

**“ If any man will come after me,  
let him deny himself,  
and take up his cross, and follow me ”...  
Matt 16:24**

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*A collection of poems in Christ  
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## To My Family in Christ

I pray we always put God first  
In everything we do.  
I pray within these pages that  
Convictions stir in you.

I pray we grow in wisdom  
And our pride just fades away.  
I pray we find more patience  
With every passing day.

I pray each poem will let us see  
A piece of our own self.  
I pray we read it time to time  
And not just put it on a shelf.

I pray we read the chapter verse  
Preceding every page.  
I pray with open hearts we find  
A need to be engaged.

In Jesus name, I pray  
Amen

In Loving Memory  
of my Mom & best friend  
Cora S. Pepe  
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**If you have received Christ as your Savior,  
Please let us Know !!**

**Romans 10:11** for the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him should not be ashamed.

**Romans 10:10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness,; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Friend, it is vital that you find a local body of believers that can assist in your growth, and provide encouragement and assistance in your walk with the Lord. It is also vital that you begin to read God's Holy Word, as through His Word, He will reveal all things unto you. We suggest that you begin with the book of John, but again it is vital to attend a local body that preaches and teaches the whole counsel of the Word of God.

### **Things to remember**

- **Salvation is eternal, not of ourselves but by His grace. Ephesians 2:8-9**
- **Salvation is not based on our emotion, and although there may be times when you don't "feel" saved, God's Word says that you are sealed until the day of Redemption by the power of the Holy Spirit . Ephesians 4:30**
- **After we are saved, we can still fall into sin, and lose the Joy of our Salvation. I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- **We are to be witnesses of His Saving Grace to others, that they may believe also. Matthew 28:19**

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## How to Receive Your Free Gift of Eternal Life

**A**—admit your sinful nature, and a need for a Savior.

**Romans 3:23** For All have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Hebrews 9:27** ... it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment.

Do you see your need to be saved from the judgment of a Holy and Just God? If so—God has provided a solution—

**B**—believe in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only acceptable payment of our sin debt. His shed blood on the cross at Calvary paid your debt in full.

**John 3:17** For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name

**C**—confess to Him your sin, your need for a Savior, and your desire to receive Him in your heart as Lord and Savior of your life.

**Romans 10:13** for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Friend, Jesus died so You could live. Won't you make today the day you receive His Eternal Salvation? With a heart of repentance (turning from your sin and trusting in Jesus alone), God will hear your prayer. His promise is true, His Grace eternal. We hope today is your day of Salvation!

## One Lasting Kiss

It seems time has a habit of slipping quickly past;  
Years were only yesterday, now memories, long last.  
I find there are too many of "What if's" in my mind.

But I know that it was meant to be—  
For it was my Mama's time.

My Mama lived a simple life, she never traveled far.  
She only had one fancy dress, and she never drove a car.  
All that mattered to my Mom  
were her husband and her kids.  
She made sure home was special,  
And cooked some meals- she did.

She raised us all with values that are with us still today.  
She told us we were precious- each in our own way.  
And when the grandkids came along  
Her heart was full of joy.  
I think it made her life complete,  
When baby sister had a boy.

She was so many things to us and always she was there.  
Phone calls, visits, shopping trips-  
You always knew she cared.  
How I do wish Heaven had a phone, so we could talk awhile.  
Oh just to hear her voice once more,  
Would make my sad heart smile.

I know I speak for all of us, when I say she's sorely missed.  
And I pray that God will give to her-  
For us, one lasting kiss.

All the things my Mama did; I'll never comprehend.  
She'll always be within my heart,  
For we were the Best of Friends.

## A Special Note to You

I have been richly blessed by the presence of The Lord in my life, and I hope that in some small way, your life has been enriched by reading this work. Most importantly, I hope you will take the time to search your heart, and if you are already a Christian, ask for a renewing and strengthening of your faith, so that we may collectively serve Him better, for His purposes. There is much work to be done, as the fields are truly white to harvest, but the laborers are so few and time is running out. I pray that wherever God has placed you in His service, you continue to grow, and if you are either searching for a place to serve, or have lost the fire that you once had, you will be prayerfully guided as He leads.

*If you have never asked Jesus Christ to be your Savior, or are not absolutely certain of your eternal home, please consider these things.*

- God's Love for You is so strong, that He gave the very best of Heaven to Die for your sins, that you may be reconciled with Him eternally.
- *John 3: 16 For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**Please turn the page to discover more of His plan of Redemption for You !**

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## It Is Lifted

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave  
his only begotten Son, that whosoever  
believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.”**

**John 3:16**

My pen is finally slowing down.  
The burden's getting lighter.  
I suppose by now you've realized  
I'm not the best of writers.

Every poem within these pages  
Has been done so for the Lord.  
Every line prayerfully written  
So our journey will go forward.

Each Christians journey's special.  
A different pace at best.  
So please do read this book again  
When trials put you to the test.

This burden has been lifted.  
I've sown this piece of land.  
This conviction is now over  
For this book is in your hand.

Praise be to God  
Thank you my Lord

## Whisper

**Enter unto His gates with thanksgiving,  
and into His courts with praise:  
be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.  
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
and His truth endureth to all generations.**

**Matthew 25: 40**

Listen to the whisper  
That speaks within your heart.  
It's telling you that God is here-  
From you He'll never part.  
You see He sent the Spirit  
To be with you each day.  
To offer Love and guidance-  
When you have lost your way.  
He's there to give you all you need  
To witness for The Son-  
So tell the world the wondrous  
Things that Jesus Christ has done.  
Please tell them Jesus loves them,  
That He died for all our sin.  
He then arose and sits with God  
And that He'll come again.  
"Just open up your heart" you say  
"Let Him be your Savior now-  
If you want to be a Christian,  
I'll be glad to show you how."  
Shout it from the rooftops,  
REJOICE, THY WILL BE DONE!  
Our sin has all been washed away-  
By Jesus Christ the Son.  
I'll say it one more time for you-  
Let the whisper be your guide.  
For nothing is impossible,  
With Jesus at your side.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye  
may be able to stand against the wiles of  
the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh  
and blood, but against principalities,  
against powers, against the rulers of the  
darkness of this world, against spiritual  
wickedness in high places. Wherefore take  
unto you the whole armor of God, That ye  
may be able to withstand in the evil day,  
and  
**having done all, to stand.**

**Eph 6:11-13**

## Believe

I'll try my best to help you see  
What Salvation's all about.  
It's in the Bible- it's Gods word,  
Just read it if you doubt.

God made all there is that you see.  
He made Adam- He made Eve.  
He gave them Eden to live in-  
They sinned-He made them leave.

God gave man many chances  
To make things right again.  
But we chose satan over Him  
And stayed continually in sin.

But God loved us so very much,  
He gave us one last try.  
He sent down His Son, Jesus,  
And on the cross He died.

He was a sacrificial lamb-  
By His blood we are washed clean.  
He was buried- Resurrected;  
Apostles testified, they've seen.

All that He does ask of us  
Is to acknowledge what He's done.  
Believe all that I've told you  
And confess to everyone.

For to truly believe in Jesus Christ  
And all that He did do -  
Will make you want to tell the world  
That Salvation's really true.

**And we have seen and do testify that  
The Father sent the Son to be  
The Savior of the world.  
Whosoever shall confess that Jesus  
Is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him,  
And he in God.**

**I John 4:14-15**

## The Seed

Listen to the words I say  
Be still- don't make a sound.  
For I am here to tell you  
That Satan is around.  
He'll prey on you in small ways  
So smooth and subtly;  
That you won't even know he's there  
until he's done his deed.  
Our strength is in our number;  
The number being three-  
The Father, The Son and Holy Ghost  
Are there for you and me.  
The three, they are our fortress.  
Our faith and love our shield.  
And through strength in our togetherness  
All goodness we can yield.  
Time is running out my friend,  
It's time to DO not try-  
Witness in our dear Lord's name  
Before this day goes by.  
I know it might seem awkward, but  
Try it and you'll see;  
For The Spirit will take over-  
It's as easy as can be.  
You only have to start it all-  
Do your very best.  
For it is in our Savior's name  
And he will do the rest.  
So go and plant the seed my friend  
The time is now at hand.  
And soon our Mighty Lord will fill-  
What was once a barren land.

## The weaker one

I've heard some say- what is the point  
If the saved don't grow in Grace.  
I pray their hardened hearts give way  
And compassion fills its place.

To say what is the point of it  
Means you don't really care.  
We cannot judge- only Christ alone  
In the book- their name is there.

When saved you're just a newborn babe  
Dependent on all others.  
It's up to us to show the way  
That's why we are called brothers.

Keep trying to stir passion  
Despite how long it's been.  
Pray that God will help you  
So their journey can begin.

It's up to stronger Christians  
To help the weak ones see.  
For if I were the weaker one-  
I pray that you'd help me.

But this I say, he which soweth sparingly  
**Shall reap also sparingly and he which  
Soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.**

II Cor 9:6

## His Word

I tried to sow some seeds today-  
Not knowing if they took.  
But I will keep on trying and  
Take a second look.

Perhaps I'm just not saying things  
The way they should be said.  
I'll pray a little harder now  
before I go to bed.

I'll ask my dear Lord Jesus  
To help me say it right-  
Because sometimes I begin to feel  
Like I'm just looking for a fight.

I need to learn more of his Word-  
And memorize it well.  
For there are many souls to save  
From within the depths of Hell.

Please pray with me to witness  
Better in His name.  
For the soul, it is eternal;  
His Word is not a game!

“And the King shall answer and say unto them,  
Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done  
it unto one of the least of these my brethren,  
ye have done it unto me.”

Matthew 25: 40

“But he that doeth truth cometh to the light,  
that his deeds may be manifest,  
that they are wrought in God.”

John 3: 21

## With Every Breath

Yes my health is failing  
My eyesight's not the same.  
I look at what Paul went through  
And I bow my head in shame.

The days I have are numbered  
They're swift and they are sure.  
My cross must still be carried  
It's weight I must endure.

He only gives what I can take  
It makes me stronger still.  
He'll take care of all my needs  
If I stay within His Will.

I'll do the work the Lord has asked  
As soon as I awake.  
I'll lay up rewards in Heaven now  
With every breath I take.

**“For the Son of man shall come in the glory  
of his Father with his angels;  
and then He shall reward every man  
according to his works.”**

**Matthew 16:27**

It's for Jesus

Don't worry what the others think  
Don't worry what they say.  
Forget the pride and whispers  
Follow your hearts way.

It steers you where you need to be-  
The path you need to take.  
It's not for them you do these deeds-  
For it is for God's sake.

He knows where you are needed,  
Just go where that may be.  
You may not understand at first-  
In time, perhaps you'll see.

FOR YOU ALONE ARE CHOSEN  
FOR THESE SPECIFIC DEEDS.

So the next time your heart tells you  
To do a certain deed;  
Remember it's for Jesus  
So listen and take heed.

“I am come a light into the world,  
that whosoever believeth on me  
should not abide in darkness.”

John 12:46

Hear Him

**So, you've been a Christian  
For quite some time I see.**  
Do you recall the passion,  
The way you used to be?

Where's the fire and the spark  
That dwelt in you before?  
Remember how you use to feel?  
You need to capture it once more.

The Lord will not just place it there  
You know you have to ask.  
Only then will He convict you  
To do His chosen task.

Don't leave it to the other guy  
The younger or the new.  
Go into your own closet and  
Ask what you can do.

Humble yourself before the Lord  
Break down the walls of age.  
Hear him PLEASE- He's calling you  
Let your fire once more rage.

## A Simple solution

Have you ever wondered - is this all there is for me?  
You look at all that's there and ask -  
is this what's meant to be?  
You know there's something not quite right -  
As though you are in darkness,  
even though you know it's light.  
I think that I can help you see -  
I've been there just like you.  
The solution's really simple -  
here's all you have to do.

Acknowledge you were born with sin and open up your heart.  
Ask Jesus to please come inside and that's the hardest part.  
Acknowledge to the Lord above you know all that He's done.  
And thank him for the precious gift of Jesus Christ His Son.  
Tell Jesus that you love Him for all He did for you -  
For it is by His precious blood that you've become anew.

Once you've done these simple things -  
your life will soon be right.  
All the darkness fades away and  
you're left with only light.  
A sense of peace will come to you  
as you start to read His book.  
You'll learn and you'll grow closer  
as you take a second look.

Remember friend you're not alone - the Spirit dwells in you.  
So there's nothing you can't conquer - nothing you can't do.  
I hope that I have helped you - it really worked for me.  
Praise be to my Lord Jesus for He has set me free.

**“Ye are the salt of the earth: But if the salt have  
lost his savor,  
wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth  
good for nothing,  
but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot  
of men.**

**Matthew 5:13**

He that goeth forth and weepeth,  
bearing precious seed,  
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

Ps 126:6

## A Gift

The Lord has placed in each of us  
A gift of special use.  
Please do not ignore it-  
It's the worst form of abuse.

It pains our Father greatly  
If you don't use it right.  
For it's a talent given you-  
To bring others to His light.

Ponder very carefully  
what the Lord wills just for you.  
Prayerfully be guided-  
As to what you are to do.

By faith we follow daily  
Our special, chosen way.  
See how you can use your gift-  
Each and every day.

Yes, it may be difficult  
But with God you're not alone.  
Remember when He made you-  
Inside a gift was sewn.

**A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him  
That hath it: whithersoever it turneth,  
It prospereth.**

**Prov. 17: 8**

## These Tears

I read His Word- I weep.  
I pray to Him- I weep.  
I witness in His name- I weep.

I see the world around me,  
I see the deeds undone.  
I see the work ahead of me  
For Jesus Christ the Son- I weep.

Do not mistake these tears I shed- for they  
Are of sorrow and for shame.  
For I have not done near enough  
In Jesus precious name.

I hereby pledge in front of you,  
Before my Lord above-  
That I will go out every day  
And spread His Word of Love.

I'll tell them Jesus is the Light  
And that He is the Way.  
And I'll tell them all He did for us  
On Calvary that day.

I pray that on that fateful day  
When I am with The Son.  
I'll kneel before my Savior  
And hear the words, Well Done.

Be patient therefore, brethren,  
unto the coming of the Lord.  
Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the  
precious fruit of the  
Earth, and hath long patience for it,  
until he receive the early  
And latter rain.

James 5:7

## Take a Moment

Stop- and take a moment  
To talk with God; He's there  
You'll find that special closeness  
You only know through prayer

Stop- and take a moment  
To enjoy the moon and stars  
Discover their uniqueness  
And how special we all are

Stop- and take a moment  
To smell a rose or two  
Know they are a gift from God  
Created just for you

Stop- and take a moment  
To reflect on all around  
The crickets and the laughter  
Yes, all the soothing sounds

Stop- and take a moment  
To appreciate God's love  
Look at all He's given us  
Below and up above

And God saw everything that He had made,  
And behold, it was very good.  
And the evening and the morning  
Were the sixth day.

Gen 1:31

## How I Hear Thy Words

How I long to be with you  
And gaze upon your face.  
How I long to thank you  
For your precious gift of Grace.

I pray that I do please you  
In all that I have done.

I pray that I can glorify  
Your precious gift; The Son.

Hear my prayers to you, Oh Lord  
Know what's in my heart.  
Hear my prayers, Oh Mighty One  
From me, please never part.

Thy Will be done in all I am,  
In all I say and do.  
Thy Will be done my Father,  
I want to be like you.

Words could never say to you  
All that should be said.  
Words could never show my heart,  
Only ways need to be led.

And we know that all things work together  
For good to them that love God,  
To them who are the called  
According to his purpose.  
For whom he did foreknow,  
He also did predestinate to be conformed  
To the image of his Son, that he might be  
The first-born among many brethren.

Rom 8:28-29

## My Flesh

The Christian walk is difficult-  
The obstacles aren't few.  
Some days the climb is very steep  
But with faith I see it through.

I long to be in just Gods will-  
Forgetting all my own.  
At times I think I'm getting there  
But my flesh feels so alone.

I strive each day for constant faith  
But worldly things creep in.  
Because my eyes cannot see Him,  
I'm continually in sin.

All the things to make me strong  
Are right there in His book.  
But with a busy daily life,  
I seldom really look.

I need to make the time to read,  
And learn all that He's done.  
I have to get to know my Lord,  
Jesus Christ God's Son.

Until I give the Lord my life  
So He can carry all-  
I cannot do the Christian walk;  
It's just the Christian crawl.

**My Brethren, count it all joy when ye fall  
Into divers temptations; knowing this, that the  
Trying of your faith worketh patience.  
But let patience have her perfect work,  
That ye may be perfect and entire,  
wanting nothing.  
If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,  
That giveth to all men liberally,  
and upbraideth not;  
And it shall be given him.  
But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.  
For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea  
Driven with the wind and tossed.**

**James 1:2-6**

## The Suit

So many times I find myself  
Amazed; in total awe,  
At the many works involved  
When I look back upon it all.

Every little detail, at the time  
Seemed so minute.  
They all are now looked back upon  
As a finely woven suit.

Each thread has it's significance;  
A place it had to be.  
For if each thread did not exist,  
There would not be a me.

God tailored every moment;  
The good along with bad.  
And I know I would not be here  
Unless my dear Lord had.

I now wonder what's ahead for me-  
What sewing will be done.  
I only know one thing for sure-  
The suit is for The Son!

Search me, O God, and know my heart:  
Try me, and know my thoughts:  
And see if there be any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.

**Ps 139:23-24**

## I Asked

I found myself so broken-  
The joy was far removed.  
How could I let this happen-  
what did I do to be reproved?

I pondered all that happened-  
As tears streamed down my face.  
My heart just felt so lonely-  
And then confusion took its place.

Why would God take away my joy-  
Or is satan playing games?  
Perhaps it's really simple-  
Then I realized I'm to blame.

I'm the one that asked the Lord  
To burden my own heart.  
I'm the one who asked to grow,  
I knew that from the start.

So why did it surprise me-  
For I know God answers prayer.  
Why did I not say thank you  
When He placed my burden there.

I've learned I truly can not grow  
Or do as the Lord wills;  
Unless I give it all to Him-  
My heart He can not fill.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:  
a broken and a contrite heart,  
O God, thou wilt not despise.**

**Psalm 51:17**

*Which One of Them is Me?*

*My heart it is quite heavy at the whispers going by;  
It seems not all are happy, and need to be revived.  
I listen to our Pastor, and I find his passion strong.  
Maybe I'm not listening - perhaps that is what's wrong.  
You see it's only human, to sit back and let it go.  
We all are guilty of it and this is true, I know.  
It seems it would be worthy of some time and effort too-  
Before I start the whispering, to ask "What can I do?"  
I'll ask myself these questions, I'll be honest and be true;  
There's nothing kept from Jesus- so I'll think before I do.  
Am I here for Sunday School  
and Wednesday night for prayer-  
Or have I forgot to put God first and place all in His care?  
Am I really hearing the sermons that are preached -  
Or am I thinking other things  
like gardening or the beach?  
Do I feel the messages do not pertain to me -  
That they're for the other guy- because I already see?  
Do I find that I know best where others are concerned -  
Perhaps a bit judgmental -perhaps a bit too stern?  
What do I do in Jesus name each day of every week -  
Hand out tracts - visit nursing homes  
or is it the T.V. guide I seek?  
If I've answered honestly, and just one of them was yes-  
I've taken a step forward, now to choose - do more or less.  
You see it's very easy to spend time finding fault  
Instead get out and spread His word -  
don't lock it in a vault.  
The choice is up to me my friends  
now to decide which one I'll be  
A disciple or a hypocrite- which one of them is me?*

Surely He hath borne our griefs,  
and carried our sorrows:  
Yet we did esteem Him stricken,  
smitten of God, and afflicted.  
But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised For our iniquities:  
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him;  
And with His stripes we are healed.

Isa 53: 4-5

## That's the Point

At times I feel so overwhelmed-  
Defeated at the start.  
There's just no way to be that good  
Or that pure of heart.

The Lord is asking me to be-  
Perfect, just like Him.  
Let's face it- that's impossible  
For I was born with sin.

And that's the point God tries to make-  
Each and every day.  
I have to let Him guide me  
Only He knows the true way.

He wants me to depend on Him  
And to know He's there for me.  
He knows I will not make it-  
unless I ask to see.

So the key is to remember-  
Alone, I'll always fail.  
But if I let the Lord take charge-  
His perfection will prevail.

**“I in them, and thou in me,  
that they may be made perfect in one;  
and that the world may know that  
thou hast sent me, and hast loved them,  
as thou hast loved me.”**

**John 17:23**

Please Know. . .

If I could wash away the pain  
Or take some of it away,  
I would within a heartbeat  
So you could better face the day.  
God blessed me with two shoulders  
So I'd always have a spare-  
Just so you can lay your head  
And know that I am there.  
He also gave me two good ears  
To listen while you speak-  
Please know that I am here for you  
If a friend is what you seek.  
And if the anger swells inside  
And the flesh cries "it's not fair"  
Remember you are not alone-  
For the Comforter is there.  
I know you feel betrayed;  
Rejected-it's all true  
But now you're more like Jesus-  
For He suffered these things too.  
So try to look at all the bad  
As Jesus had to do-  
Find forgiveness in your heart  
And the best will come to you.  
For to learn and to grow better  
From the bad that comes your way;  
Will make you even stronger  
And will help you face each day.

"Ye are of your father the devil,  
and the lusts of your father ye will do.  
He was a murderer from the beginning,  
and abode not in the truth,  
because there is no truth in him.  
When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his  
own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44

## Crystal Clear

I've always learned the hard way  
For as long as I recall.  
And now it is no different  
I still stumble and I fall.

But there is a new found hope  
With each step that I take.  
I now know when I do fall  
The lesson is for His sake.

I know the Lord wants me to see-  
But I'm not looking right.  
Instead I try it on my own  
And stumble in the night.

And when I finally see the light  
All is crystal clear.  
I then wonder why it took so long  
When the answer was so near.

I've had this lesson many times,  
And I'm sure I will again.  
For I seem to keep forgetting that-  
It's God the answers in.

**Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
And lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
And he shall direct thy paths.**

**Pr. 3:5-6**

## *Our Own Choice*

*My mind begins to panic,  
My heart begins to race;  
As I start to think of those  
Who are not saved by Grace.  
It's such a precious gift of God,  
It's forever and it's free.  
But they still choose to reject it  
And ignore eternity.  
My heart is truly hurting  
And the sadness burns inside.  
How can I make them understand  
They'll be in Hell when they do die?  
God gave His Word for us to read,  
But Satan says, "not all."  
So many faiths to choose from;  
So many ways to fall.  
To believe in God is not enough  
Nor in good works, as well.  
If Christ is not your Savior-  
You'll spend eternity in Hell.  
Satan is the father,  
Of lies and of deceit.  
Don't be fooled by him my friend-  
Or one day you will meet.  
God gave to us a precious gift  
To make things right again.  
It's our own choice to take it-  
Choose Grace and you will win!*

Study to show thyself approved unto God,  
A workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
Rightly dividing the word of truth.

Flee also youthful lust: but follow righteousness,  
Faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the  
Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:15 and 2:22

## Stay with Him

When I take a moment  
and pray to my dear Lord-  
I find a peace and happiness  
I simply can't ignore.

The Almighty is so wonderful;  
He's always there for me-  
Whether just to thank Him  
or when asked to help me see.

No matter what the circumstance-  
He's constant; ever there.  
At times I wish it possible  
to stay with Him in prayer.

I realized then I could be;  
just pray throughout the day.  
As much as I can find the time-  
He'll help me find a way.

There's nothing pleasing to the Lord-  
more than relationships.  
That's all that he does ask of me-  
let the prayer flow from my lips.

The closer I grow to the Lord-  
the better Christian I will be.  
Nothing brings a greater joy-  
than to know He walks with me.

**But we will give ourselves continually to  
prayer,  
And to the ministry of the word.**

**Acts 6:4**

## The Strength of Youth

Don't give in to pressure-  
Fight the human "norm".  
The Lord will help you conquer it  
He's there through every storm.

God knows how very difficult  
It is this day and age.  
So when Satan tries to woo you-  
It's your faith you should engage.

Yes, you're looked at differently-  
Some even say you're strange.  
But know within your heart that  
Christ's coming is in range.

Spread His word to all you meet  
Be proud of your beliefs.  
For when you see His work is done-  
You'll feel a great relief.

To know the Lord at an early age  
Is such a precious thing.  
For every time you spread His word-  
God's angels start to sing.

**“No servant can serve two masters:  
for either he will hate  
The one, and love the other; or else he will  
hold to the one,  
And despise the other.  
Ye can not serve God and mammon.”**

**Luke 16:13**

## My Masters Call

If I am at my Masters call-  
Then what am I to do?  
The Lord makes known the task at hand-  
It's in my heart, and true.

If I am at my Masters call-  
Can I deny and look away?  
Only if I can do the same-  
When faced with judgment day.

If I am at my Masters call-  
Then who am I to wait?  
The burden placed upon my heart-  
Will only grow if late.

If I am at my Masters call-  
Why have I not done more?  
I know The Lord can not come in-  
Until I lead them to the door.

If I am at my Masters call-  
How much more can one man do?  
Spread the Word to all I meet-  
Not just a chosen few.