



*“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord...Therefore encourage one another and build one another up just as you are doing.”
1 Thess. 5:9-10*

We are living in some interesting and difficult times. No matter what happens in the world we need to keep our focus on Jesus Christ. People will never find satisfaction in living for themselves. Our only hope is found in the Bible, the gospel of our salvation. God continues to bring people to Himself, where there is true joy and peace!

Jim, one of the men who was baptized a few months ago was told that his father had passed away. The staff who knew Jim before he was a Christian were worried about how he would respond to the bad news. As the week went on some concerned staff would ask him, “How are you doing?” Jim told them that he was sad but coping with his dad’s death. He told me, “They thought I would act out like I did before I was a Christian. My dad was a Christian and I know it is not ‘Goodbye, but see you later.’ He would always tell me not to say goodbye but see you later.” Jim told me how he heard his cellie talk to his grandparents disrespectfully. Jim told him, “That is no way to speak to them just because you didn’t get money on your account when you wanted.” Jim’s cellie asked him what he should do about it. Jim told him to call them back and apologize to them. He did that and they thanked Jim for talking with their grandson about his ungratefulness.

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Sam was not a Christian when he found out that he has terminal cancer. One of the Christian men came alongside him and listened to him. They cried together and he prayed with him. I was informed about Sam’s news the next day. I have known Sam for several years. We talked about how life is meaningless without God. He talked about how his stepparents wanted him to follow Christ. Sam rebelled and turned his back on God at fifteen years old. Now it is more than two decades later, and he found himself in this situation. Sam admitted that he did not live a good life. I explained the gospel to him and how Christ through a painful death paid the price on the cross. Sam was broken and had a hard time making it through the prayer for salvation. Afterward he felt relief and a burden lifted. Sam felt assured and thankful that when he died he would be with Jesus! Sometimes God uses difficult circumstances to bring His people to salvation! Sam continues to want to know more about Jesus and the Bible.

Freddie, a young man who has been in and out of lockdown told me it is time for a change in his life. When Freddie was fifteen years old his high school counselor had a cookout for some young people. That is where he heard the gospel and gave his life to Christ. He said, “It was like a light came on within me. Then I went home to my mother who was addicted to drugs. I went down the road of addition and now the Lord is telling me I need to repent,” which Freddie did that day. Praise the Lord!

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support! God is at work in a powerful way in the prison. In Christ, Harlan