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## The Sinner's Prayer

As we have learned – God hath predestined each of us to eternal life. "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) Jesus lived a sinless life, then he gave his life freely, He died for our sins; he died the death that was ours and then rose from the dead. In dieing for us, he be

But while we have been predestined to eternal life and the price has already been paid, God has given us free will. We can choose to accept Jesus as our savior or we can reject him. The choice is ours and our eternal destination depends on our choice. I plead with you to choose life – accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. When you accept Jesus, his perfect righteousness becomes yours.

If you have never given your life to Jesus Christ, I invite you to pray the prayer below. If you have given your life to Jesus before, I invite you to pray the prayer below and renew your commitment.

Lord God, loving Father in heaven, I confess that I broken your law, I am a sinner and I am in need of salvation through Jesus Christ. I repent of my sins and I turn away from a life of sin. I pray for your forgiveness of my sins. I pray that You will cover me and wash me in the blood of Jesus Christ. I put on the righteousness of Christ and I pray that I may be filled with your Holy Spirit.

Lord, may Your Holy Spirit guide me and direct my paths. May I thirst for your Holy word and may I have insight and understanding of Your word. May Your word give me wisdom and knowledge.

I declare with my lips and my heart that Your holy word is true: Jesus Christ is the creator of all things; He always was and always shall be. Jesus came to earth as a child; He was born of a virgin mother; He lived a sinless life; He suffered and died on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world. He was buried and on the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

I pray that You would write my name in the Book of Life, save me from the day of trouble and count me among Your remnant. May heavenly angels to be placed round about me to protect me from all evil harm and evil influence. I ask all these things in the name of your Son the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen!

If you prayed this prayer for the first time, there are several things you must do:

- Let someone know that you have given your life to Jesus Christ for he stated: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32)
- Pray that God would guide you to a group of believers who keep God's commandments, who can baptize you.and who you can worship with and study with.
- You want to develop a close relationship with God. The following is part of this: You want to keep God's commandments. You want to develop a daily prayer life which includes confession and repentance. You want to learn to praise and worship God. You want to consistently study the word of God. And you want to learn to hear the voice of God.

- You should also be open to hearing what God has revealed to his modern day Prophets. In Amos 3:7 we read: "Our Lord God will do nothing without first revealing it to His prophets." But you also must test a prophet so that you are not deceived by false prophets, liars and deceivers. To test a prophet or any teacher you must learn God's word so that you won't be deceived by false teaching.
- Get connected with some good teaching and training ministries (see resource list in appendix). God gives gifts of service to all believers but He has chosen certain believers to receive ministry gifts. These ministry gifts are for leading, teaching, training healing and ministering to his saints. While the body of Christ would seem to esteem miracles and healing as the highest of the gifts, the word of God clearly states differently. Paul lays out some of the leadership gifts in order of authority, they include: "first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (1 Corinthians 12:28) Other ministry gifts include pastors and evangelists (Ephesians 4:11).