- Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. (Eccles. 4:9)
- But now, in (union with) Christ Jesus, you, who used to be far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)
- Jesus Christ said: "I am The Way, The Truth, The Life: no one comes to Father (God), but by Me." (John 14:6)

Salvation and true contentment is found through no one else! A life of our own efforts and plans will never fulfill the longing for true peace within our heart. Our own efforts, our own good deeds will, in the end, be useless and empty.

God created us with a deep, unwavering desire to know Him and love Him. Therefore true contentment, hope, and satisfaction comes **only** through God's beloved Son

• Jesus said: COME to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you. Learn of Me; for I am meek, lowly in heart. You shall find rest for your souls.(Matthew 11:28-29)!

Each one of us must *personally* acknowledge to God our need for Him. God has many wonderful promises for the needy, the depressed, hurting souls. But we must talk to Him! We must all go to Jesus and be 'born of God'!

In the midst of our sadness, God promises to give us a peace in our heart that surpasses our understanding, **IF** we will talk to Him about everything, every day! (*Philippians 4:6-7*)

God LOVES YOU! He is the only One who can give you true contentment of heart! When we turn our heart to God, and believe His Word [the Bible], and pray to receive His Son Jesus Christ, then we begin to understand the loving heart God has for each one of us!

The Creator God loves us so much that He gave His Son to save and rescue us from eternal misery:

- God so loved the world (loves you and me), that He gave His only begotten (precious and beloved) Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Ever-Lasting Life. (John 3:16)
- Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved! (Romans 10:13).

Jesus Christ wants to shine His Light into your life by His Holy Spirit, and fill you with His love! He can answer the deepest longing of your soul and set you free from dark confusion and doubts.

The LORD God made The Way for ANY 'whosoever'! Anyone who comes to Jesus in sincerity can receive God's Gift: *Everlasting LIFE* (*Romans 6:23*)!

The Lord Jesus stands at the door of your heart by His Holy Spirit. He calls to you: "Come to Me, My beautiful one! You will find rest for your soul!"

The Door to God's Everlasting Kingdom is through Jesus Christ! Talk to God today! He is near to sincere seekers! Say a simple prayer. Here's a **prayer** that may be helpful:

"Dear God: I know I'm a sinner. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me. I believe Jesus rose from the dead and is now in Heaven. I ask You to save me, cleanse me and forgive me for my sins by the blood of Jesus. I want to know you. Come into my life! Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Bring me into Your Kingdom. Make me Your child. Amen"

See the "Good News" article at https://coldwaterstoathirstysoul.wordpress.com



Two Are Better Than One

Yes, two ARE better than one! **This truth set me free!** Finally, I was freed from a life of emptiness and loneliness!

Outwardly, I had been carefree and confident, but on the inside, I was lonely and restless. My life was without hope. Finding genuine love had always ended in disappointment and bitterness.

Before discovering the truth, I was filled with ambitions, dreams full of plans to find excitement. I was going to make my life exciting and attractive.

I didn't want anyone to stop me. All I wanted was a large bank account, be amazing, and be satisfied!

My parents didn't understand me. My brother didn't understand me, neither did my sister. Big deal, I thought. I'll be just fine all-by-myself.

I left home at seventeen, looking for satisfaction. "I can't get no satisfaction" was the way I felt about home-life. So away I went, looking for satisfaction!

I did achieve some success. I finished school. I found a decent job. And I was building my bank account. But finding satisfaction was fleeting, elusive. Something was missing. My dreams of

excitement and success felt empty. I couldn't find anything or anyone that truly satisfied me.

Friends seemed shallow, fake. People I thought were my friends began to give me headaches or heartaches. Sometimes I felt like an outsider – no one seemed to want me around.

I thought: Where is a relationship with someone who truly loves me and accepts me?? But finding genuine love seemed impossible.

Often I came home from work or from play feeling depressed, alone, troubled. Lots of times I felt like giving up.

I ached for something—something satisfying, meaningful, vital. I wanted something, but I didn't know what!

I was down and lonely. Life seemed useless. **But then**—I met Sam, a true friend! Sam was genuine! He told me I should look in the Bible because God had made a way for me to have a meaningful and fulfilling life.

Sam showed me that true success and satisfaction could <u>only</u> be found in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God! Sam showed me verses in the Bible that helped me understand that my emptiness and loneliness was because I was <u>separated</u> from my **One True** Friend—Creator of Heaven and Earth:

- But your iniquities (sins) have separated between you and your God. Your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. (Isaiah 59:2)
- For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

Things began to make sense. I started to understand that my loneliness and emptiness was the result of my rebellious ways, my sins (my disobedience to God).

It was **my sins** that had caused me to feel so burdened and weighed down with condemnation, guilt, and depression.

My life had become hopeless and dark. My pride and selfishness of looking for "satisfaction" had left me down and alone. But Sam showed me more Bible verses:

• Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. I am come (as) a light into the world, that whosoever believes on Me should NOT abide in darkness." (John 8:12 and 12:46)

I knew I had been walking in darkness. **But now**, the Light of the World was shining into my life, filling me with His love, understanding and hope!

I am so thankful that I met Sam! He helped me find the answers to the deepest longing of my soul.

Now I want to tell everyone that **Jesus Christ set me free** from wretched loneliness and emptiness! Jesus cleansed me from my sin with His precious blood, granted me forgiveness, and made me a New Creation:

- But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1John 1:7)
- He (Jesus Christ) died for ALL, that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but live unto Him who died for them, and rose again. (2Corinthians 5:15)
- Therefore if any one be <u>in</u> Christ, he is a New Creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the hurting, the defeated, the lost. He offered Himself unto God as **the perfect, sinless sacrifice.**

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was according to God's plan from the beginning of the world. It was the complete, required price for each one of us for the cleansing of our iniquities (our violating God's commands).

Jesus died and arose from the dead and is now at the right hand of Father God, interceding for His own beloved people! Now, through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be re-united to God!

I asked God to forgive me of my sins and take me as His own. Now He lives within my heart by His Holy Spirit.

Oh such joy to have my sins forgiven! He brought me into His Kingdom and He will never leave me! Now I'm not alone any more, because He loves me and is with me always!

Now I understood! Jesus Christ came "So that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17)!

Jesus is the Lover of Souls! He is the Great and Mighty One who loves us richly and wants to guide us into The Way of Peace and Hope!

Each day, I turn my heart to God and seek Him in prayer and read the Bible. He guides me in His Ways and according to His Truth.

I am no longer all-by-myself! Now He is with me by His sweet Holy Spirit. I walk with Him and He walks with me! Jesus Christ is the very Best Friend! **Together** we are 'two'-gether. That is so much better than just me, myself, all alone as an empty shell. Now I know His truth: Two Are Better Than One!!!