

and then go on to forsake himself. Let him cover nothing, excuse nothing. Let him not seek to make terms with God, but let him bow his head before the stroke of God's stern displeasure.

### Follow Christ

*"Having done this, let him gaze with simple trust upon the risen Saviour and from Him will come life and rebirth and cleansing and power. The cross that ended the earthly life of Jesus now puts an end to the sinner and the power that raised Christ from the dead now raises him to a new life along with Christ."*

### Transformed By Grace

I would like to see a document, stating once and for all the steps to salvation AND continuing with a statement of how we are now to live as a Christian and what is expected of us as a new born believer. I think we should raise up new Christians like this:

### Set Free to Serve Christ

I am a soldier in the army of my God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer. The Holy Scripture is my code of conduct. Faith, prayer and the Word are the weapons of my warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire. I am a volunteer in this army and I am enlisted for eternity. I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there. I am a soldier.



### A Privilege to Serve Christ & Suffer for Him

I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up, or pepped up. I am a soldier. No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me or lure me. I am a soldier. I am not a wimp. I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His Name and building His Kingdom! No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards or candy, or give me handouts. I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for or catered to. I am committed. I cannot have my feelings hurt so bad as to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

### True Love is Measured by Sacrifice

When Jesus called me into His army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead. I will win. My God has and will continue to supply all of my need. I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ. The devil cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me and hell cannot handle me. I am a soldier.

### For Me to Live is Christ and to Die is Gain

Even death cannot destroy me. For when my Commander calls me from His battlefield, He will promote me to captain and then allow me to rule with Him. I am a soldier in the army and I'm marching claiming victory. I will not give up. I will not turn back.

I am a soldier, marching Heaven-bound.  
Here I Stand! Will you stand with me?

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*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

2 Corinthians 5:17

# TRANSFORMED LIVES



## Conversion

Recently, an older man joined our assembly. He was approximately 71-years old. He had just been saved and baptized in a local church. I knew the man personally, as he runs a tiling company which we often use. He was a hard drinking, swearing, smoking contractor. After being with us a short while, he listened to a sermon on Luke 14, where the following Scriptures were discussed:

***“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”*** Luke 14:26-27

***“So, likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”*** Luke 14: 33

## Saviour Yes – Lord... Rather Not

The old man exclaimed, *“You see there is always the fine print that no one tells you about!”* So, I assume, that he was told, because I know that he was going through a hard time financially, that he should come to Jesus and He will solve your problems! He said to us, *“I think I will be going back to my ‘old church’.”* The good news is that he has not left and is still with us.

## Regeneration Should Lead to Transformation

There seems to be a terrible problem across all the churches, even across the world, where people are so called *“saved,”* without even a hint of transformed lives.

## Decisional Salvation

A great man of God even called them, evil conversions, where people think they are saved and they are not. Some churches teach people to place their trust in Christ, using only Romans 10:9: ***“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”***

## Is Repentance Necessary?

I gave my life to Christ on this verse, but for a long time into my Christian walk, I struggled with sin. I knew something was wrong. I learned as time went by that I needed to repent, for I had believed in Christ, yet I was not at all sorry for my sins, let alone willing to forsake them. When I had a meeting with the Lord in my Quiet Time, I began to repent and confess my sins and for the first time I saw the horror of my sins. When I repented, my Christian walk began to grow and I have never looked back. I initially had a conversion experience, but without repentance!

## Repentance Involves a Change of Life

Some say, *“Repent and place your trust in Christ,”* without ever explaining to a new believer exactly what Repentance means and involves. So, we find a very large group of believers, who have not laid down everything at the Cross. They continue to live in worldly pleasures and sin. The moment they are challenged about this, they protest that we are legalists!

## The Old Rugged Cross

A.W. Tozer says it best: *“The old cross is a symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt violent end of a human being. The man in Roman times who took up his cross and started down the road had already said good-bye to his friends. He was not coming back. He was not going out to have his life re-directed; he was going out*



*to have it ended. The cross made no compromise, modified nothing, spared nothing; it slew all the man completely and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck swift and hard and when it had finished its work the man was no more.*

## The Wages of Sin is Death

*“The race of Adam is under death sentence. There is no commutation and no escape. God cannot approve any of the fruits of sin, however innocent they may appear or beautiful to the eyes of men. God salvages the individual by liquidating him and then raising him again to newness of life.*

## The Cross Kills the Old Life

*“That evangelism which draws friendly parallels between the ways of God and the ways of men is false to the Bible and cruel to the souls of the hearers. The faith of Christ does not parallel the world; it intersects it. In coming to Christ we do not bring our old life on to a higher plane; we leave it at the cross. The corn of wheat must fall into the ground and die.*

## An Ultimatum from God

*“We who preach the Gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish goodwill between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big businessmen, or the press, or the world of sports, or modern education. We are not diplomats, but prophets and our message is not a compromise, but an ultimatum.*

## Life Out of Death

*“God offers life, but not an improved old life. The life He offers is life out of death. It stands always on the far side of the cross. Whoever would possess it must pass under the rod. He must repudiate himself and concur in God’s just sentence against him.*

## Take Up Your Cross

*“What does this mean to the individual, the condemned man who would find life in Christ Jesus? How can this Theology be translated into life? Simply he must repent and believe. He must forsake his sins*