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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Heb. 13:8

"For I am the Lord, I do not change." Malachi 3:6

We live in a changing and uncertain world. After we purchase the latest product, it does not take long before a newer and better product is advertised. With the earthquakes, wars, and weather disasters in the world there is a lot of uncertainty! Hebrews 12:27 says, that everything that can be shaken will be shaken, but the things that cannot be shaken will remain. We know that God is our rock, and His Word never changes, and His truth will always remain!

When inmates who have served several years, and are released from prison, they are overwhelmed by choices/decisions they need to make. In prison they have few choices to make every day and they hate change. Those who return tell me how difficult it can be to adjust to life on the outside.

After a church service a young man who was out for several months told me, "Now I realize how much I need Christ in my life. Thankfully on the outside I have a friend who is a strong Christian and has changed his life for the better. He told me that I need Jesus in my life, but I thought I was in control of my life, now I realize I am not." I remember when this man was in prison before he practiced two beliefs. Now he asked me, "Could you pray with me, I want to receive Jesus and trust Him as my Savior. I know I need him more than ever, because my friend had told me to

get right with God, but I didn't listen to him. Now I realize I need Jesus!" As we prayed, tears were flowing freely down his face. Since that day he is hungry to know more about Jesus and what to read in the Bible. I encouraged him to read the Gospel of John first. When I was walking down the hall with him a few days ago he said, "I read the book of John, so now where do I read?" I told him to read it again and ask the Lord to give him a deeper understanding of Jesus!

An older man who had been in prison before told me, "When I was first released from prison I attended church. Then my old friends would give me a hard time about attending church, so I quit going. When an old friend would visit me, I would shove the Bible I was reading under my chair. God is convicting me of how I was ashamed of Him." We talked about how God is willing to forgive if we truly repent. Which he did, praise the Lord!

A man who has been in and out of prison over the years now realizes how he has wasted his life doing drugs. He always attended Bible studies and church when in prison, but this time he told me, "The Lord has convicted me of my pride and how pride has controlled my life. The Lord is breaking me down and showing me how deceitful my heart is, and how I need to humble myself! I am ready to go to Teen Challenge," (A fourteen-month Christian recovery program). Thankfully the Lord is patient and firm. He disciplines His children!

Thank you all for your support by your prayers and financial gifts! I hope you have a great July.

In Christ,

Harlan

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