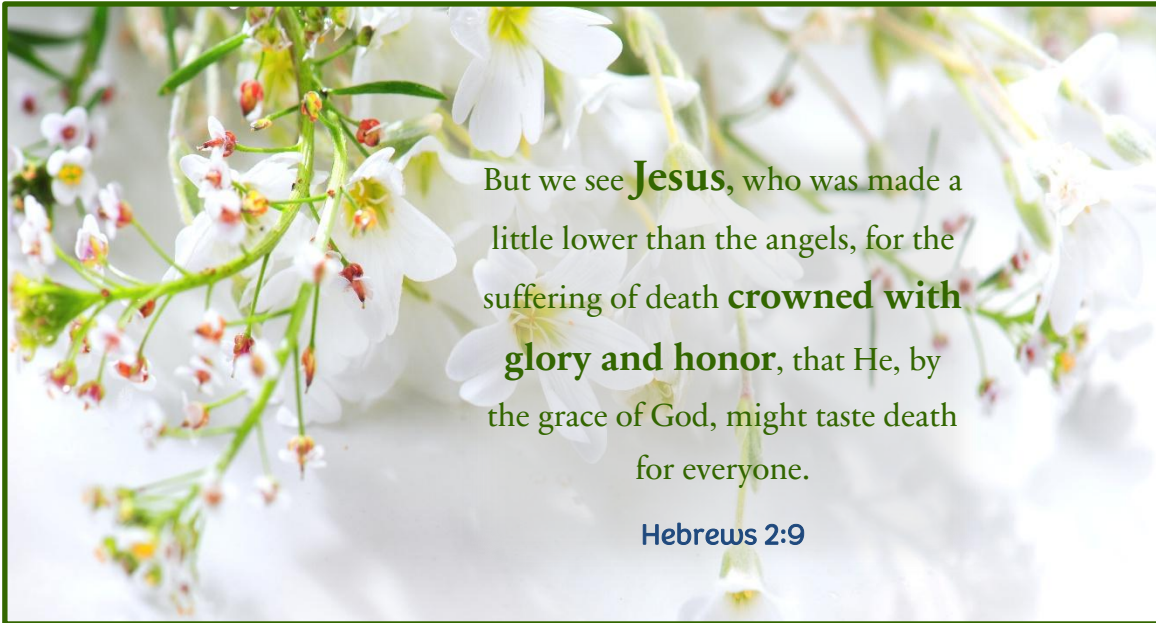


Rehabilitation by Regeneration

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)



But we see **Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death **crowned with glory and honor**, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

Dear Friends,

We would like to wish you a blessed Resurrection Sunday! **The historical fact of Christ's bodily resurrection is truly the solid foundation of our faith! What a blessing to have a living Savior.** We can echo the words of the apostle Peter who states, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

On the very first Good Friday, three men were crucified. All three were undergoing the death penalty for sins which had been committed. Two criminals were dying for sins which they were guilty of committing.

The one on the center cross was totally innocent, sinless and was also dying for sins – mine and yours, plus the sins of every descendant of Adam's sinful race.

When Jesus hung on the cross, this was the fulfillment of God's promise in Genesis 3:15. God Promised to provide a Savior Who would reverse the deadly effects of the fall (Romans 5:12-21).

The two criminals who were being crucified also joined in blaspheming, mocking, and ridiculing Christ and His claims (Mark 15:27, 32). But, something began to transpire in one of the criminals' heart. His thoughts of Christ miraculously changed. He turned to Jesus in repentance and believed in Christ at the darkest hours of our Lord's life and of all history.

After Christ had been rejected and abandoned by the Jewish nation, the Romans, and even condemned to death, amazingly, the repentant Criminal believed. Christ was abandoned and forsaken by His closest friends and earthly family. Even His disciples, fearing for their own lives, cowardly forsook Him. They had seen the dead raised, lepers healed, demons cast out, the blind receiving sight and thousands fed with only a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish.

The repentant criminal was not privileged to see or experience any of these incredible signs of Christ's deity and power.

He only saw our Lord in agony, weakness, and with a crown of thorns pressed into His brow. This was the hour when the criminal believed in Christ. He called Jesus Lord and believed He would have a kingdom. He believed Christ was able to forgive and give him eternal life. He defended Christ's innocence of the charges brought against Him. The repentant criminal said, "This Man has done nothing wrong." He rebuked his companion in crime. He also witnessed to him saying, "Don't you even fear God?" The repentant criminal confessed his sins and said, "We are getting what we deserve." He said to the Lord, "Remember me when You come into Your kingdom." The Lord graciously responded and said, "Today you will be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:39-43).

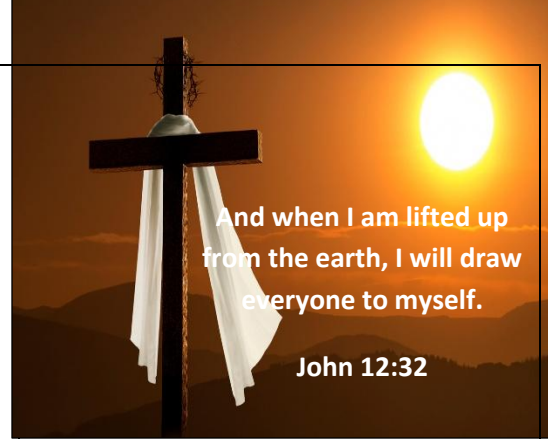
This is the reason why the repentant criminal is considered to be "Christ's Greatest Trophy." And also why many biblical scholars believe this to be the greatest demonstration of faith in the history of the world! Think of the joy this brought to our Savior's heart (Isaiah 53:11-12)!

This is why He left the glories of heaven. He came on a rescue mission to pay for the sins of mankind. He came not to judge and condemn, but to forgive and save (John 3:16-18; Hebrews 2:9).

These two criminals are a picture of the entire human race. There are many religions, denominations, and philosophical views of life, but God sees only two groups of people—the saved and the lost. The saved are those who say "yes" to the Savior and receive Him. The lost are those who say "no," rejecting Him, His love, and His offer of salvation.

When Jesus triumphantly cried out "It is finished!" At that moment, every sin that has been committed from the creation of the world until the last one that will be committed, was paid for by our Lord's substitutionary death and precious blood. Our Lord is willing to save even the Devil's rejects and castaways (John 19:30; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 5:11-13).

We are all under the death penalty; it is only a matter of time for each of us. None of us has a lease on life, nor are we guaranteed another day, hour, or even minute. Today is the day of salvation (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 6:2; James 4:13-14).



And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

John 12:32

The repentant dying criminal was the very first convert this side of Calvary.

Since that incredible day, thousands of prisoners continue to open their hearts to the Savior. This brings great joy to the heart of the Savior and rejoicing in heaven (Luke 15:7).

The prison mission field is truly white unto harvest. The first three months of this year, 327 inmate made professions of faith while studying their Bible courses. To God be all the glory! So many are turning from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to the power of God - receiving forgiveness of sins ... (Acts 26-18).

We are truly so thankful to the Lord for you and your partnership in furthering the gospel to those behind prison walls. Our expenses continue to greatly escalate as we continue to minister to almost 6,000 inmates. Thankfully, for over five decades, the Lord continues to miraculously provide through the prayers and loving generosity of His awesome people. May He continue to abundantly bless you and your loved ones and meet your every need. We appreciate you.



LETTERS from INMATES

I was in prison and you came to Me.

Matthew 25:36

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Because He lives



Phil Wagner
Hebrews 6:10, 13:2

We Thank God for You!

The Lord wonderfully responded and provided through His loving people, enabling us to finish 2025 in the black. We are rejoicing and praising the Lord!



Thank you so much for the Christmas card you sent with my lesson. Your kind words and your prayers mean more than you know. Times are very hard in here, being away from our families. We often feel left behind and forgotten, so it is a real blessing to know that someone out there cares about us. For you to take the time to send me a Christmas card is amazing. I don't really have any friends—I've learned the hard way that many people I thought were friends were only acquaintances. Your kindness truly touched me.

I will keep all of you at Set Free in my prayers. May the Lord bless you for the work you do for Him. Thank you, and God bless you. **Corey from Bristol, Florida**



Mr. Peter at Set Free Prison Ministries, thank you for grading my Bible studies. God bless you. Your notes were very welcome and truly encouraging to me. God has used you to bless me greatly.

I will be leaving this prison and transferring to another facility in Stockton, California, which is closer to my home and to my 81-year-old mother. I believe this move is happening because God has searched my heart and sees my true desire to serve His Kingdom. The first 55 years of my life were a wreck, but I thank God that He is patient and full of mercy. I believe the next 55 years will be amazing because of His blessings. I will be in a place where I can focus on discovering His will and purpose for my life.

Mr. Peter, thank you so much to you and everyone at Set Free. I now know that God loves me, and He has sent people like you to show me that love and to encourage me. I pray for all of you. Please pray for me and my mom. We are praying that I can get home this year so I can live according to God's Word—to honor my mother and to win souls to Christ. **Jeff from Delano, California**



Thank you for helping me learn about God and the path I should be on. Here and now, I receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I believe in Him as God and as my Savior and Lord with all my heart.

Jimmy from Welch, West Virginia

The Truth will set you free.

John 8:32



You and your families will be in my prayers. I want to thank each and every one of you for your help and support. It has truly helped me grow as a Christian and build a stronger relationship with God. I admit that I have struggled—and sometimes still struggle—with trusting God and fully submitting to Him. With your help, I have seen a real change in this area, and to me that is the best gift I could receive. Thank you, even though all praise belongs to God.

I do have a prayer request for me and my family. We recently lost two loved ones my sister and my grandmother who were very dear to us. Please pray for my family souls, and pray for me to keep my faith strong. Thank you. **Adrian from Marion, North Carolina**



I thank you so very much for taking the time to make this course for people like me. I have been incarcerated. I was saved on December 7, 2025. With every Bible study I complete, I feel myself growing closer to Him. I ask that you pray for me to have a second chance at life—to see and be reunited with my kids again on the outside. I am reborn and simply want a good life from here until I am reunited with God and Christ for eternity in heaven. Please also pray for every other lost soul who has not yet had the luck or the blessing of finding God as I have. Pray for them, that they too might be saved one day. Thank you. **Anthony from Greenville, South Carolina**



I am beginning a new life with Jesus Christ in my heart. I know I still have a long way to go, but already I feel a real change in myself—especially in how I react to things—simply by trusting God and His plan for my life. I am currently incarcerated with pending charges, and it is likely that the charges will stand. More than anything, I want to finally and truly change my life and give it all to God for the first time.

Today, I received a pamphlet “This is your life” from a friend who is part of your Bible study program. I felt that it couldn’t hurt to give this a try, and I am grateful for the opportunity. I hope to receive the free Bible course with an open heart and a willing spirit. Thank you in advance for this opportunity to grow closer to our God. **Mary from Poplarville, Mississippi**

Last year, we received a total of 10,504 new enrollments. In 2026, we are averaging 810 new enrollments each month.



I have come to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior through these Bible studies, and I want to thank you for allowing me to be one of your students. Praise God for showing me the way to the truth. **Tiffany from Taft, Oklahoma**

2025 - 1,512 inmates while completing their Bible study courses, responded to the gospel and opened their hearts to the Savior. To God be all the glory!



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