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A Word from Our President

Have you ever experienced a "dry spell" in your walk with God where it was difficult to read His Word or even pray? A time when you just did not understand what God was doing in your life? Maybe a time when you felt completely abandoned by God, even though you felt you were in the middle of God's will for your life.

This is something that will happen to every single Christian who has truly set his or her heart on pleasing God. It is not a problem that comes from other people and it is not necessarily a problem that comes from the demonic world. It can very well come to Christians from God Himself. Don't be surprised at the darkness. Jesus will help you walk in it.

Look at Isaiah 50:10-11: "Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment."

The strange thing about verse 10 (and this kind of darkness) is that it happens only to people who are walking with God and who love God. It happens to people who are not messing around with sin, and who are not ignorant. There is a darkness that can come to men and women of God that has nothing to do with sin, that has nothing to do with lack of wisdom, and has nothing whatsoever to do with the devil. And the tragedy is, when this darkness comes upon certain people of God, they don't understand what it is and it nearly wipes them out.

So you pray. You get on your knees and tell God you don't feel so good. Prayer usually "changes things," it is said, but this time there seems to be no light from heaven! So you go to hear teaching that has always excited you, fully expecting inspiration to flow like streams of living water—and nothing! You walk out of the service in which everyone else "touched God" and ask yourself: "What in the world have I done?" There is nothing you can do to get out of the darkness if it is God who put you into it. That is why all your usual remedies fail, all your counselors draw a blank, and all your frustrated attempts come to an eventual exhausted end.

The darkness of God is given by Him, and it will not lift until it has accomplished its work in your soul. Jacob was left alone "in the darkness" and "a man wrestled with him until daybreak" (Genesis 32:24). Remember Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 9:10 and Hebrews 13:8.

The first thing you must do when the darkness comes is to do your duty, to keep going in the same direction you were going when the darkness came. What did God say to you before you went into the darkness? What was your call when the voice of God was clear? Then do it still. Keep on walking. Nothing has changed on the path except your perception of it. Do your duty nevertheless, and keep walking even when the lights go out. You will hear the voice of God at the end of the tunnel saying, "Well done, you good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord" (see Matthew 25:23). He will speak to you in that very silence.

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Cover: Just one of more than 300 trucks that participated in the 28th Annual Ohio Truck Show and Benefit Auction. People line up the roads to watch the parade, which has become a much-anticipated event in the area.

An African Driver Shares His Faith—and a Professor Learns His ABCs

As reported by Kevin Scott



We have long believed that if we could get drivers excited about sharing their faith with other drivers and those they encounter, then the Gospel would spread organically, and nothing would ever be able to stop it. This is our prayer, the heart's cry of Overseas Ministries. Drivers/Chaplains Peter and Joshua in the Copperbelt are living examples of this,

and their ministry continues to expand. It is always encouraging to see it go even farther, to the next generation of drivers. Chaplain Peter had just such an experience in a very unexpected location.

Chaplain Peter has been taking a business course for the last two months in order to move up in management at his company. During class one day, the professor asked the students what they missed most about their daily jobs while they were in "school." Peter never stays away from the opportunity to share his faith, and so he explained to the class that he was not just a driver but also a chaplain. He held up a copy of the *Highway News* as well as a copy of the *Road Map of Life* New Testament and proceeded to speak to the class about Jesus and how much he loved to share his faith.

Vividly jolted by Chaplain Peter's testimony, Professor Mwewa said to the class, "I want to add a personal testimony to what Peter said. A couple of months back, I hitchhiked on a truck from Ndola to Lusaka. A ways into the journey, during which for the most part we were quiet, the driver broke the silence and said, 'Are you saved? I mean, have you accepted Jesus as your Savior?' I was shocked to hear such a question coming from a truck driver; I was expecting to be bombarded by stories of his conquests on the highway, similar to what I have heard from other truck drivers on whose trucks I have taken rides before. I told the driver that I was saved, but I did not tell him that I was in a backslidden condition. The driver then said, 'So you know your ABCs for escaping eternal condemnation?'

"I was beginning to feel offended because here I am, a college lecturer, and he was a mere truck driver. Instead,

I asked 'What do you mean?' The driver simply handed me a February copy of the magazine similar to the one Chaplain Peter had shown us. At the back of the magazine was written in broad letters, 'Do You Know Your ABCs?' When I read what the article said, I was very troubled in my spirit—especially that the rebuke in my inner self was sparked by a truck driver, the likes of whom I had always judgmentally condemned as social misfits. To make my story short, I want you to know that I rededicated my life to Jesus as a result of that encounter with the truck driver, and I am not ashamed to share my testimony with anybody because it was a very unique experience of my life. I encourage you, Chaplain Peter, to continue with the good work your ministry is doing to the trucking community, as the fruit of it is evident, and I am a living testimony."



Encouraged by the testimony of the Professor, two of Chaplain Peter's classmates approached him after class and asked him for copies of the *Highway News*. Chaplain Peter seized the opportunity to share Jesus with them and they both received God's love and forgiveness that day.

Top: Chaplain Peter preaching to drivers

Above: Truckers at the Copperbelt

Right: Chaplains Peter (left) and Joshua (center) talk to a trucker.



Is God Calling YOU?

Has God laid a call of ministry on your heart and you just are not sure what He is leading you to do? You know you have not been called to be a pastor but you want to use the gifts He has given you to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help them grow deeper in their walk with God through mentoring and discipleship. Our TFC Global Corporate Chaplains Network is looking for chaplain candidates who have a calling to minister to commercial drivers, their families, and the trucking industry.



Then consider coming and joining our TFC Global team!

Maybe you are a full-time commercial driver and you are not ready to leave your job to do full-time ministry, but you want to use your God-given gifts while still working your full-time job. Then consider our Trucker2Trucker chaplaincy program. We will provide you with the training, resources, and support to do effective ministry while still on the road.

TFC Global will be holding a Candidate Training Institute (CTI) in early spring 2020. If interested or for more details, please contact our International Office at 717-426-9977 and ask to speak to Ruth; or email Training@TFCGlobal.org.

Current ministry opportunity! Our Shrewsbury (Massachusetts) FaithLife Center is in urgent need of committed leadership. Pray that God will raise up a staff chaplain for this location who is passionate about reaching the trucking industry in that area.

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NEWS FROM RACINE, WISCONSIN

Meet Tim Rogers, our lead Associate in Racine, Wisconsin. Tim started with TFC Global in 2005 as the first volunteer at his ministry center. He really enjoys overseeing his team and is especially excited about coming on staff.

One story that sticks out to Tim was his chat with a driver named Gator. After serving time in prison, Gator started driving a truck and came into the FaithLife Center with a heavy heart one Wednesday evening. After listening to Tim share some verses and pray with him, Gator left but returned just as Tim was leaving for the night. His exuberant joyful smile left no doubt that he was grateful for his time with Tim. It is this story that brought about the name of Lighthouse FaithLife Center for this location. Gator came in because of the light he saw.



Please pray for this ministry to expand its impact in the area and for new men to join Tim's team. The logs below are just an additional glimpse of how the Lord is using their witness:

- ◆ A driver came in wanting to talk. He said he was troubled with things going on in his life. He said he has prayed to Jesus in the past but has since turned away. I shared the Gospel with him and he prayed to receive Christ as his Savior.
- ◆ A driver came in saying he was a believer and wanted to pray. He was thankful we were here.
- ◆ I talked to a lady trucker having problems with her phone because of the sunlight; I suggested she use the FaithLife Center, which she did. She shared her story with me. She trucks with her son; her husband died three years ago. He did not trust Christ until he was diagnosed with cancer. The story she told was centered on the Lord and how His grace is sufficient. Sometimes in our attempt to encourage someone, the Associate is the one who is encouraged!
- ◆ A driver came in for a few minutes. He stopped in to give to the ministry and to share how grateful he is that we are here to minister to drivers.
- ◆ A driver from Dallas came in. He is a new driver and this was his first out-of-town trip, away from his family. He shared about the struggle he is having with his marriage and he was reaching out for help. We opened God's Word and talked about him strengthening his relationship with Christ.
- ◆ A driver came in for a Bible. He is a believer and wants to draw closer to God. I gave him a Bible, a *Highway News* magazine, and a *Daily Bread* devotional. I encouraged him to read the Bible daily. We prayed before he left.
- ◆ Driver Jonathan came in and shared how God brought him from being homeless to being an owner-operator in just a few years. He is now married and has a little girl. He was praising how God turned his life around. He shared he was almost killed and should not even be alive. We praised God for his testimony.
- ◆ One driver who stops by frequently came in this morning. He said he appreciates the ministry that is here at the truck stop. Another driver came in and shared that he has been to several of our FaithLife Centers. He said he looks forward to visiting them while he is traveling.



Legacy of Faith Update

A word from Joanna Maart, Director of Communications

Legacy is something that has been an important part of our family's values. The Maart family purpose, and the legacy we want to leave to our children, includes **Love** for God and all people, **Endurance**, standing for **Truth**, and being a **Servant** leader—**LETS**. This is something that we have instilled in our children. As you consider your own legacy—the values you hold to be important enough to pass down to those who come after you—may I suggest that you leave a legacy of support for TFC Global's ministry to the trucking industry. Partnering financially with TFC Global allows us to focus on the areas where the needs are great. Join our team by investing in the legacy of faith through your financial gift.

As God directs, you can give online at www.tfcglobal.org/donate or send your gifts to our office at TFC Global, PO Box 117, Marietta, PA 17547. Checks are payable to TFC Global. We look forward to sharing updates of our journey with you.

Can You Guess This Truck?

Send guess to editor@TFCGlobal.org
Last month's truck (below) was a 1935 International.





By Gary Nussbaum

28th Annual Ohio Truck Show & Benefit Auction

The 28th Annual Ohio TFC Global Truck Show & Benefit Auction is history. Faithful volunteers, supporters, and sponsors are the reason for each year's success. All who volunteered, sponsored, or attended combined to make this the best year ever. For the second year in a row, there were over 300 trucks that stretched for seven miles and completed the twenty-two miles from Kidron to Mt. Hope. Crowds congregated at every crossroad and intersection along the way, with barbecues and family get-togethers planned especially for the event, ready to cheer whenever they heard the horns and trucks approaching. Others could be seen running across fields of hay and corn to get to the fences and pump their arms begging for the drivers to sound their horns.



Activities began Friday evening in Kidron, with the sound of trucks, pork barbecue to eat, and Jeff Polen providing the music—all while the parade staff was systematically getting 316 trucks staged for the parade. At the same time the team in Mt. Hope was preparing food for the crowd at parade's end.

For the first time the chapel tractor missed pulling the chapel through the parade (it was not able to be present due to a radiator problem). But, thanks to Lil' Johns Transport, the chapel was able to lead the parade after

all for yet another year. The evening climaxed with music by the Sacred Grace Band with Kathy Smoker and her daughters, while the last of the trucks were arriving and being parked.

Saturday began with a Pancake & Sausage breakfast at 7:00 AM. Soon the aroma of breakfast was overcome by that of the barbecue chicken being prepared just outside, to be served starting at 11 AM. Prior to the auction, which started at noon, all drivers present were given a ticket with the chance to win cash prizes, sponsored by Valley View Transport. The auction capped the two-day event with a record income.

A sad but memorable highlight was the auctioning of an exact replica of Corey McCaslin's truck that he drove for Chance 2 Transport. Last year Corey was killed just days before the truck show, as he was heading home from his run to be at the rally. Coming through Idaho, he was killed by a driver who crossed the center line in a construction zone and hit him head on. Corey always looked forward to being in the parade with his truck every year. The bidding increased in excitement until it was sold for \$2,100. The owner of

Chance2, Rod Miller, for whom Corey drove, won the bid. As he went to receive the truck, he told the auctioneer to put it back up for bid again. Again, it went up to \$2,100 for a total of \$4,200. The room erupted with cheers and many mixed emotions.

God blessed us with a truly special show in every way. Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, and supporters who continue standing with TFC Global in its purpose to minister to commercial drivers, their families, and the trucking industry.

Shown left to right: Corey's parents, Jayne and Wayne McCaslin, with the two men who bid for the model truck, Eli Weaver and Rod Miller.



THIS IS MY STORY

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story"

No Longer an Alcoholic

Psalms 107:2

I was born on a small farm in Carsonville, Michigan, in 1954. My dad was a hard-working Marine. We were taught good values and discipline from a young age. My mother was raised on a large dairy farm. She also kept us in line and made sure we knew right from wrong. I had two brothers and one sister.

We rarely went to church—maybe on Easter, but that would be it. The exception was in the summer we got to go to Vacation Bible School a couple of times. My knowledge of God and the Bible were the stories of Jonah and the Whale, David and Goliath, etc. But one day, when I was thirteen years old, I was walking down the steps of the Baptist Church in Deckerville, Michigan; and the Pastor was walking up the steps. He stopped me and said, "Mark, you're ready, aren't you?" I said, "Yes, I am." Now I cannot tell you why I said that, but I sat down on the steps and accepted Jesus into my heart and life. I felt something change inside of me! The next week I was baptized, and I felt something happen inside again. It would be fourteen years before I knew what those feelings meant.

The day I was baptized, I was reading a Bible and saw the first scripture that I really understood. It was Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." I thought, "Wow! Jesus, if that is true, I'm in!" Then the pastor got up and preached that there were no longer any miracles and signs like in the time of Jesus, that they all passed away. I thought, "Well, either that book is wrong, or that guy is wrong, and I don't know which one!" So I didn't step into a church for the next twelve years.

During that time I lived what was considered a "normal" life for my area. I worked hard and partied just as hard, running around with friends and drinking all the time. I became an alcoholic. Had you asked me if I was saved, I would have said, "Yes. Hand me another beer." I knew nothing of the Word of God and didn't really know who God was.

When I was about seventeen years old, my family's shop started on fire. I ran in and out of the building pulling out

the snowmobiles. When it got too hot, I went to stand nearby with my mom, watching the firefighters put it out. My mom said, "You know, Mark, with all of the going in and out of that shop, I can't smell any smoke on you." Many years later, I learned the story of the three Hebrews thrown into a fiery furnace, and what happened: "And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them" (Daniel 3:27). Wow! God was protecting me, and I didn't even know it!

Twelve years later, some friends suggested we go to church on Sunday, as a joke. So we went to a little Methodist church in Applegate, Michigan, where a friend's parents attended. As a joke, we got up to sing as a group. Those people loved us right where we were. As we sang the hymn, the anointing of God came upon me. I was shocked! I thought, "Wow, there is something real in this God stuff." One night a few days later, drunk, I said, "Lord, if You will do this certain thing, I will know You are real and I will serve You." Three months later, He did it! When He did it, I knew it was from God. At that very moment, I felt a touch on my shoulder and heard these words, so deep in my mind, I knew it was God. "I did my part, buddy. How about you?" I said, "Okay, Lord."

A couple years later I said to the Lord, "I will go where you want me to go. I will say what you want me to say. I will do what You want me to do!" Since that night, there has not been a day that God has not provided a divine appointment for me with someone. You, too, can see that radical change if you will give your life to God and begin to pray and study His Word. Today, I am the Director of Development for the Association of Christian Truckers.

Mark - Sioux Falls, SD

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TFC Global Joins National Truck Drivers Appreciation Week September 8-14

National Truck Drivers Appreciation Week is observed September 8-14. This is when we take the time to honor all commercial truck drivers for their hard work and commitment to tackling one of our economy's most demanding and important jobs. These 3.5 million men and women not only deliver our goods safely, securely and on time, they also keep our highways safe. Do you know any commercial drivers? Thank them today!



As part of TFC Global's desire to bless our drivers during this week, we are preparing a special gift to drivers who stop by our FaithLife Centers across the United States. Please complete the form on this page and take it to any of the US locations listed in this magazine during Appreciation Week to receive your free gift. Quantities are limited and will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your name will also be entered into a raffle drawing for a larger prize from our Amazon WishList.

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When You Are Disappointed in Yourself

By Fred Jacobi, MA

I can't believe I did that...again. I am so stupid! Why can't I stop! Why did I say that? Why did I do that? You'd think I'd know better. Loser. Idiot. Stupid."

If we talked to others the way we talk to ourselves, would we be called bullies or abusers? Self-criticism and self-condemnation are frequent occurrences when we mess up in speech or actions. The thoughts quickly turn into name calling and character attacks. A simple "I can't believe I did that" turns into "I am stupid." The focus goes from a criticism of the action to an attack on the person. We may then judge ourselves to be incapable and unworthy. Being disappointed in ourselves often leads to anger towards ourselves. Anger turned inward often leads to depression.

Being disappointed in oneself is fairly common. As long as we're human and imperfect, we'll mess up. We'll fail. We'll make poor decisions, and we'll do it over and over again because we think it'll be different this time, we forget, or we don't care. It's no wonder that the Scriptures liken us to sheep, the world's dumbest animals. Why do we find it so hard to accept that we fail often? Why is it equally as hard to differentiate between failing and being 'a failure?' Losing and being 'a loser?' Doing something stupid to being stupid? If you're disappointed in yourself often, here are a few things to consider:

1. Expectations: What did you expect when you messed up? Most people would agree that "nobody's perfect," but that doesn't mean they believe it. Or perhaps we would agree that we aren't perfect, but we should meet a certain set of standards. We should do better, be better, or perform better means that we shouldn't mess up, fail, or do a bad job. We should learn from mistakes and shouldn't make them over again. Whenever we do what we shouldn't, we are disappointed with ourselves because we fail to live up to our standards.

2. Accepting Reality: Failing is probably the one constant that we fail to accept. We say, "I can't believe I did that!" Well, why can't you believe you did that? Do you think that you are incapable of messing up? Did you expect that you wouldn't or couldn't mess up? We ought to "think soberly" about ourselves and neither think too highly of ourselves nor too lowly, but instead to be realistic (Romans 12:3). We are not the "me I want to be," that is, the ideal me. We have to accept who we are, and that means accepting that we are imperfect beings who make bad decisions at times, who choose to sin, and

who fail in actions, words, and relationships. Accepting this is important.

3. Worth & Grace: We make "worth statements" when we are disappointed in ourselves. If we call ourselves names ("idiot") or condemn ourselves ("I'm so stupid"), we are judging ourselves and essentially declaring our worth (or worthlessness). Instead of focusing on the action or decision ("that was dumb" or "I could have done that better"), we may focus on our personhood ("I am so stupid") and believe such statements. We assume such judgments about ourselves are truth, and so our disappointment with ourselves turns into anger, then depression. Yet if our worth were to be found in our actions (successes or failures), not many of us would have much worth in ourselves as we make mistakes, poor decisions, and sin on a daily basis. Although it's appropriate to be convicted over sin, our condemnation has fallen upon Christ, therefore we do not need to condemn ourselves (Romans 8:1). We would also do well to have the same mindset as Paul who states, "I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me" (1 Cor 4:3-4). He does not judge or condemn himself, but recognizes that responsibility belongs to the Lord. He has learned to live by grace, which is to give and receive favor that is not based on actions, neither is it earned by successes or limited by failures. His worth is defined by God's favor, and not his own actions or words of other people.

When we deal with disappointing ourselves, identify your expectations (recognizing the words "should" and "shouldn't" will give you a clue!), accept the fact that you are a work in progress who remains broken, imperfect, sinful, and unfinished (Phil 1:6), and believe that your worth is not defined by your failings or your self-declarations ("I'm stupid"), but through faith in Christ. Speak the Truth to yourself (Truth is defined by His Word, not your feelings), and stop listening to yourself. Only then will we begin to overcome our disappointments in ourselves.

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Rambler

by Gary Nussbaum

Who's in Control When You're at the Wheel?

You've probably experienced it time and again on the road: everyone wants to be first. They fly by and, if there is room (or more often not really enough room for safety, yours as well as theirs), they pull in front of you and you have to almost "stand" on your brakes. Often they may come upon their exit quicker than they realized or were simply wanting to get ahead of the line worming its way into the exit lane. There are two scenarios being played out. The first is, the driver who thinks the freeway is the Indy and he or she has little regard for the lack of safety their actions are possibly creating; or, second, they simply were not paying attention to where they were and suddenly realized their exit was coming up. Whatever the case may be, everyone acts like they're "number ONE."

Then there are the vulgar gestures that have become all too common in expressing someone's feeling of irritation or anger for something or someone thought to have wronged them. It is a sign of the "me" generation and the sin that prevails in our lives if left unchecked. Sometimes we all say or do foolish things before checking our response. We all need a word/attitude check button in our heads that centers in our hearts.

This happened to me recently on my way to the chapel. A biker pulled out and went past me making sure I knew he thought I was acting like I was "number one." Or was it the other way around? My first thought was, "I didn't do anything to provoke that kind of response!" Second, if I had stopped to ask why the gesture, I most likely would have fueled a fight that I did not intend to create. For the next few miles I felt sorry for him and considered what it takes to not only diffuse an altercation but, even more so, keep it from the slightest chance of even erupting. I was also aware of the other feeling that was present—to give him a piece of my mind. We always have those two choices. They are determined by the spirit that is ruling in our lives moment by moment.

The next morning, as I do from time to time, I meditated on the Proverbs chapter for that day of the month (that was the 12th of the month, so I was on chapter 12). As I read it, a replay of the previous day played across my mind. When I came to verse 16, it was déjà vu. And verse 18 was sequential to it. Proverbs 12:16 says, "Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult"; and in 12:18 we read, "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (NIV). In the King James Version the text reads, "A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.... There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health."

Driver, I know you deal with this every day. You are either the recipient or the one who responds to such actions. Consider the condition of your heart in this matter. I was further reminded of another verse from Proverbs 4:23 which reads, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (KJV). In the NIV it reads, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it"; and the New Living Translation tells us to "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

So, who directs your heart and actions? Who is Lord of your life? Whatever we dwell on first is what controls us. If we are priming our minds with trash, that is how we will respond. If our focus is on ourselves, we not only want the first word, but the last as well, and who really is the winner? Think before you act! Pray daily regarding your actions and reactions, and ask the Lord to control them both.

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By Chaplain Emeritus David Roberts



The Best of GREEN ONION

Who Are You?

Green Onion was visiting Ladies Man at the Hayseed Community Hospital after his truck accident. Ladies Man, not getting the attention he thought he deserved as the town's best bronco rider, asked an elderly lady, "Madam! Do you know who I am?" She said, "No! But I'm sure if you go over and ask that nice nurse, she will tell you who you are."

Do you know who you are? If you are a Christian, you have received, by invitation into your heart and life, the Lord Jesus Christ. You do not have a religion but an intimate relationship with God's Son. You have been born again. You know that you know that you know.

John the apostle said it this way, "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:11-13).

You know because you have the internal witness of the Holy Spirit in your heart, that Jesus took your sins away and bore them in His own body on the cross. You know you are His new creation created in Christ Jesus and the old life has passed away and all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

After receiving Christ's righteousness you have a new desire to know God through Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God. You experience a new love for what He loves. Like the Apostle Paul, you want to be found in Him, having not your own righteousness but His: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death" (Philippians 3:10).

You admit that in God's holy sight all your righteous acts are as filthy rags, that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and that it is impossible by your own works

of righteousness to come to God. The only way is to kneel before Him, confess your sins and receive His free gift of eternal life by trusting and relying on and having confidence in Christ, who took your place and died for you. You know through faith, His holy Word and the witness of the Holy Spirit within you, that God receives, loves and accepts you, not because of any righteousness of yours but of the righteous beloved Son of God, who died on the cross and rose again from the dead for all your sin - past, present and future.

Maybe I did not K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Saints) it enough, but when you know Him, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16-17a). As one anointed by the Holy Spirit and as a citizen of heaven, you know you have been chosen by God for real meaning and purpose in life to be His representative and ambassador here on planet earth until His return from glory. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Jesus prayed in the dark night, all alone before he was crucified, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

Please pray with me: "Dear Lord, I want to know You and I want Jesus Christ to come into my heart. I admit I am a sinner and believe by faith Jesus died for my sins and rose from the grave. Please forgive me Lord. Amen

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