



My life prior to knowing and accepting Jesus

My goal in life was to be a success. Everything revolved around making money. The world centered on me. My relationships with family, friends and associates existed for my benefit. The important things in my life were being well educated, driving a nice car, living in a nice house, and being recognized as a success. It was very important how other's perceived me. When I compared myself to other people I believed I was a good person. I went to church regularly and I considered myself a Christian.

How did I come to know Jesus as my Savior?

It was not until the roof fell in on my twelve-year marriage that I woke up to what really was important in life. In a state of broken pride, I invited Jesus into my heart and asked Him to forgive me for my sins. I accepted His love and forgiveness and my priorities began to change.

What is my life like now with Christ?

I have a new life. My focus is on Christ and not my circumstances. The weight of my sins has been lifted. God helps me deal with love, hurt, pain, fear, forgiveness, guilt, and loneliness. He fills me with His unconditional love, hope and purpose. He gives me freedom. He gives me a peace that is beyond all understanding. He gives me confidence and strength that I know is not mine. He has restored my marriage and blessed me with two great children.

I can truly stand with the apostle James when he wrote *consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.* James 1:2-3

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 1:15-17

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

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WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

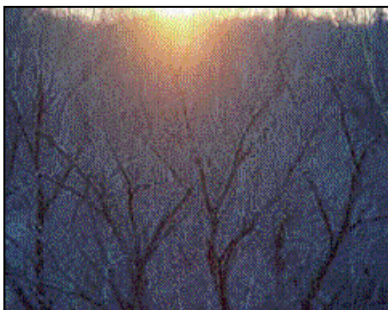
I became a new creation. 2 Cor. 2:17
I no longer live but Christ lives in me. 2 Cor. 5:14-15
I have been given the Holy Spirit as a deposit and a guarantee. 2 Cor. 1:21

I am justified (completely forgiven and made righteous). Romans 5:1
I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule on my life. Romans 6:1-6
I am free forever from condemnation. Romans 8:1



I have been put into Christ by God's doing. 1 Cor. 1:30
I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the love freely given to me by God. 1 Cor. 2:12
I have been bought with a price. I am not my own. I belong to God. 1 Cor. 6:19-20
I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. Eph. 1:3
I have been chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blame before Him. Eph. 1:4

I was adopted. Eph. 1:5
I have been redeemed, forgiven, and am a recipient of His lavish grace. Eph. 1:7-8
My inheritance and redemption is to come. Eph. 1:13-14
I have been made alive together in Christ. Eph. 2:5
I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven. Eph. 2:6
I have direct access to God through the Spirit. Eph. 2:18
I may approach God with boldness, freedom, and confidence. Eph. 3:12



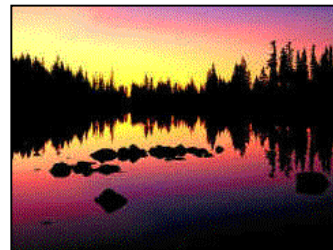
I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me. Gal. 2:20
I have been delivered (rescued) from the domain of darkness (Satan's rule) and transferred to the kingdom of Christ. Col. 1:13
I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (the debt against me has been canceled). Col. 1:14
Christ is in me. Col. 1:27
I have been firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built up in Him. Col. 2:7

I have been spiritually circumcised (my old, unregenerate nature has been removed.) Col. 2:11

I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ. Col. 2:12-13

I have been raised up with Christ. I died with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my life. Col. 3:1-4

I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline. 2 Tim. 1:7



I have been saved and called according to God's doing. 2 Tim. 1:9

Because I am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier (Christ), He is not ashamed to call me brother. Heb. 2:11

I have a right to come boldly before the throne of God (the throne of grace) to find mercy and find grace in time of need. Heb. 4:16

I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God which I am a partaker of the divine nature (God's nature). 2 Pet. 1:4