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"He has made everything beautiful in His time. He also has set eternity in the human heart." Ecc. 3:11

Everyone believes there is a God. If there is no God, there could be no atheist. Solomon says, "God has set eternity in the human heart." There is an empty hole in the human heart without God. That is why there are so many religions in the world. Human nature is wanting to do things, "My way." It is hard for people to admit that they cannot earn their way to heaven by good deeds. Christianity says Christ finished all the work for our salvation on the cross and our part is putting all our faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ as our only hope!

Fred has been in prison for many years and now has been moved to the infirmary. His health has deteriorated because of his age. Over the years men have talked with him about Jesus, but he was not interested. After visiting with him a few times, he asked me a question from the Bible I had him given earlier. Fred said, "It says in the Bible that God wishes that none should perish, but all should come to the knowledge of God. He does care for us, doesn't He?" I went over the gospel with Fred, and he prayed for Christ to come into his life and forgive all his sins. Praise the Lord for His work in Fred's life. The witness of the men sharing Christ with him over the years was not in vain!

Jeff told me, "I prayed the prayer of salvation in the past and I thought I was saved. The only problem is, I went right back to my old ways. Things were going well for me for a while. I was gaining material things and was proud of myself.

I started to think of all the things I had accomplished, and I became my own god. God humbled me by letting me lose it all and go back to prison. From now on I want Jesus to be in control of my life." I visit Jeff weekly to help him grow in the Lord.

Sam is on fire for the Lord, and I noticed he could not help but smile. Sam is a big huskie man, and it is awesome to see him so excited about the Lord! He told me, "I have been in and out of prison for the last 12 years. This time in county jail the Lord changed my life. Another inmate talked with me about Christ. That night, I stayed awake till five o'clock in the morning thinking about my life and who God was. Then the Lord brought to my mind the times I should have died, and He saved my life. I told the Lord I was sorry for all the terrible sins I had committed against Him, and asked Christ to be my Lord and Savior! That was such a powerful moment when I felt His presence. Other men in here who know me from the past gang life I was in, can't believe I don't care that others see me reading my Bible. I can't keep from reading the Bible because it gives me such peace. Before you called for me to come to your office, I asked God for some encouragement. Then you called for me and I know that was God hearing my prayer." Psalm 90:17a says, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us." Sam radiated God's love in him!

It is my pleasure to hear how God answers a sincere prayer from people who are seriously seeking God!

I appreciate your prayers and financial support! God blessings on all of you! You are a blessing!

In Christ,

Harlan

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