

Psalms 126:1

When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. 3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad. 4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with *him*.

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The New Testament tells us that the Old Testament was written for a purpose. **Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

We must keep in mind that nothing in the Bible (King James Version) is of private interpretation. **2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as *they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

If you don't believe that the Bible is the divine, inspired, preserved Word of God, then you will have problems going any farther. If you are reading a Bible that doesn't line up with what the King James Bible says, then you should look at who the author is.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Satan doesn't stop trying to deceive someone, just because they become a child of God. The Bible makes this clear. **Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

The Old Testament story I want to use for an illustration of what can happen in the daily life of any believer is from 1 Kings. There are many verses covered, but it is God's Word and It will reveal God better than my own words can. You must get the connection between God's Word and God to both receive salvation and for spiritual growth after salvation. **Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

God sends the prophet to warn Jeroboam

1 Kings 13:1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, In-treat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

In the above verses, we see that the prophet knew what to do by the Word of God. As we go into the story Farther, we see that he went against what he knew God's Word said and it cost him his life. Anytime we go against God's Word, it is sinful. Sometimes when we don't see specific scripture verse against something, we think it gives us "wiggle room" to do what we want.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Just going against a biblical principle violates

God's Word. As children of God, we become servants of God. **1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.** We are no longer servants of sin. **Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

In 1 Kings 13:9-10 we see that the prophet knew what the Word of God was and that he started out determined to obey it. Many of us know what the Word of God says, and yet we sometimes choose another way. In this story, we see someone else came into the prophet's life and told him something against what he knew to be right, and claimed it also came from God by an angel. God will never go against his Word. **Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**

When someone comes into our life with some story that contradicts the Bible, they are the liar.

1 Kings 13:11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, *I am*.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art*; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

I need to stop and insert some other scriptures that warn us about this type of situation. The lying prophet said that an angel told him something that was contrary to the Word of God. We need to be careful not to follow men that make such claims. There are religions out there that claim they have another book: one that is contrary to the Word of God. One given by inspiration of an angel. There are some Bibles that claim to have a more accurate translation that also go against God's Word. **Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:**

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

1 Kings 13:18 states "*But he lied unto him*". In the New Testament, we are told that Satan is a liar. **John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

When we first meet Satan in Genesis 3, we see him as a liar. When Eve responded to Satan in Genesis 3:2-3, she misquoted

God. God said: **Genesis 2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: Eve said: **Genesis 3:2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: God's Word: **Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Eve's misquote: **Genesis 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. God said the end result of not obeying His Word was "ye shall surely die". In 1 Kings, the man of God listened to what a lying prophet said and the end result was the same.

1 Kings 13:19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, It *is* the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

When we go against God's Word, we leave ourselves open to attacks from Satan. We let our guard down and the farther we get away from God, the more vulnerable we become. Satan does not stop attacking us after we get saved. In Job, we see that Satan walks around Earth. **Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.** As we read in I Peter, Satan's intentions are revealed to us. **1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

God's Word never contradicts itself. It's not as complicated as we make. There's a problem only when we don't like what the Bible says, and we look for a verse that gives us permission not to obey the ones we don't like. If we start out by forming some basic ground rules before we go to the Bible, we will be further ahead. **Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:**

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

1) Determine in our hearts to believe what God says on a particular matter before we look. We do not go to God trying to find scripture to justify our behavior. **Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.**

2) To give Jesus Christ preeminence in our life. **Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; Knowing that this very decision may mean that we not only have to change the way we think and behave, but go back and admit to people that we were wrong. We will have to have the type of relationship with God where we can call on Him to give us the strength to do what is right in His eyes.

3) To fear God more than man, knowing that we will all stand before the Lord and give account for everything. **Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.**

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

For the believer: **Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

11 For it is written, *As I live*, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Without the fear of the Lord the lost will stay lost. **Psalms 25:14 The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.**

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

When people don't choose God (because they can put that choice off) sometimes the choices they had no longer exist. Some of you in prison don't have the same choices you would have had if you chose the Lord sooner in life. Those that wait until they die can

never get their choice back. **Proverbs 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;**

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

4) Don't think of ourselves more than we should. **Galatians 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.**

5) God is no respecter of persons, nor should we be.

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God. No matter how highly we think of ourselves, we will stand before a holy and just God who judges us based on His Word, without bias.

Colossians 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

When we come to God, we need to do so with a humble, repentant heart and contrite spirit. **Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.**

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

We do not tell God what we will do; we ask God what He would have us do. We are the ones in need of redemption. We need God, He doesn't need us.

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. ***

What do you mean I can be free?



**John
14:6 Jesus saith unto
him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man cometh
unto the Father, but by me.
John 8:32 And ye shall know
the truth, and the truth
shall make you free.**

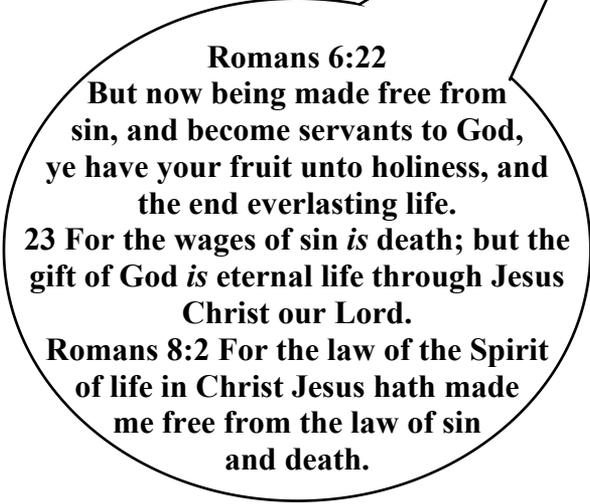




**So by
placing my faith in Jesus Christ I
can have spiritual freedom?**



**John 8:36 If the
Son therefore shall
make you free, ye
shall be free
indeed.**



**Romans 6:22
But now being made free from
sin, and become servants to God,
ye have your fruit unto holiness, and
the end everlasting life.
23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the
gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit
of life in Christ Jesus hath made
me free from the law of sin
and death.**

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

1] We are all sinners: **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

2] The consequences of sin: **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death;....

3] God will accept us as we are: **Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

4] Repent: **Acts 20:21** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance toward God, because we have sinned against Him and faith toward Jesus Christ, because He is Lord and Saviour.

5] Receive the free gift: **Romans 6:23** but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6] The gospel of Jesus Christ: **1 Corinthians 15:1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

7] **Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

8] **Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

9] **Matthew 12:36** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

10] Are you going to be justified by confessing Christ as your Lord and Saviour or condemned for rejecting Him?

SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

Just as the payment for sins is eternal, when we accept Christ so is salvation for the believer. **1 John 5:20** **And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**

The glory of the Lord is eternal. **2 Timothy 2:10** **Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.**

God has given us eternal life through His Son. **1 John 5:11** **And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

There are no scriptures where God took away eternal life from anyone. In fact, there are scriptures where God states that no one can take us away from God. **John 10:28** **And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.**

We are also inseparable from God's love, which is in Jesus Christ. **Romans 8:28** **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? **32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? **33** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. **34** Who is he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For us to lose our salvation, Jesus Christ would have to be able to lose His deity, which means He would not be God. **John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.**

We are sealed by the Holy Spirit: **Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, by a God who cannot lie. Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; until the day of redemption, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.** Those of us who have accepted Christ are the purchased possession. We have been purchased by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. There is no refund or exchange; we are His forever.

We are saved and kept by God. **1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:** It was not anything we did, nor will it ever be anything we do. **Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and

supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.



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The endless cycle of drugs and violence, coupled with the moral depravity in today's society, can only be conquered with the authority of God the Almighty. This Divine Authority comes in the form of faith in the person of Jesus Christ, who died for the forgiveness of sins those who would accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life as promised in the scriptures is revealed only through the Word of God.

The purpose of the bookstore is to build support for a cure to an epidemic that is plaguing our nation as a whole. The United States of America is not the God-based country it once was. In a society where "anything goes" except Jesus Christ and what He stands for, the need for the peace within one's soul that comes only from having sins forgiven and receiving the promise of eternal life, has never been more evident.

Having been behind bars and under the control of that endless cycle of jails and rehabs myself, I fully understand the life-changing power of God the Almighty. The monthly newsletter I send to inmates is my testimony. It tells of how by confessing my sins, repenting (turning from sin toward God) and believing in my heart that God not only could but *would* forgive my sins, and asking Jesus Christ to come into

my life to be my personal Lord and Saviour has given me a relationship with God the Father that has to be experienced to be understood. My personal message to inmates and their families is that there is hope: that hope is eternal in the person of Jesus Christ.

I am currently sending a newsletter (witness tract) to N.Y. State prison inmates in alphabetical order. If they want to hear more about Christ, they need to respond to the address on the mailing, and they are then put on a monthly mailing list for free. Those responses and any referrals from friends and families get an assortment of donated and purchased Christ centered material (Promise booklets, John and Romans and other various salvation type booklets depending on present inventory). The newsletter and John and Romans booklets are currently also available in Spanish. Other booklets are being worked on, both in English and Spanish, and will be added to the list as they are completed.

Disclaimer

I am a King James Bible believer. I also understand that there are many doctrinal differences in the Churches and institutions that teach the Bible throughout the world. Some of the material sold for study purposes may not line up with what I believe, but still have some recognized value. I will do my best to prevent any material that denies the deity of Christ or perverts the salvation message as it is told in the scriptures from being sold in this catalogue. Outside of that, it is up to each and every one of us to use our own discernment before following any material written by man. Knowing that each of us will be held accountable when we stand before the Lord on judgment day, I pray that anything 2nd Chance Christian Newsletter can do will help glorify the Lord, become a blessing, be used by the Lord to lead others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to a greater understanding of the Word of God for spiritual growth in their Christian life after salvation. Giving all Honor and Glory to God the Father, thanks and praise through God the Son [Jesus Christ], by the power of God the Holy Spirit for ever and ever, Amen.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!