**The Lord Jesus Christ’s Invitation to You**

**Dear Friend:**

**I do not know how I have been used by the Lord to speak to your heart. I just know that He has spoken. My prayer is that you will respond to Him as He is leading you. His direction may be obedience surrendering or yielding control to Him in some area of your life as His child. It may be surrendering control of your life to Him for the very first time. In any and all ways that He is speaking to you, please listen and obey.**

**If it is surrendering your life to Him for the first time, my prayer is that you would turn to the One who loves you with an everlasting and unconditional love; the One who died on the cross for your sins and paid your sin’s debt and penalty so that you would not have to pay it. Jesus loves you and wants you to spend eternity with Him in heaven and He is the only way to heaven. The Bible states very clearly by Jesus Himself – “I am *the* way, *the* truth, and *the* life. No one come to the Father but through Me.” (John14:6). But this is a choice only you can make.**

**You may be asking yourself how this is done. I have outlined the very simple steps you must take to know Jesus Christ on a personal level –within you, changing your heart.**

1. **Admit that you are a sinner and that you cannot save yourself from your sinful condition. All of us are sinners (Romans 3:23) and the wages of sin is death, both physical and spiritual-eternal separation from God (Romans 6:23a). It is a free gift of grace and mercy from God (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23b). We cannot earn our way into heaven by doing works, being good, going to church every Sunday, being a member of a church or denomination (Titus 3:5).**
2. **Believe (trust, have faith) that Christ died on the cross for you, paid sin’s debt for you and provided forgiveness for all your sins and that He rose again to secure heaven for you after death (Acts 4:12; John 3:16).**
3. **Confess your sins and repent (turn away from sin and turn towards God). Ask God to forgive you of your sins (Romans 10:9-10).**
4. **Decide to ask Him into your heart and yield control of your life to Him (Romans 10:13).**

**I have printed for you a sample prayer that you can use. Please understand that there is nothing ‘magical’ about the words. You can say your own words to Him. What is important is the intent of your heart when you say the words.**

**Prayer: “Heavenly Father, I have sinned against You. I want forgiveness for all my sins. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again. Father, I give You my life to do with as You wish. I want Jesus Christ to come into my life and my heart. This I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**If you have prayed this prayer and received Jesus Christ into your heart and life as Lord and Savior, I would encourage you to do the following three things as a new Christian and to ensure your growth in Jesus Christ.**

1. **Read and study the Bible daily.**
2. **Pray daily.**
3. **Become a member of a church that preaches the infallible and inerrant Word of God boldly and disciples believers.**