

## SEPARATED

Tommy was Lost

Although it had only been ten minutes, it actually seemed like an eternity.

Tommy was separated from Dad while shopping at the mall. Every stranger was a threat and each noise brought fear of the unknown. If only Tommy could find a way to get back to his Dad he would never stray again, but as time passed he began to wonder if he would ever see his father again.

Ever felt separated?

Romans 8:35a

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

It all started in the beginning when man disobeyed God and sinned, and all mankind inherited that sin. Separation took over.

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Good News

In God's plan, was a gift from his Son who was willing to give his life.

My Testimony

I remember a time in my life when I tried all the things the world had to offer to fill the emptiness: friends, money, alcohol and drugs. Numbness took over and then the emptiness would fade. As soon as it was over and I awoke sober, the emptiness returned.

Something was missing.

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I found it.

I had been looking in the wrong places. My life was worthless. That is when I met the Lord Jesus. I found out that He would clean up my life. You can never lose your value in God's eyes. That is when I trusted Him to be my Savior.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

A Christian testimony is valuable to Him. The life that I might touch could be the one the devil is working on. With my Christian testimony, God can use me to snatch him from the snare of the devil, "The Separator," and he will be added to the family of God.

My Friend

Perhaps God has spared you from this kind of life that I was living. If that is so, thank God. Many try to make peace with God in their own way: being baptized, joining a church, doing good deeds, putting money in the offering tray, or turning over a new leaf.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

God's Word explains that works have nothing to do with our salvation. We must come as we are. Remember, salvation is a free gift, the price has already been paid.

Psalms 4:3

But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

We are set apart by God, and by faith in Him we are ever in his care. The Bible is a book to be believed. It will answer all your questions and explain all the benefits of the Christian life. Whatever years He gives us, He wants to bless us and make us a blessing to all that we meet.

"Reconciled"

Webster's New World Dictionary defines it as "to make friendly again."

Romans 5:10b

We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Dear friend, I pray that you will take this seriously. Salvation is a personal thing that one must take care of -- it is between you and God. No one can do it for you, and it must be done by faith.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Before the world was made, God knew man would need a Saviour. He gave man a choice, and that was to either serve the devil or serve a living Saviour. The Deceiver (the devil) has fooled many people. His offer is only hell. Eternal life and a home in heaven can be yours. God will write your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.  
No More Separation.

In Closing

Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. It would be an honor to hear from you so that I could pray for you.

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