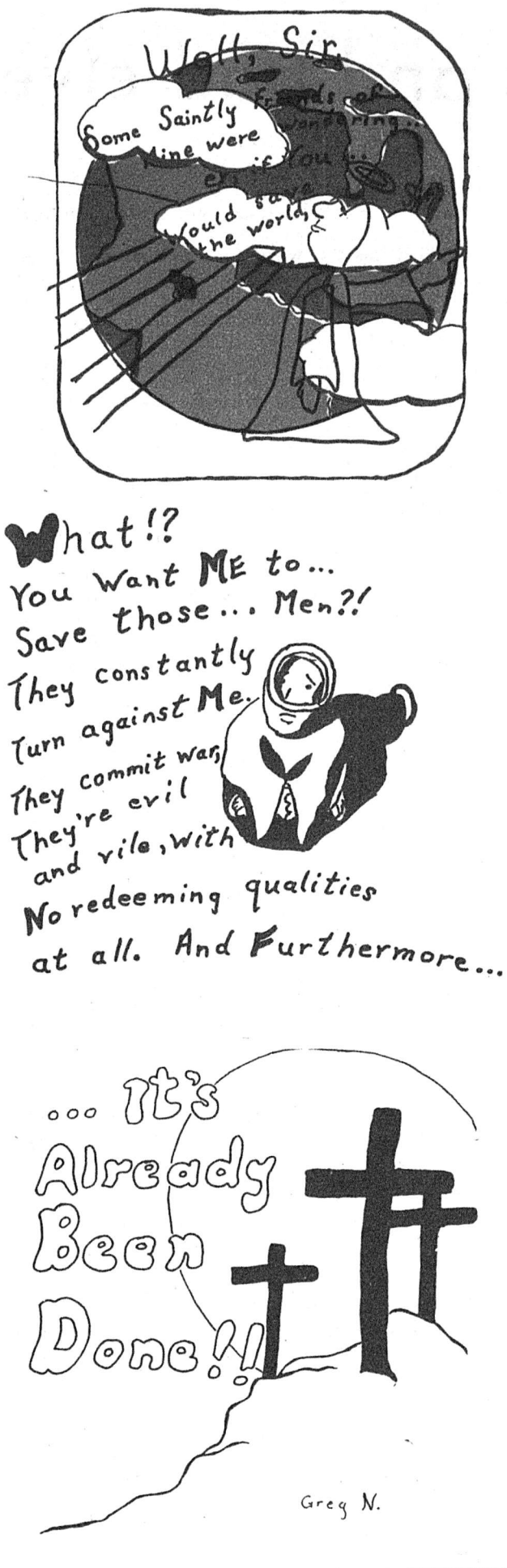

Do it with love

How can love help solve the problems of our world? Can love really overcome such problems as pollution, famine, war and hate? What is love anyway? Can I really demonstrate the type of love which is necessary to cope with the world's problems?

These questions confront the mind when one hears the phrase - "What the world needs now is love!" I have chosen to claim love as the solution for most of the problems confronting our world because it seems that most of our problems today stem from the basic cause of selfishness. For example, Canadians suffer from overweight while Ethiopians starve to death. Pollution is caused because of our greed to get the most from our resources at the least cost. Each of us tends to seek what is best for "ME" without any consideration as to how our desires and actions affect others!

What type of love will change the world and overcome this root cause of selfishness? The type of love that considers others as more important than self--the "giving" rather than the "give me" type of love. This love has been best defined and illustrated in the Bible. We read: "Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own (interest), is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails;..."

The supreme example of love in the Bible is the example of God's love. God, because He is holy can not accept men who are selfish and indifferent toward Him. He put a penalty on this indifference (sin) -- that penalty is death. Then because God is also a God of love, He paid the penalty for sin by sending His own Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life on this earth and then to die for our sin. He rose from the dead on the third day and is living proof of His own victory over sin and death. This love of God is a supreme example of selfless love--"God so loved that He gave..."

When confronted with this example of love, I asked the question.."How can I become the type of person who shows this selfless type of love?"

I discovered that I needed a change from within--any efforts of my own only showed how selfish I really was. This change within came when I personally responded to God's love. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whoever believes* in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." I realized that God's gift of love demanded that I personally respond by *receiving* His gift. When I received Christ, I gave Him control of my life and my motivation is no longer selfish, but my motivation now is a love for God and through Him a love for those around me.

Life with Christ becomes an exciting adventure because the old things (selfishness, frustration) pass away and new things (love, joy, peace) come to replace the old. Jesus said "I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly." The world needs this abundant life which Jesus promised. "What the world needs now is love"--love for God and then as a result, love for others.

Daniel Ibsen

NOTICE
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and
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