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Bible Translations

KJV	King James Bible ¹
NKJV	New King James Version ²
AMP	Amplified Bible ³
ASV	American Standard Version ⁴
BSB	Berean Bible Study ⁵
CEB	Common English Bible ⁶
CEV	Contemporary English Version ⁷
CJB	Complete Jewish Bible ⁸
CSB	Christian Standard Bible ⁹
DB	Darby Bible ¹⁰
DRC1752	Douay-Rheims Challoner 1752 ¹¹
EMTV	English Majority Text Bible ¹²
ENO	Book of Enoch - Laurence 1883 ¹³
ESV	English Standard Version 2016 ¹⁴
GNB; GNT	Good News Bible or GNT <i>Translation</i> ¹⁵
GNBA	Good News Bible with Apocrypha ¹⁶
GNV	Geneva Bible 1560 ¹⁷
GW	God's Word Bible ¹⁸
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible ¹⁹
HEB	Hebrew Bible - JPS 1917 Edition ²⁰
ISV	International Standard Version ²¹
JSB	Jewish Study Bible ²² - 1985, 1999
LIV	Living Bible ²³
MACE NT	Daniel Mace's New Testament 1729 ²⁴
MEV	Modern English Version ²⁵
MLT	Morris Literal Translation ²⁶

MOFF	James Moffatt Translation ²⁷
MSG	The Message Bible ²⁸
NAB	New American Catholic Bible ²⁹
NABRE	New American Bible - Revised Edition ³⁰
NASB	New American Standard Bible ³¹
NASB77	New American Standard Bible 1977 ³²
NASB1995	New American Standard Bible 1995 ³³
NASB2020	New American Standard Bible - 2020 ³⁴
NCV	New Century Bible ³⁵
NET	New English Translation ³⁶
NET1	New English Translation - First Edition ³⁷
NIV	New International Bible ³⁸
NIV2011	New International Bible -2011 Edition ³⁹
NJB	New Jerusalem Bible ⁴⁰
NLT	New Living Translation ⁴¹
NMV	New Messianic Version Bible ⁴²
NRSV	New Revised Standard Bible ⁴³
NRSV-CI	NRSV - Catholic Interconfessional ⁴⁴
NRSVUE	New Revised Standard Bible - 2021 ⁴⁵
REB	Revised English Bible ⁴⁶
RSV	Revised Standard Version ⁴⁷
SET	Simple English Translation ⁴⁸
TAN	Jewish Tanach - Stone Edition 1996 ⁴⁹
TEV	Today's English Version ⁵⁰
WEB	Webster's Bible ⁵¹
WEY	Weymouth's NT ⁵²
WESLEY-NT	John Wesley's New Testament ⁵³
YLT	Young's Literal Translation ⁵⁴

*Dedicated to every Christian who seeks to know
the truth about how to enter Eternal Life!*

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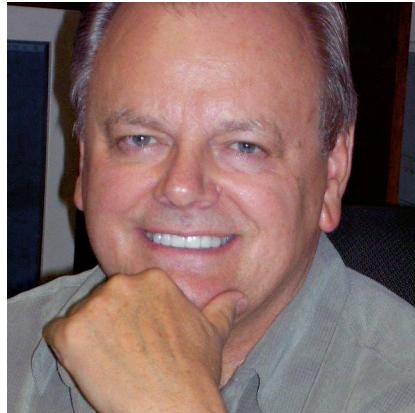
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CHAPTER ONE

Introduction



Edward G. Palmer

Hello, and thank you for reading this book: "*God And The Narrow Gate: How to enter Eternal Life and not get picked up on the Last Day!*" I am author Edward G. Palmer. At age 32, I had an epiphany with God, and, in a moment, I suddenly knew Him. As a result of that epiphany, for 47 years now, I have walked with God in a daily fellowship. From my perspective, I've had, from time to time and throughout each day, a daily

conversation with God. Yes, I can hear God's soft voice and converse with him whenever I open my heart and spirit to HIM.

**"Come now, and let us reason together,"
Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson, they
shall be as wool. - Isaiah 1:18**

**Jesus said: "But when they deliver you
up, do not worry about how or what
you should speak. For it will be given
to you in that hour what you should
speak; for it is not you who speak, but
the Spirit of your FATHER [[YAHWEH]] who
speaks in you." - Matthew 10:18**

How can you hear God's voice?

**"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! The
LORD of hosts is with us; The God of
Jacob *is* our refuge." - Psalms 46:10-11**

Our human lives have become increasingly busy, and in the twenty-first century, it is challenging for all of us to find enough stillness or quiet. The sensory inputs our minds are confronted with daily are over 1,000 times greater than what our grandparents had to contend with just 75-100 years ago. Those sensory inputs now include hundreds of TV stations, thousands of YouTube videos begging us to view, and non-stop smartphone calls, messages, and even games to play. A person can no longer even go to a restaurant restroom in peace without being confronted with multiple advertisements.

Yet, suppose you want to fellowship and commune with God ALMIGHTY. In that case, you'll need to find a way to slow down, be still, get quiet, and tune into a low-volume, whisper-like, and very soft spiritual communications channel. However, after you make that first connection with God, communicating with HIM will become easier each time.

While it wasn't until I reached 32 that I connected with God, I remember feeling HIS tug on my heart and spirit in many ways. Often, a person has to hit a low point before their spirit becomes receptive to God's Spirit. That is where I found myself in May 1978.

I was an entrepreneur for many years and was involved in several small business ventures. I was trying to manufacture a small security system. I was extensively

read in all small business endeavors, but I was personally sinking financially towards bankruptcy. Months earlier, a friend gave me a copy of Earl Nightengale's "Strangest Secret." The essence of that secret is, "We become what we think about!" It's biblical and found in Proverbs 23:7. The 4-track audio tape also cited Jesus' words from Mark 9:23.

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Proverbs 23:7

**Jesus said to him, "If you can believe,
all things are possible to him who believes."**

Mark 9:23

The words of Jesus stunned me, and I immediately thought, "That's not in the Bible." Yet, how would I know? I had never read the Bible. I tried a few times but never got past Genesis. So, I grabbed a Bible to look up the verse in Mark. There it was. I immediately looked up and told God, "I finally get it. You lead, and I'll follow!" My spiritual transformation occurred in an instant, and I suddenly came to know God.

I remember quickly running into the house to tell my wife: "I found God!" She said: "What took you so long?" What she found at age 13 in a Presbyterian church had eluded me until age 32.

I soon managed to read the entire Bible along with all the Apocryphal¹ books. Since my spirit found God, I was excited to know everything I could about God. What does HE like? Dislike? What happened to me? I'm not sure of all that was involved the moment when I experienced God. However, it was clear that the intellectual idea of whether or not God existed had left my mind, and the reality of God's Spirit had entered my heart. I had become a slave to God's righteousness.

I am a living testament to the reality that our existence involves a body, mind, and spirit. For years, I was into my body and mind. In that epiphany, I suddenly engaged the spirit within me. Every human being has a spiritual side, and it often remains underdeveloped until a significant event occurs. In my case, it was a failing business, impending bankruptcy, and wondering how I would support my family of five. Soon, I entered the workforce as a quality engineer for a major manufacturer of computer disc storage devices.

At age 5, I attended Ascension Catholic Kindergarten in North Minneapolis, a few blocks from our Dupont Avenue apartment home. With the help of a nun, I may have made a deal with God. At least, I've often thought that I might have.

My father had grand mal brain seizures randomly as a result of contracting rheumatic fever as a child. My

mother also had health issues from experiencing polio, which resulted in a limp and one leg dragging. It might have been the physical troubles of my parents that kept the family from attending a local church.

My mother was Lutheran, and my father was Methodist. Denominational issues might have kept us from attending a local church. However, my parents sent my sister, Barbara, and me to a local Lutheran church for confirmation classes.

At age 14, I was confirmed at Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis on Glenwood Avenue on May 22, 1960. I remember feeling sick to my stomach when we were being confirmed. It was as if I wasn't supposed to be there, getting confirmed. My sister spent two years in the confirmation process. I skated through in six months. I don't know how all this took place.

At my Lutheran confirmation, I confessed Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior for the first time. Of course, that was the purpose, right? That and becoming a member of the church. With absolute certainty, I was still a lost soul and would most likely hear Jesus say, "I never knew you!" However, I was curious about God. That is what confirmation classes gave me. I also suspect it gave my Lutheran mother and her staunch German Lutheran family inner peace. "Eddie got confirmed! Yay!" But he's still lost?

"Not everyone who says to me [[Jesus]], 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my FATHER in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!' "

Matthew 7:21-23

This teaching of Jesus should dispel the notion that people can call on the name of Jesus and be saved. Yes, it is a popular Christian Theology. However, it is a false teaching of the Church. Who does Jesus reject? He rejects those who claim to be Christians. How do we know that? Having traveled in Pentecostal and Charismatic circles, it takes a bold Christian to "prophesy in Jesus' name, cast out demons in Jesus' name, and do wonders in Jesus' name." These are not lay people in a church. These are bold leaders in the Church at large.

Commentary: The last church I was a member of was a cult. The senior Pastor stole the church from its denomination

and then from its members via fraudulent articles and by-law changes behind everyone's back. It doesn't make sense to steal God's property. But that isn't his worst offense against God. The senior Pastor then paid for his daughter-in-law to divorce his son while he was in the Army. Then, he married his son's wife. There is evil within² the Church in many denominations. There will be many saying, "Lord, Lord," who will be soundly rejected by Jesus for their lawlessness³.

At age 13, my father fell down a flight of stairs. He was unconscious 52 days before he died at Hennepin County Hospital in 1959. Life proceeded onward, but the event was clearly a trauma in my life that would be a turning point for me. My mother remarried and moved out of Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center. I was attending high school at Minneapolis Vocational, taking Radio-TV electronics, when they discovered that my mother lived in Brooklyn Center. As a result, I was kicked out of school in the middle of my 11th-grade year. Only residents of Minneapolis could attend Minneapolis Vocational High.

I wound up in an overcrowded Anoka High School, sharing a locker with three others. As trade school students, we spent three hours a day in the trade of our choice. That meant we did not have to take regular high school classes. However, now I was required to make up

a year and a half of three hours of so-called regular classes that I never had to take at Vocational. Well, I only lasted two weeks. At that time, I drove to the school and returned their pile of books. I was 17 and didn't have to attend an overcrowded high school. It didn't make sense to me, so I joined the Navy.

Because I was only 17, my mother had to sign for me to join the Navy. At some point, all new Naval recruits were given a Gideon New Testament. I remember writing my signature in my Gideon New Testament again, for the second time, as I confirmed Jesus as my Lord and Savior. The Gideon Bibles made this easy with printed text and blank lines for a date and signature. Yet again, I will tell you that God and Jesus were intellectually in my mind then, and they were not in my heart. That is where our love for God and Jesus needs to be. That is where all true loves exist. Within our hearts!

A third spiritual event occurred when I was around 30 years old. My family attended the local Church of Christ in Elk River, MN. My wife was on the board of education at the Church. They mailed out a survey to all families, and I filled out ours. When asked what the church meant to me, I responded that the church meant nothing to me. I was only attending for my wife. Once again, I was going through the motions of being a Christian. Yet again, for me, God and Jesus were intellectual constructs.

Of course, I wanted to be a good person. I've always wanted that. However, God's Spirit did not drive me to always do what is right.

Jesus said: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:33

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." - James 4:17

Let me share two critical spiritual truths that you can take to heart. The first is Matthew 6:33. Seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness. When you make this your heart's desire, your priorities will always be God's.

The second is a simplified definition of sin given to us in James 4:17. If you know to do good and don't do it, for you, this is sin. Regardless of one's level of education, everyone knows what is right and wrong from their personal perspective. Yes, people with a higher level of education should know better, but it isn't a given that they'll do what's right. Consider the Pastor who stole the church and married his son's wife.

All humans fight the battle of wanting to do good and are all good at rationalizing why not to. You'll know you're walking with God in your heart when you want to do good, regardless of the consequences.

This book is now the sixth one in my "God *And*" series of writings and the ninth book I've written about God's Holy Word. <http://www.edwardgpalmer.com> is my author's website. You will find links to my most recent religious and healing books, a detailed bio, and a DIY alternative healing blog on the site.

The Book's Thesis

This book explores two intriguing teachings from Jesus regarding eternal life. In one scenario, Jesus teaches that he will pick you up on the *Last Day*. In the second scenario, Jesus teaches that we can bypass judgment and enter eternal life here while alive on earth. Meditate on these two teachings. I will explain them in this book and teach you how to bypass judgment and enter *Eternal Life* without getting raised or picked up on the *Last Day*⁴.

The Last Day Scenario

"And this is the will of HIM [[Yahweh]] who sent me [[Jesus]], that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him [[Jesus]] may have everlasting life; and I [[Jesus]] will raise him up at the last day." - John 6:40

See: John 6:39, 6:44, 6:54, 11:24, & 12:48
For additional last-day raising teachings.

The Second Scenario

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears my [[Jesus']] word and believes in HIM [[YAHWEH]] who sent me [[Jesus]] has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

John 5:24

John 5:24 Paraphrased

Those who believe in the ONE⁵ and only true God, YAHWEH, who sent Jesus, have already passed into eternal life and have bypassed God's judgment plan and the process of getting picked up or raised by Jesus on the last day. - Edward

Therefore, the thesis of this book is that by following the instructions Jesus gave us in John 5:24, we do not have to get raised up on the last day. In fact, we can enter eternal life while alive in our earthly journey.

You'll find this book very interesting if you already worship only YAHWEH.

Suppose you worship Jesus and the Orthodox Trinitarian God. In that case, you must read and study this book carefully to fully understand what Jesus taught about God's identity⁶. This means you'll need to focus on Jesus' teachings rather than what the Church says about them. There is nothing complicated about what Jesus taught, so listen to Jesus. Please do not read into Scripture using Christian doctrines, such as the Trinity, to try to understand Jesus. Doing so will distort the teachings of Jesus. You'll need to let the words of Jesus speak for themselves⁷ to understand what is being said.

Skip Intellectual Roadblocks Focus On Faith

Skip the intellectual roadblocks that raise doubts and create skepticism. Instead, try working on your faith. That means opening up your heart to God's Spirit. He's searching for loyal hearts.

"For the eyes of the LORD [[YAHWEH]] run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show HIMSELF strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to HIM." 2 Chronicles 19:9

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

"But without faith it is impossible to please HIM [[YAHWEH]], for he who comes to God must believe that HE is [[exists]], and that HE is a rewarder of those who diligently seek HIM." Hebrews 11:6

Comment: If you have to have all the answers before opening up your heart to God and His Son Jesus, you don't need faith. Edward

PART ONE

The Bible, Theology & Faith

CHAPTER TWO

Those Who Love God

Know Their Bible

An estimated 85% of Christians have not and do not read the Christian Holy Bible. In fact, many churches prefer that their congregants don't read the Bible. Why is that a reality in Christendom? Because promoting Orthodox doctrines like the Trinity and salvation only through Jesus is made easier when congregants don't read the Bible.

Many people, even myself, have never found a need to pick up the Bible until some external event took place. For me, it was the epiphany I had at age 32 that I discussed in the Introduction chapter. When I studied my Bible, I soon found myself in a state of confusion. I would read my Bible, and then, in the "Church of Christ" that I attended on Sundays, the Pastor would often teach directly opposite the Scriptures I had read earlier in the week. Once I returned home, I would quickly review the Bible text I had read earlier. It didn't take me long to

realize that my local church and its denomination had its own agenda and even taught against the Scriptures. I quickly took my family out of that church and found a more Bible-compatible¹ one.

Lesson #1 for those who love God: Orthodox

Christian Churches teach man-made doctrines, local church policies, and even directly against what Jesus taught in the Scriptures.

Lesson #2 for those who love God: When you stand on God's Holy Scriptures, you might find they go against the local church and denomination's teaching. This will get you in trouble with the church leadership, who might not appreciate an actual Bible reader.

Lesson #3 for those who love God: Dig deep enough into the Holy Scriptures, and you might find few Christian Churches teach what Jesus taught. That happened to me when my Bible studies revealed that Jesus taught a different God than the Orthodox Christian Church was teaching.

Lesson #4 for those who love God: Trinitarian Christian Churches teach Jesus but do not teach what Jesus taught. Instead, they focus on the Apostle Paul's Epistles and teachings.

Consider these simple teachings about God and Jesus' identities. I'd be willing to bet that the Pastor or Priest of your church won't discuss these Scriptures.

Jesus said: "But now you seek to kill me, a Man who has told *you* the truth I heard from God [[Yahweh]]." John 8:40

Jesus said: "Do not cling to me, for I have not ascended to my FATHER [[YAHWEH]]; but go to my brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to my FATHER and *your* FATHER, and to my God [[YAHWEH]] and *your* God [[YAHWEH]].'" John 20:17

But he [[Jesus]] answered them saying, "Who is my mother, or my brothers [[or my sisters]]? And he [[Jesus]] looked around in a circle at those who sat about him, and said, "here are my mother and my brothers [[and my sisters]]! For whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and mother." Mark 3:33-35

Meditate On Jesus' Teachings

Suppose you meditate on these teachings of Jesus. In that case, you will come to the following twelve realities of church teachings that teach against what Jesus taught in the Bible. Why?

The Twelve Realities

- 1) Jesus was a man.
- 2) Jesus was a man who heard God's voice².
- 3) Jesus taught us the truth that God conveyed to him.
- 4) Jesus was returning to God, who sent him.
- 5) Jesus had a God that he worshipped.
- 6) Jesus taught us that the FATHER is the only God.
- 7) Jesus taught us that his FATHER was our FATHER.
- 8) Jesus taught us that his God was our God [YAHWEH].
- 9) Jesus worshipped the God of the Jews [YAHWEH].
- 10) Jesus had family relationships.
- 11) Jesus is our brother, not our God.
- 12) Jesus is your brother *IF* you are doing the will of God.

Of course, Jesus' teachings concerning the identity of God³ are more extensive than the three verses I've shown. I've quoted from the New King James Version (NKJV). Still, the verses are identical or similar in all

PART THREE

The Wide & Narrow Gates

About The Author

Edward G. Palmer

It was in May 1978, at the age of 32, when I had an epiphany, and in an instant, I was filled with God's Spirit. I have walked with God for 47 years. For the first twelve years, I absorbed Scripture. I learned to love God's Word in the Bible more than a famous pastor's motivational sermons. By 1990, I began to have metaphysical experiences with God. After ignoring God's direction to attend a local Assembly Of God church for two years, I relented in 1992. When I asked, God told me it was to observe.

This church went from 600 members to 150 due to the pastor's illegal sexual relations with three women. He was counseling these women and told them to avoid sex with their husbands. At the same time, he had sexual relations with them. Shortly after I started attending, a new senior pastor came to the church. This one also had an agenda and stole the church from its denomination first and then from its voting members.

God had sent me to a cult for four years. With my corporate and legal background, I witnessed how the new pastor illegally altered the non-profit corporation's articles and bylaws to steal the church. He was unrepentant when I confronted him about his corrupt teachings and theft. I left with three other members in late 1996, and we started our ministry. For four years until 2000, God's Spirit deprogrammed us with words from HIS Holy Bible.

For the next five years, God gave me the task of writing the *Book of Edward: Christian Mythology* to explain who Jesus was talking about in Matthew 7:21-23.

Since then, several other books have been written for God to discuss different aspects of HIS Word. A list of related writings follows. I was ordained in 2000, and we formalized our ministry as Apostle Ministry, Inc. in Minnesota. It became an apostolic writing ministry.

I write for God to help educate the Church and Christians to stop their mythology and obey God's commandments and the teachings of Jesus. This book is the next in my "God And" series of books for God. *Edward*

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Other Books & Writings

Several additional books in the "**God And**" series of books the author has written can be found at the author's website on <http://www.edwardgpalmer.com>.

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A Real Salvation Prayer

OPENING PRAYER: *FATHER God, let everyone who utters this prayer of salvation unto You, with a sincere heart, immediately feel the presence of YOUR Holy Spirit and equip them with the internal strength of conviction to stand tall for YOUR righteousness at all costs and even unto their human death. Verily I say unto You that this is YOUR expectation of their [and my] sincere heart. Edward*

INSTRUCTIONS: Pray out loud and offer up to God ALMIGHTY outstretched arms and the following prayer, on your knees, in the privacy of your prayer closet [private room, alone], and with your sincere heart. Verily I say unto you that your soul will see eternal life in heaven upon the death of your earthly body if your heart is honest with God to the point that your behavior turns to His righteousness. Mark down the time, date, and place of this gift of your heart unto God, and feel free to share this moment when you committed to walking in God's ways with His priorities over your life.

PRAY Heavenly FATHER, the only ONE and True God. You, who are also the FATHER and the only ONE and True God of my brother Jesus Christ whom You sent down as a living human sacrifice for the sins of all the humans in this earthly realm and world, hear this prayer from my

sincere heart. This prayer comes from within the bowels of my spirit soul, and I fully understand that this is a one-way decision of my committed heart.

FATHER, I believe in YOUR only human begotten Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that YOU sent Christ down to this earth and that he became the human being Jesus Christ [Yashua] in the flesh, just like the flesh I have. I believe he had bones like I do, flesh like I do, and blood like I do. I believe that his body on the cross was no different from any other human body. I acknowledge Jesus Christ is the Son of God; he is not God.

FATHER, I believe he only spoke what YOU told him to say and did what YOU told him to do. I believe that he was the final and perfect blood sacrifice for the forgiveness of the sins of humanity. FATHER, I believe that includes my sins.

LORD, I fully acknowledge that by accepting Jesus Christ as my savior and brother, I am inviting his perfect spirit into my life to share this earthly body with me. Along with his spirit, I understand that YOU will also give me YOUR Holy Spirit and that YOU also will dwell within me.

I believe that the result of my sincere acceptance of this gift of YOUR Son is the Oneness I will share with YOU and him. Christ has taught me that I might live in perfect Oneness, Peace, and Joy with YOU and him. O LORD, this

is genuinely the sincere desire of my heart. I no longer want to be spiritually alone.

Therefore, I accept the precious gift of YOUR Son, Jesus Christ, and I repent of my past sins and sincerely regret every thought, action, behavior, or anything that was displeasing unto YOU. I understand that with the precious gift of YOUR Son, You expect me to live a righteous life for the rest of my days on this earth.

Such a life entails living up to YOUR expectations and obeying what YOU and YOUR Son taught us in Holy Scripture. LORD, I acknowledge that I cannot be perfect in and of myself. I realize that to be like Christ requires that I "practice righteousness" and avoid sin to the best of my ability. I acknowledge that to continue willfully to sin is an implicit rejection of the gift of Jesus.

I also acknowledge FATHER that there will be unintentional and unknown sins that will come in my life. I understand that YOU and Christ will cover those types of sin and serve as a guide to keep me on the narrow path to heaven.

FATHER, I acknowledge that YOUR Son is not a free pass on sins like many Christians believe. Therefore, when I realize I have sinned against YOU in any way, I promise to confess that sin immediately and to keep a short list of my missteps with YOU. I know YOU are faithful to forgive under such conditions, but I also

realize that if any life is filled with such confessions, it will be a testimony of an insincere heart. I recognize YOUR instructions in Ezekiel 18 and that Jesus has not altered YOUR criteria for punishing sinners. Therefore, keep me under YOUR wings, O God, and give me a pure heart unto YOU.

Having said this, FATHER, I pray that you will dwell within me and help me be the man [or woman] you want me to be. I ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, whom I confess with my mouth that he came in the flesh as YOUR only begotten Son. I acknowledge with my heart that YOU expect righteousness, a new life with changed behavior that glorifies YOU.

FATHER, help me to be an instrument of YOUR will even as Christ was such an instrument. Let this day be the first day of the rest of my life, and help me to put away all offensive behavior and sin, which YOU hate. I pray in the name of YOUR only begotten and beloved human Son, Jesus. AMEN

Record Of Prayer

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

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Salvation Prayer Scriptures

John 17:3

- ◆ Knowing the ONE true God is Eternal Life
- ◆ Knowing that God sent Jesus

John 8:40

- ◆ Jesus claimed he was a man [human male]

John 20:17

- ◆ Jesus claimed he had a God [the FATHER]
- ◆ Jesus claimed his God was also our God

Matthew 4:10

- ◆ Jesus taught us to worship only his God

Romans 10:9-13

- ◆ Confess with the mouth, Jesus
- ◆ Believe that God raised Jesus
- ◆ Believing in your heart unto God's righteousness
- ◆ Calling on the name of God, aka YAHWEH (LORD)

1 John 3:7

- ◆ If we practice righteousness, we are like Christ

John 14:23

- ◆ We can become One with Jesus and God

James 4:17

- ◆ Not doing what is right is a sin
- ◆ Defines sin regardless of education

Ezekiel 18

- ◆ God's repentance criteria in Old Testament
- ◆ Same as John the Baptist in N.T.
- ◆ Same as Jesus Christ in N.T.

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