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I was born October 21, 1958 in Greenville, South Carolina, where I was raised and lived all my life. I was brought up in a good Christian home by loving parents, raised in church my young

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A PRISONER'S LETTER

childhood years and always knew about GOD, but never knew Him as my true LORD and SAVIOR until many, many, many years later. I had all the head knowledge about GOD, but did not have Him in my heart; and though knowing about GOD may interest us, it is knowing GOD that changes us. And knowing the Bible is one thing, but knowing its Author is quite another.

Basically, I was a good kid growing up and did good in school, but when I hit my teenage years, the rebellion came and I never stopped, never looked back. At 13, I fell to peer pressure and began smoking cigarettes. At 15, I was smoking marijuana and also had been introduced to inhalants. My choice of inhalant was spray paint which I sprayed into a paper bag on a rag. We called it "huffing." Things only got worse from there, as sin is always a downward spiral. It only gets worse and never better; it's like a cancer that eats away at you and always takes you further than you want to go and keeps you longer that you want

*DEAR HOUR OF
GRACE AND POWER*

I thank you so much for the gospel literature you sent. I need many more messages. I use them in my witnessing in the prison, as I talk to

other inmates. I am also mailing them to others in my mailing ministry. All of your literature is great!

I am sending a copy of my testimony. Sometime back, the Holy Spirit had me write it. I just thank God for saving me and delivering me from all my addictions, which were many. I give Him all glory and honor and my thanksgiving and credit for all He has done for me. It's all about Jesus, not me, for apart from Christ, I am nothing and can do nothing. Please feel free to copy my testimony and send it to anyone you think it might help. God bless you.

*In His Service
Dennis*

to stay, not to mention how much the cost is more than you want to pay.

Next came the pills, all kinds, types, shapes and sizes; then on to powders,

methamphetamine and cocaine, with which I graduated to injecting it with needles into my veins. And, of course, all the trouble that goes along with this, putting me in and out of jail numerous times.

I was able to graduate from high school in 1976. I married my high school girlfriend, who was pregnant at the time. On August 31, 1978, she gave birth to our son, but the marriage lasted only five years when she divorced me on grounds of habitual drunkenness. I had also started seeing mental health professionals, psychologists, and psychiatrists, all of whom told me I had this or that type of mental problem. Take a pill for this, a pill for that, which only added another addiction to my long list of chemical dependencies. But, as I would later discover, I never had any mental problems. What I had was a SIN problem and there's no pill for that. The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the only cure and there came a time when I would discover that truth.

I have been in prison now seven times because of alcohol and drugs and my sinful life-style. My list of addictions included pornography as well. Throughout my life, there had been times when I would try to do better and after awhile, I would always revert back to old habits and ways, because I was always trying to do it in my own strength, which is no match for any addiction or for Satan.

A human being on his own can never, ever defeat Satan. It simply cannot be done. He will beat you every time. Apart

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from JESUS CHRIST and His divine help, there is no hope. No man can change his own heart. Only CHRIST can do that in a man. He doesn't just change a heart; He gives a brand new heart. A person is made a new creature in CHRIST; old things are passed away, all things are made new. He sets us free from the bondage of sin and delivers from all addictions. However, I would not fully trust Him, would not totally commit myself to Him. I was holding on to the world with one hand and trying to hold on to JESUS with the other, all the while depending on my mental health pills, alcohol, and smoking. I could just never gain complete victory in my life over these things, and I now know it was just a lack of complete and total trust in CHRIST to set me free from all these things. I was still trusting in man, the psychologist and psychiatrists. I made two trips to the state mental hospital, but never got any help because they have no help to offer. Man is the problem and a problem cannot solve a problem. Only the true Problem Solver can offer the solution to the problem of sin and He is the LORD JESUS CHRIST! He forgives us of our sin, lifts its burden from us and sends and empowers us with His Holy Spirit to indwell us. Then and only then, does He give us the power needed to set us free from sin and deliver us from addictions. He gives us power over the devil, then we can live victorious lives because greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world!

Praise GOD! After many years of living in sin, living for the devil, destroying my life, hurting others around me, time spent in prisons, treatment centers, mental institutions, running from the law from the East to the West Coast — even on two occasions becoming homeless and riding freight trains, living on the streets to the point of the absolute gutter, and so much more— did He finally get my attention. Thank GOD that on February 19, 2007, at 8:45 p.m., I finally fell on my knees and totally surrendered to GOD. I let go of everything in the world and entirely put my faith and trust in JESUS CHRIST to save me, help me, and deliver me. And praise GOD, He did just that!

I was saved — born-again — made a new creature in CHRIST JESUS; and, praise GOD, instantly delivered from cigarettes. I had been addicted to them for 35 years, but instantly was set free from them. I was set free from all the mental health pills and from my nasty foul mouth and dirty mind. Instantly! On March 15, I was even delivered from an addiction to coffee. What man could never do to help me, JESUS CHRIST delivered me from in the blink of an eye. He replaced all these things with a burning desire to know His Word and a boldness to be His witness to tell others of all He has done for me and all from which I've been delivered. Some refer to "quitting," but I never say that I quit, because I was never able to quit. I tried and may have succeeded for awhile, but always I needed to feed my addictions, especially for the cigarettes. I would want one so badly I couldn't stand it! I say that I was *delivered* because JESUS CHRIST took away all the desire. I never even thought about smoking another cigarette or taking another pill (legal or illegal), or having another drink of alcohol or coffee. The desire was simply totally gone for good! That is the difference between "quitting" and being "delivered" by the power of CHRIST JESUS.

I want everyone to know that what CHRIST has done in my life, He can do in anyone's life. If they will only trust Him and put all their faith in Him and Him alone. Turn loose of the chains of the world and turn totally to JESUS CHRIST! He will save you and forgive you, no matter what you've done. He can and will deliver you from any addictions you may have in your life. Only CHRIST and CHRIST alone can save, forgive sins, and deliver and give victory in our lives. JESUS CHRIST is the answer to all problems. He is our only help, our only hope. Only CHRIST and Him alone can give true peace, joy, contentment and happiness. Only He can satisfy that yearning in our hearts. Without CHRIST we face a hopeless end, but with CHRIST we have

an endless hope! Psalms 34:8 says, "O taste and see that the LORD is good." And He is! He is so good! Won't you turn to the LORD and trust Him as your SAVIOR? JESUS loves you so much and has a wonderful plan for your life, and He offers so much for all those who will turn to Him and trust Him as LORD and Savior. The Bible says everyone will make a personal choice concerning CHRIST, to either accept or reject Him. If you accept Him, He offers eternal life with Him in heaven, but if any reject Him, you choose eternal damnation in a literal lake of fire for all eternity!

If you want to accept CHRIST as your Savior, please pray from your heart a simple prayer such as this:

Dear God in Heaven, I come to you in the name of your Son, JESUS CHRIST. I'm so sorry for my sins and for the life I've lived and for causing You all the sorrow I have. I ask that you forgive me and cleanse me with Your blood that You shed on the cross when You died for my sins, and then arose from the dead on the third day. You tell us that if we will confess the LORD JESUS CHRIST and believe in our hearts that GOD raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. And, right now, I do confess JESUS CHRIST as my Savior and ask CHRIST to come into my heart, and with my heart I believe that GOD has raised Him from the dead, and I repent of my sins. This moment I do accept JESUS CHRIST as my Savior and according to His Word, right now, I am saved. Thank you, JESUS, for dying for me and for giving me eternal life.

Friend, if you have prayed and really mean it with all your heart, then you are now saved and a child of the King — praise GOD! I encourage you now to get into GOD's Word. Read your Bible and pray to GOD. This how we communicate with Him and how we can grow in Him and know His will for our lives. GOD Bless you, and His blessings will come if we will but serve Him.

In CHRIST,
Dennis

Personal Word



Rejoice with us that we are now up to date in mailing our requested literature. If you have been praying, your answers have arrived. The Heritage Baptist Church in Titusville, Florida has provided us a room for our distribution that reaches across America. Our appreciation is hereby expressed to the church people and to *Dr. Michael Eccleston*, their pastor, who is assistant director of our entire ministry. This announcement could not be made without the donated labors of *Bob and Marge Williams*, who are members of Heritage Baptist. *Wayne and Sandy Page* in Sebastian are caring for the bulk mailing of our monthly publications to the various prisons across the nation. They are associated with

the Shiloh Youth Ranch. *Dr. George and Mae Mitchell* in Melbourne continue to provide up-to-date labels for this prison mailing. They serve in Myrue Spivey's church. A number of our friends have volunteered to assist us. How refreshing and encouraging this is. By the way, we desire to reach many more with the Word. Will you continue to keep this request before the Lord?

By now, regular readers of this publication are aware of my reactions to the spiritual deterioration in many of our churches. I often mention it loud and clear. It is prophesied in the Scriptures. And I believe it is happening in our day. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables" (II Timothy 4:3,4). In the second verse of this same chapter, under the pen of inspiration, Paul tells us to preach the Word, remain faithful at all times, reprove, rebuke, and exhort in sound doctrine, although it may demand longsuffering. Not much such teaching in today's churches. Imagine my surprise to hear D. James Kennedy spend a half hour on the radio declaring scriptural truth against divorce!

An Inventory

In the church you attend, how often does your pastor speak on: God's demand for holiness within our lives? a distinct separation from the things of this world? what we are to put on? what we are to put off? fornication? sex prior to marriage? adultery? or sex with someone other than your spouse? God's hatred is clearly expressed for the following: proud, lying tongue, liars, murderers (including haters), wickedness, false witnesses, and those who sow discord among brothers (quite a few of them in today's churches). (Proverbs chapter 6) I could go on and on about God commands in the Bible for His people. Are we exposing such sins from the pulpit and classroom where we are to . . .

Preach and Teach All of the Word

"ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, or reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect (grown up and fully matured), thoroughly furnished to ALL good works" (II Timothy 3:16). Is it any wonder why so many of our church youth live together independent of marriage, and why many in the church as well as out of the church are married two or three times? Of course, they all know better, but our scriptural teaching may have communicated more resistance to such sex sins. What a price we pay in wrecked homes and lives for our silence. By the way, when is the last time your pastor or teacher mentioned the place declared in the Bible named HELL? How many times is chastisement and punishment for sins of the Christians mentioned in your church? Personally, I believe much of the moral deterioration within our nation is due to the failure of the church to teach and preach the whole counsel of God. *Your opinion?* Yes!

This has been within my 44 years of pastoral experience, plus 19 additional years of teaching and preaching the Word.

The Local New Testament Church

The local organized church is still God's chosen medium for the communication of His Word and demonstration of His love within the hearts of His children. Many people ask for the location of a good church. Granted, that is a challenge. Find one that opens the Bible and teaches from it. They accept God's authority over them. Their church members and leaders are also demonstrators of their message. Here it is: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that YOU MAY PROVE what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1,2). Look around! There are still some good churches where they love the Lord, respect His Word, and are proclaiming and demonstrating it by their life-style. The New Testament church is still God's plan. Find one, roll up your sleeves, and go to work in such a church.



From Box 400

I thank God for the Bible study you sent. Your Bible studies are revealing to me the personal relationship I have with Jesus. I have learned the price Jesus paid for me. It brought tears to my eyes that God chose me before the foundation of the world. When I first accepted the Lord, I had no idea what all had taken place in me. Your studies teach and guide me into a deeper knowledge of Bible truth. May the peace and grace of God be with you all.

– a lady prisoner (CA)

I am writing concerning the Bible Study Course. I have repented of my sins and asked God to heal me. I have been in two foster homes, nine times in a boy's school, and eleven times in prisons. I thank Jesus for saving a wretch like me.

– a prisoner

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“ . . . they should believe a lie ” (II Thess. 2:11)

THE EUPHORIC LIE

AT A TIME YET FUTURE . . . but certain and soon, a man rides on a white horse, and in on the world scene, and delivers peace that the earth has not seen before but desperately seeks after. However, he is also the man riding on the red horse. He takes away that loved peace quickly and exchanges it for war and bloodshed. He, too, is the man on the black horse, as well as the man on the pale horse. He brings death and pestilence to the entire earth. The text in reference to these statements is found in Revelation 6:1-8. In a very short span of time, a quarter of the earth's population will be killed. An incredible number, by any standard, of men and women, boys and girls — a number greater than all the unborn children murdered in their mother's wombs since 1973. But, more than a number, these are real people, living and breathing, working and playing, dreaming and imagining, scheming and swindling, ruling and being ruled, tired and active, young and old, free and imprisoned, and lost and saved.

What nation or groups of nations will be responsible for this coming devastation of humanity? Most today and then will blame Israel. They will hate Israel and desire to rid her from the land and from existence. At this time there will be federated nations banding together to form a one-world government, a new world order, giving up all national sovereignty as separate nations to become a piece of the global community.

All of this power will be showered upon one man. That man is the one who will be responsible for the devastation, not a nation, nor any groups of nations. He is the man who will come on the scene to bring a sense of stability to the Middle East after a string of failed peace plans. This hero, brilliant statesman and negotiator will broker a seven-year peace treaty for Israel, guaranteeing them safety, allowing them to rebuild their temple on the temple site in Jerusalem. The sacrifices will be reestablished as Israel practiced in ancient times. They will lay down their weapons. Peace and safety will ring through the streets and the towns. As hard as it is to believe for Israel's peace, it will truly be theirs.

Great interest and concern should be paid to any nation today being coerced to lay down their weapons of war, as individual weapons. Skepticism and discernment should accompany politicians seeking the “greater good” by the nationalization of industries, health care, and freedoms. Adolph Hitler sold his lie to the German people. The mood was feverishly behind the little evil man. Greater concern ought to be paid to a nation giving up their sovereign right to be a self-governing nation, with their own sets of laws and regulations, and turning them over to other nations, or a man. But, in this time of horror and judgment upon mankind, nation after nation will bow down to that man, giving him complete authority and management of all the people within that nation. Strange as it seems today, Islamic nations, pagan nations, professing Christian nations, dictatorial nations, and Communistic nations will do just that.

The air and mood will be one of euphoria. There will be a unity not seen before, and the scene will unfold with great confidence and joy. One world government! We are one! We are the world! There will be no rivals or divisions or individualism. Israel will be off limits, but still hated all the same.

It is in that time frame that the people of the world believe a lie! The lie of all lies!

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