceptive cults, other political philosophies and general techniques for witnessing more effectively. On August 14 we will have a rock-folk-gospel concert to spread the Word of our Lord. This will give those who attended the workshop, a practical application to what they learned. Praise the Lord for the busy ministry He has blessed us with.

During the week we have Tuesday and Thursday night Bible Studies, Wednesday nights we have a time of sharing and an invitation (about 100 to 200 people come to these meetings). On Friday and Saturday night we have a free coffeehouse with all gospel singing and personal witnessing. We have seen hundreds of people enter the vital, life-giving relationship with Jesus since this ministry began.

Our newspapers have reached a circulation of 50,000 now and we publish it every month. This too has been effective in spreading God's Word.

The Lord has kept us extremely busy, but, it is the most rewarding work man can do. There are 15 brothers living at the House of Life and 4 sisters involved full time, living in an apartment close by. The brothers all work on a construction co. and this has done miracles in building their faith, strengthening their fellowship as well as opening witnessing opportunities. We all meet at the House for prayer at 6.30 a.m. and then breakfast. The brothers then leave for work and the sisters do the cleaning, sewing and washing and baking. The brothers return around 5.30 and after dinner we begin our meetings.

Praise the Lord for opening such opportunities. Maranatha and may Jesus continue to bless your ministry.

In His Service,
Candy Waldron and the Family at the House of Life.



WHAT IS THE JESUS MOVEMENT?

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princes or paupers.

I used to hide in the background every time the name of God or Jesus was mentioned, especially when friends who didn't have any respect for the Lord took His name in vain. If I ever did tell people that I was a christian, it was apologetically as if I were covering for a weakness.

One day however, the Lord made me realise that I was taking the wrong end of the stick. That is if anybody needed to be apologetic it should be the person who has rejected such a wonderful, free offer of salvation. We are not apupers who need to feel inferior, but we are the sons of God — that is Princes. How I praise Jesus that He has made me to realise this first thing in the powerful believer's life.

The second realization of need for a powerful witness came to me recently when I discovered the true meaning and power of a believer's prayer. Jesus Himself said "You can ask Him (the Father) for anything using my name and I will do it, for this will bring praise to the Father because of what I the Son will do for you (John 14v 13 Living Bible) From personal experience I have found that Jesus not only answers our prayers, but goes way beyond our wildest dreams in answering — PRAY BELIEVING.

The third realization has come from wondering why God should allow certain things to happen to me. I have come to realise that these things happen to everyone, not just me, and for me to be able to understand how others feel about such situations, I need to go through them myself. God has a plan for all of us in everything that happens to us. All we can do is to wait for Him to reveal the reason WHY???

Another important realization to strike me, was that we have a real meaning and hope in our lives — not something airy fairy. Our hope is in Jesus that one day He will return to call His own and bring judgement on those who don't believe. How am I going to sit with Him and all my brothers and sisters because I am saved, and have someone point the finger at me and say "O, if only you had told me". It is my responsibility to tell as many as possible of what our Saviour has done. Heaven forbid that I should miss an opportunity.

Finally, if you are a believer but don't agree with what I say you read Jesus' own words in John, Chapter 4 vs 34-38 preferably in the Living Bible. We are but poor and may only be sowers but we give rich spiritual gifts to others.

Ridley Bell



**THE SYSTEM IS EVIL AND RIP OFF!
THE SYSTEM IS MATERIALISTIC!
THE SYSTEM IS OPPOSED TO GOD
HE WHO LIVES FOR HIMSELF CANNOT PLEASE GOD
WE HAVE WATCHED THIS COUNTRY DIE LONG ENOUGH
TO LIVE IS CHRIST!
TO LOVE IS CHRISTIAN!**

WENDY'S LOGIC GREAT DISCOVERY

Dear John,

I read your plea for more contributions to "Truth and Liberation" and so I'd like to share something that God has shown me through His word. We had to write an essay on "The Meaning of Life", and so boy — was this an open opportunity. Like I don't think our English teacher will read it without getting something from it. At least I've been praying to this end. Anyway to reinforce this essay I decided to quote God, which meant a bit of research to get the exact impact. And this is the wonderful discovery I made, Praise God. In fact, there are two:

ANALAGISM:

Because:

1. Jesus said "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life" (John 14:6)
2. "and you will know **the truth** and 'the truth will set you free'".

Therefore:

Jesus will set you free.
(another one along the same line:)

1. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God vs 1... in Him was **life**" vs. 4 (John 1)
2. "Your word is **truth**" (John 17:17)
3. Jesus said "I am the way the **truth** and the **life**" (John 14:6)

Isn't it wonderful how God hits these things together!

From a sister in Christ,
Wendy Coombs

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EDIT:— It's great to see young Jesus People attempting to think it through. If you want some smashing logic by a great Christian Wendy, buy some of Francis Schaeffer's books — Escape from Reason / The God Who Is There, Church at the End of the 20th Century, Death in the City, Pollution and the Death of Man etc.

Yesterday I
bundled up my
problems

Yesterday
I bundled up my problems
wrapped them
tied them with twine
and handed them to You Lord.

Then I tripped
over the string
I was still clutching.
Today
You can see
there are no strings
attached.

CHARLENE ANDERSON

I planted prayer
and waited
through the long
midsummer
days.
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One thing is certain: Young people today are searching for individual identity; for a challenge and a faith. Whoever captures their imagination will change the world.

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MULTITUDES MULTITUDES in the Valley of Decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

And I will restore to you the years that the locusts have eaten. And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

And it shall come to pass afterward I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions.

AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE LIBERATED.

Joel 3:14, 13, 16.
2:25-28, 32.