

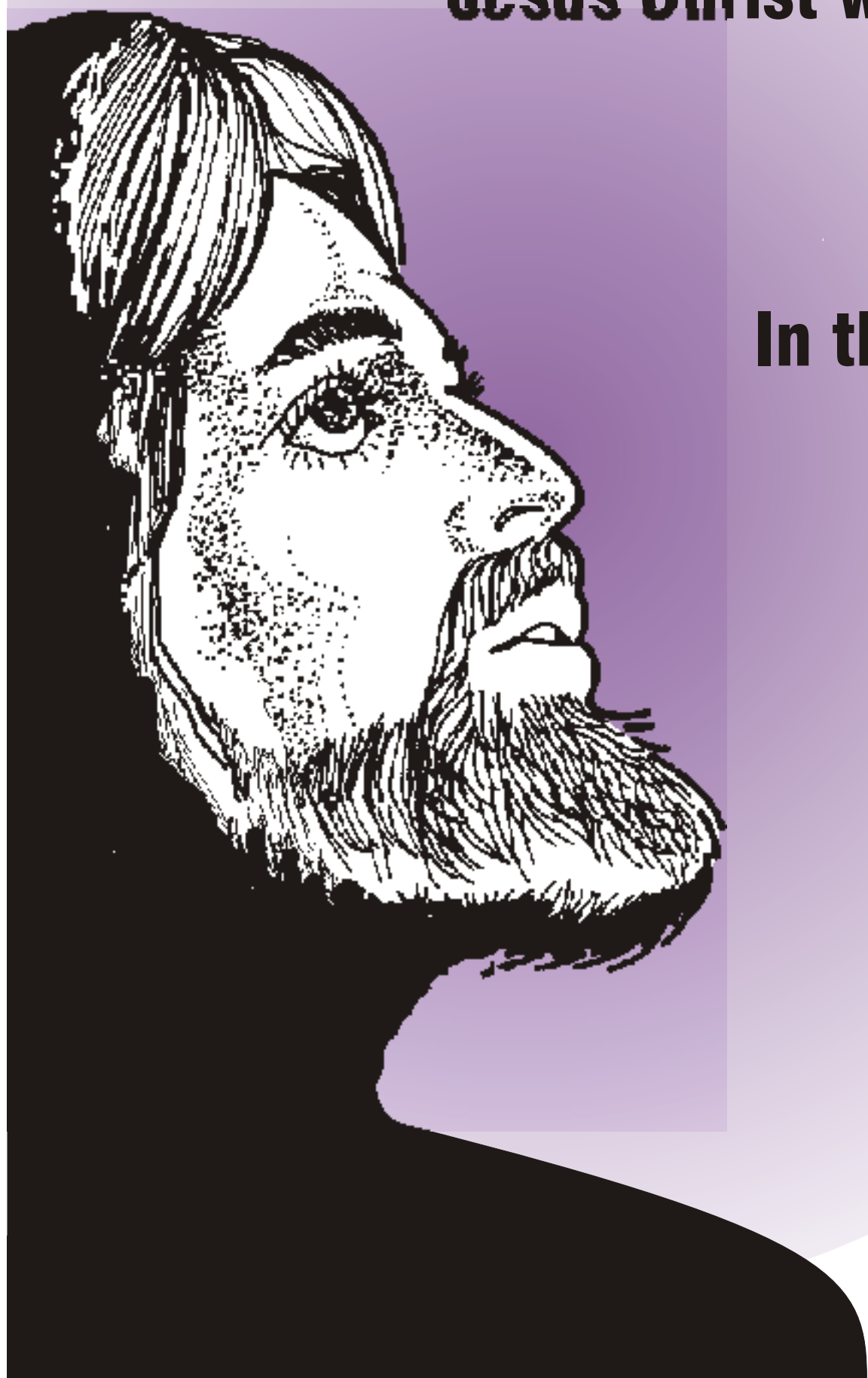
GOD BECAME A HUMAN

**God became JESUS CHRIST to show us...
what God is like and
what we can become.**

**Jesus Christ was, at the same time, both...
fully GOD and
fully a HUMAN BEING.**

**In the CHRIST, we see that God's
NATURE is to be
TOTALLY LOVING.**

**In the human JESUS,
we see that our
POTENTIAL is to be
LIKE GOD.**



JESUS LIVED FOR US

Jesus lived, loved, learned, suffered, cried, and died--all for the sake of OTHERS.

Jesus was BAPTIZED by John, COMMISSIONED for ministry, and EMPOWERED by the Spirit.

- **He LIVED without SIN.**
- **He MINISTERED to the POOR and OUTCAST.**
- **He ANNOUNCED the coming KINGDOM OF GOD.**
- **He TAUGHT us to love GOD and OTHERS.**
- **He CALLED us to be his DISCIPLES.**

JESUS **DIED** FOR US

The lifestyle and teaching of Jesus led to his **ARREST, TRIAL, and EXECUTION.**

SALVATION became possible for all persons because of the **SINLESS** life and **SACRIFICIAL** death of God's **SON.**

To give ultimate **MEANING** to the life and death of Jesus...

- he **AROSE** from the **GRAVE,**

- he **APPEARED** to his **FOLLOWERS,**

- he went to **REIGN** with God forever.



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WE ARE HELPED TO BE LIKE CHRIST

Salvation is not an end, it is a **BEGINNING**.

ASSURANCE

We come to know for **CERTAIN**
that God loves us individually and totally.

SANCTIFICATION

With God's help, we respond to this certainty by intensifying
our personal **HOLINESS**,
our expression of God's love in **ACTION**,
our participation in the **SACRAMENTS**.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

Our goal is to become totally loving like Christ.

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A BALANCED DENOMINATION

Methodists are known for a **BALANCED** emphasis on many issues which divide other Christians.

- **Personal EVANGELISM and social ACTION.**
- **DENOMINATIONAL loyalty and ECUMENICAL acceptance.**
- **BIBLICAL, TRADITIONAL, RATIONAL, and EXPERIENTIAL authority.**
- **INFORMAL and LITURGICAL worship.**
- **LAY and CLERGY leadership.**

All Methodists Are

Ministers

MINISTRY OF MEMBERS

Every United Methodist **MEMBER** is a minister called to express God's love in God's world.

DIACONAL MINISTRY

Lay persons, **CERTIFIED** and **CONSECRATED** for full-time Christian service.

ORDAINED MINISTRY

Persons **ORDAINED** as **LOCAL PASTORS, DEACONS,** and **ELDERS** for the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order.

SUPERINTENDENCY

Elders elected as **BISHOPS** or appointed as **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS** for oversight of The United Methodist Church.