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Dear Friends of IPM,

Once again our nation is entering its season for Thanksgiving. For those of us who are believers in Jesus, a primary matter of thanksgiving is the great salvation we have in Christ. This wonderful theme is the subject of our appreciation gift for this month - - *What Must I Do To Be Saved?* We have sent this outstanding book to multitudes of inmates across the country. Chaplain Ray wrote in the introduction:

"You are now holding in your hands one of the most important books that the International Prison Ministry has ever published!"

This book is about God's plan of salvation and the assurance of knowing you have eternal life. Salvation and eternal life are only granted by calling upon the name of the Lord and putting our faith in Jesus Christ. *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Acts 2:21). Such truth is stated in the scriptures in many forms. In Ephesians 2:8, we see that salvation is by grace through faith. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."* Salvation as a free gift from God is also declared in this verse (as well in Romans 3:23). *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* This precious gift is essential for every person, *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).

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As sure as there is complete salvation in Jesus Christ, there is full assurance in Him as well. *"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life . . . These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."* (1 John 5:11-13). Those who receive Christ as their Lord and Savior (John 1:12) have Him in their lives. This assures them of eternal life, because *"He who has the Son has life."* No wonder that we, God's born-again children, abound in thanksgiving toward our Lord!

We are also grateful to our God for your partnership in helping us get out to prisoners the glorious message of salvation. *"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you"* (Colossians 1:3).

Thanking the Lord for His Salvation and for His Assurance,

Dini Hoekstra

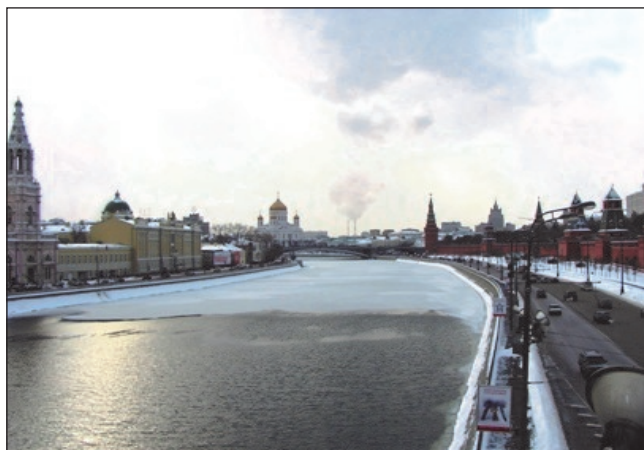
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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P.S. We encourage you to request our appreciation gift for this month: *What Must I Do To Be Saved?*

P.P.S. Please pray for the preparation and distribution of the "Forgotten Prisoners Christmas Project."

**Frozen River
in Ukraine
Speaks of
the Cold
And
Resistance
of Unsaved
Hearts**



**But Christ Gives
Salvation to all
Prisoners
Who Ask
and Warms
their
Hearts with
His Love.**

MORE LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM

(See reverse side where a book is shown and is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request)

THANKSGIVING TO GOD ALMIGHTY FROM BEHIND PRISON BARS

Thoughts of Jesus Gives Peace

Hello Dini and IPM Team, God bless you all for the work you do for our Lord. Thank you for the uplifting letter. Please send some Charles Spurgeon books. The joy of my heart gives peace as I fill my mind with thoughts of our Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of All, Who was given by the Father. Here is a short poem from my heart which is a product of my happy study in God's word. *Steven B., Texas Prison*

“Transforming Peace”

When the trials of this life come upon me,
O, Lord, the joy of my walk sees me through.
The purpose of your will allows
my faith to grow strong,
Giving power to each step to serve you.
Peace drips so sweet from
the tips of your fingers,
True Peace born from the power of your cross.
Makes a way to walk through life's troubles,
My tribulations are never counted as loss.
So I smile through the tears of my troubles,
As perfect grace flows free from Your Throne.
I'll stand firm in spite of my weakness,
Chained by His love to the True Cornerstone.

Seeking God, But So Painful

Dear Dini, Hello, I received your letter today and I was very glad to hear from you so quickly. I know our God is a mighty God and He is so very righteous. I am using prison as an opportunity to seek Him. My poem tells my feelings one night. *Sheri M., Texas Prison*

“So Lonely”

I am so lonely in this
miserable place,
I have let my mom and
my baby girl down,
They took my precious
daughter away,
And my mom sits
home alone.
But right now there is
No way out and
I can never forget.

All Things

If fear overcomes me.
If I should sin real bad,
I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.
David P., California Prison

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

God has a loving and gracious heart for prisoners (Isaiah 61:1)

At the request of many, contributions to IPM can also be made online at www.chaplainray.com

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

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Dear Dini, My gift to help prisoners accept Jesus as Savior and be assured of their salvation.

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- Forgotten Prisoners Christmas Project*.....\$ _____
- Bibles & Books for Russia & India Prisons.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Mail to: *International Prison Ministry, P.O. Box 2868, Costa Mesa, CA 92628*

HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(A copy of this book is available to you as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

GOD'S WORD CLEARLY STATES THAT MAN CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF, NOR CAN HE BY HIS OWN MEANS BE ABLE TO EARN OR WORK HIS WAY TO HEAVEN. WHAT SHOULD BE HIS RESPONSE IN LIGHT OF THIS TRUTH? *"...WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" (ACTS 16:30)*



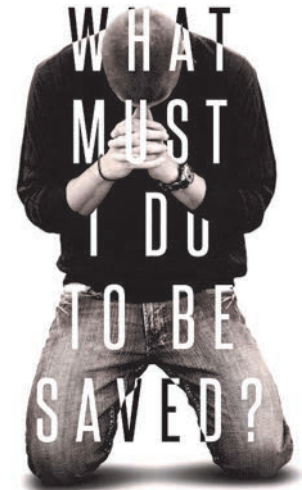
WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

This question has been in the hearts and on the lips of millions of people, and we may rest assured that the Bible does not leave us in any doubt about the answer. God's Word clearly states that, by nature, all men are born sinners. Therefore, man cannot save himself, nor can he by his own means earn or work his way to heaven.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

-ACTS 2:21

The Bible, in no uncertain terms, tells of man's need for salvation. We can readily see this need when we realize that, by nature, all men are dead spiritually. All human beings are *"...alienated from (separated from, and without) the life of God"* (Ephesians 4:18). All men are born into this world as sinners, in a state of spiritual death, for we read: *"Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"* (Romans 5:12).



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Thanksgiving and Christmas are Wonderful Times to Abundantly Plant Seeds of Salvation and of Growth in the Grace of Jesus Christ. Prisoners are especially lonely, needing to know Jesus cares. Your caring and sharing of Christ's love gives hope to the hopeless.

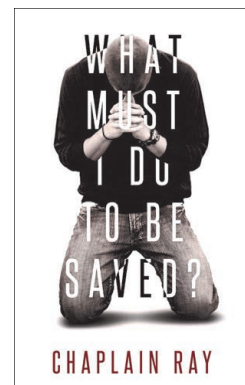
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