



*"For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but sorrow of the world produces death." II Cor. 7:10*

Many of the men I visit with show a remorse for their circumstances. Not all of them are truly sorry that they sinned against a holy God as Psalm 51 says, "Against You, You only, have I sinned and done this evil in Your sight...You desire truth in the inward parts." Sometimes a person can lie not only to themselves, but also to God.

I conduct a Sunday church service once a month. This month my sermon was about what is involved in salvation. Salvation includes repentance and being converted from above. After the service George came up to me and expressed his frustrations with himself. He went on to tell me, "I am having trouble sleeping at night and I am frustrated with my life. It has been eight years since I was released from prison. I had everything anyone would want in life, but I was not living for Jesus, but for myself." We talked about any bitterness he had toward others and why that would be why he felt tormented in his mind. We talked about Matthew 18:21-35, where Jesus told the story of the unforgiving servant. Jesus says in verse 34, that the unforgiving servant would be turned over to the tormentors until he would forgive others from his heart. George also realized he had religion, but he did not have Jesus as his Lord and Savior!

He knew about Jesus, but he did not know Him. George now realizes his sin. He prayed for forgiveness and trusted Jesus as his Lord and Savior!

On May 10, Pastor Greg held an all day seminar at the prison. He used the Kyle Idleman DVD, "Don't Give Up." It was about the believers in the Bible who did not give up, referring to Hebrews 11. The five men at my table talked about times in their lives when they wanted to give up. We talked about the importance of knowing Jesus personally if they were going to have the power to live the Christian life. One young man at my table said, "When I came into the Chapel this morning, I felt such peace, like this is where I needed to be." He said he did not know Jesus but wanted to know Jesus Christ as his Savior. After we talked about the gospel he prayed to asked Christ for forgiveness and trusted Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. I visited with him a week later and he told me, "I have read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. What should I read next?" It is awesome to see the Holy Spirit at work in these men's lives!

There was graduation for all the men who completed their GED. I attended it because a young man who I had baptized was graduating. He attended my Bible studies and counseled for a couple of years. Many of these men do not have a man in their lives to encourage them. It was privilege for me to attend and tell him of was proud of him for completing his GED! His thankfulness was worth attending.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! I hope you have a great month of June!

Blessings, *Harlan*

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