



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17

PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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The fourth of July is a time of celebration; celebration for all the freedoms we have in this country. We know that the freedoms we have come at a price. Men gave up their lives so we can enjoy this freedom. In order for us to have spiritual freedom, Jesus Christ had to leave heaven to live among sinful people! Jesus was willing to humble Himself to do the Father's will. Phil. 2:7-10 says, "He made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross." The good news is that Jesus conquered death and hell! The freedom we have in Christ is for now and eternity!

A middle aged man has been through the prison system a few times before, but this time he said was different for him. He is trying to figure out what is going on in his heart. When he was 27 years old he enjoyed going to church. We started to discuss some wounds from his past. He mentioned that he thought he had dealt with his anger and hurt. As we talked, he realized that all he had done was stuff the anger and hurt so he would not think about it. He started down the wrong road when his three year old cousin was murdered. After I visited with him, he asked the Lord to forgive him for his unforgiveness against the murderer. Then he asked the Lord to save the murderer's soul. The tears were flowing down his face as he struggled to talk. He said, "I feel so light on the inside! For 27 years I carried this bitterness deep within me." When I saw him the next day he had a smile on his face that I had not seen before. Praise God that He set this man free!

A year ago I wrote about Lloyd's huge life transformation when he gave his life to Jesus. Lloyd who has been in prison for fifteen years, was released to parole the other day. When he was in DMV getting an ID card, the young lady helping asked him, "What is it about you that makes you different from others?" (He has a great smile and the peace of God.) Lloyd said, "Jesus has really changed my life and made me a new person. I just got out of prison." She said that it was great to see that there is hope for people in prison and that their lives can change there. Please pray for Lloyd as he makes adjustments to all the decisions he has to make. The choices can be overwhelming to the inmates when they are released.

I have a new inmate testimony DVD I would like to show in your church service or Sunday school class. Give me a call or email me if you have an available time slot. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. I hope you have a blessed July!

In Christ,

Harlan Moss

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