

in some cases; but certainly, to paint all Christians that way is untrue. <sup>and untrue</sup> And such behavior also is true of some who belong to other religions and other groups. I suspect your landlord is using these things as an excuse not to face the claims of Christ. Just try to get him to read the Bible, and I suggest he start in the Gospel of John. The truth of Christianity is based on the Bible and on the truthfulness of Jesus Christ, not on the good or bad behavior of Christians. Nevertheless, believers ought to behave as the Bible teaches.

11. (from LSO, March 7, 1997)

**Subject:** Is God there?

**Dear Dr. Ryrie:** I'm feeling so lost and confused. No matter how many times I've given up, God is still always on my mind. But despite reading the Bible; praying for God's help; trying different churches; reading books and magazines; listening to Christian radio; watching Graham, Stanley, Osteen, and others on TV; and hearing everyone say what glorious things the Holy Spirit has done in their lives and how much being saved has changed their lives, I feel totally ignored by God and have instead felt frustration, anger, and rejection. Most of my life I was a complete non-believer until I felt "a calling" from God. But when I responded, I've since felt nothing but doubt, confusion, and hopelessness. If God loves me and desires my salvation, why has he ignored me? I really need some answers! -- Chris C.

**Dear Chris:** It grieved me much to read of the burden of frustration and rejection you are experiencing. Several things come to my mind which I hope may help you. First of all, you speak of "a calling" from God, but I am not clear as to what this meant to you. I hope it meant the time you personally accepted the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin. If so, He did save you, gave you eternal life, and adopted you into His family forever. Some days you may not feel that all this is true, but it is, because He says so in His Word which He can never break. Read again verses like John 1:12, 5:24, and 6:37. Second, our Lord taught us that sometimes fruit is produced slowly, but it is produced surely in the life of every believer. Read Mark 4:26-29. Day by day, you may see little progress, but hopefully when you look back over a longer period of time, you can see some of the new relationships and experiences God has enabled you to experience. By all means, do keep reading the Bible and concentrating on the greatness and goodness of our Lord.

12. (from LSO, Monday, March 24, 1997)

**Subject:** Will the Antichrist be a computer?

**Dear Dr. Ryrie:** The authors of an article I read on the Internet believe that the Antichrist is a computer. Could this be accurate? -- Joshua R.

**Dear Joshua:** No, the Antichrist will not be a computer. He will be a human being empowered by Satan, but nevertheless human. Antichrists (human beings) lived in John's time, <sup>and they couldn't have been computers.</sup> and John believed in a future Antichrist (also human) (1 John 2:18). Paul calls him "the man of lawlessness" (2 Thess. 2:3), and the words "the man" (ho anthropos) are written, not just implied, in the text. Undoubtedly, he will use computers, but he is not a computer; and however powerful computers may become, he will be more powerful.