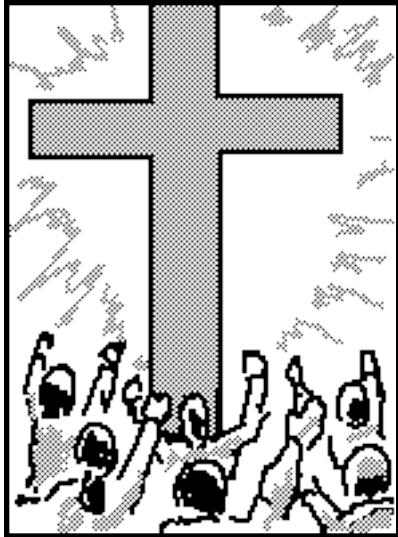


Friends



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John 15:13

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends.”

This one scripture tells us so much about God.....

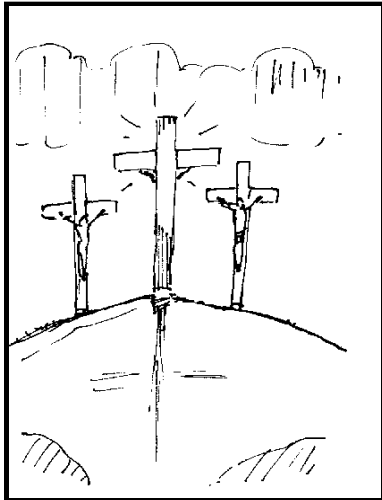
#1 God loves you..!

He cares about you, He knows you! He has love for all mankind, and a special, personal love, just for you! And how has God expressed this love for you..?

#2 Jesus has laid down His life for you..! Jesus Christ became a man, led a sinless life, and offered Himself as the sacrifice for your sin!

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The Thief



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“Two others, criminals, were led out to be executed with Him at a place called “The Skull.” There all three were crucified--Jesus on the center cross, and the two criminals on either side.” [Luke 23:32-33]

“A signboard was nailed to the cross above Him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

“One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself--and us too, while you’re at it!”

“But the other criminal protested. “Don’t you even fear God when you are dying? We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn’t done one thing wrong.”

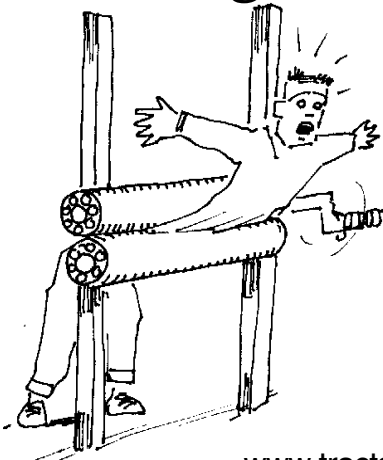
“then he said, “ Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

“And Jesus replied, “Today you will be with me in Paradise. This is a solemn promise.”

[Luke 23:38-43]

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Put Through A Wringer!!



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Many people feel they’ve gone through so much difficulty in this life...



...pain, abuse, disease, financial burdens...the list is endless!!

And some have come to this conclusion...

“There must be a reward for me after I die.....!”

...I’m going to Heaven, because I’ve already been through Hell!!”

“And when I get there, the first thing I’m going to do is ask God why He put me through all that suffering!!!”

Well folks, I have a news flash for you... it wasn’t God who made you suffer....!

It was the devil who put you through the wringer! He’s the one who punishes people, who causes pain and trouble, and I’ll tell you why.....