



"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

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There is much to be thankful for when we think about what we have in Christ as our Savior. We have an inheritance that can never perish, fade, or spoil, reserved in heaven for us. We are seated with Christ in the heavenly places, therefore we have authority over the temptations that come against us. We have great promises from God's Word that never change. He is preparing a place for us so that where He is we will be also. We have the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, convict of sin, fill us with His presence, and He intercedes for us! What an awesome God we have!

Don was in prison for many years. The last three and one half years of his life he was in the infirmary. He had diabetes which was hard on his health. I visited him regularly. I would sit on the end of his bed (his legs had been amputated) and he would tell me stories of his childhood and many other things he encountered in his life. These stories were all pretty interesting. Most of the time I only had 15 minutes to visit. I would have to stop him to inform him I had to leave. Don would hold out his hand toward me and I would hold his hand to pray with him. A year or so earlier he was going through a difficult time in the hospital. After explaining the gospel to him, I asked him if he had ever invited Christ to be his Lord and Savior. Don said he had not, but wanted to at that time. The first part of this October Don was back in the hospital and not doing well. He was in his 80's and his strength was depleted. The officer in the room informed me that Don had been very restless. I said a prayer with him, quoted Psalm 23, and told him to talk to Jesus about anything that was on his mind. A few days later the officer who was present in that room informed me that Don settled down after I left and died twenty minutes later. God's timing is awesome!

The beginning of October I had the privilege of baptizing two men. I have worked with the one for the last year and is a new believer. The other had rededicated his life to follow Christ a few months ago. They are a good testimony for the other men to what the Lord can do!

This year again the chaplains will be passing out Christmas bags to the inmates. Last year there was plenty of fudge donated but there was a lack of homemade cards from lower grade elementary school children. I will include a sheet with the guidelines and drop off places for the cards for the churches who receive this newsletter.

I pray that you all have a blessed Thanksgiving! I am very thankful for all your prayers and financial support! You are all a blessing and the gospel is being spread among the men behind the walls in the prison.

In Christ,

Harlan Moss

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