

Living a New Life

There was a man, he had two sons named Paul, the oldest and Peter, the youngest. Their father was very wealthy and well known in the city. Paul was more concentrated on helping their father at the office and very submissive and obedient but Peter was only interested in spending their father's money lavishly. Paul and Peter were never in agreement because if Paul tried to correct Peter in anyway, they ended up having misunderstanding. Even with that, their father loved them both. One day, at the dinner table, Peter asked his father to give him his own share of his wealth, Paul said 'Peter do want father to die now or why are you asking for your inheritance while father is still alive?'. Then his father asked him series of questions but Peter appeared not to be bothered. Eventually, his father agreed and took him to see the lawyer in charge of his Will. Peter then sold his own share and became rich. He met a friend, Dan. They both travelled round and out of the country and settled in another country. They both spent nights at the clubs and pubs, enjoyed with prostitutes and lived life as if the whole world was in their hands. Dan later planned with the street boys who later came to attack Peter and stole all his money. He was unable to go clubbing and hang out because there was no money, he did not invest his money in anything and Dan was nowhere to be found. Life gradually became hard for him in the country, he slept on streets and begged for money to survive. His father was worried for not seeing him for years of disappearance. He sent out his employees to travel round if they could find him but to no avail. Then one day, Peter was passing by a shore and saw a ship with his country flag on it, he guickly ran to it and begged to be allowed in but was given a condition to do all the cleaning on the ship till they get back to the country because he had no money on him to pay. They arrived into the country and he taught to himself, even if my father will not allow me, i will beg him to employ me as one of his servants. When he got to the entrance, the guards refused him in because he was smelling and dressed like a beggar. His father heard voices from outside, he decided to go out and find out what was wrong. When he saw Peter, he immediately recognised him and was so happy. Peter knelt down and begged for forgiveness and also asked to be accepted as one of his servants. His father said he had forgiven him and will accept him back as his son. His father called for a big party to welcome him back home but Paul was unhappy because he said he had been obedient and faithful to father but he never organised even a small party for him. His father said, you have always been with me and i have always granted your wishes but your brother had gone through the hard way to learn his lesson and has come back home with a humble heart. Paul forgave Peter and became best of friends and they all lived as one and happy family.

<u>Message;</u>

If an earthly father can forgive his son of all his misbehaviours and disobedience, how much more our father in heaven, our God ,the creator of the world and humans.. "the fool says in his heart, there is no God..." {psalm 14:1}. The theory of evolution and biological evidence by Scientists is one of the strongest device of the devil to lure people away from God. Not even Robots can be classified as humans when they tried to create human beings."... God created man in His own image...male and female He created them" {Genesis 1:27}. Whether you think the Bible is the word of God or just a bunch of old myths, it has a lot to say about God "all scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" {2Timothy 3:16}. This same God loves us so much"...that He gave his one and only Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life {John 3:16} Jesus came to die for



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our sins and we have a new life when He rose up the third day."...the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations..." {Luke 24:46-47}. All you need to do now is to believe in Jesus and that God is your heavenly father. Sin keeps us from connecting with God. "All wrongdoing is a sin..." {1John 5:17}That means that people like us who have sinned cannot get close to him either. It does not matter if your sin was big or little just like even a little pinch of the wrong ingredient spoils the entire recipe, even just a tiny little sin makes you too sinful to meet with God. Many of us live our lives like Peters' but God is ready to forgive you your sinful ways if you are willing to let Him in your life "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" {1John 1:9}. Fortunately God loves you, despite your mistakes. He wants to be in a relationship with you. But for that to happen, the sin has to go away. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ (Jesus), he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come" {2Corinthians 5:17}. You have nothing good to loose when you follow Jesus because He will always grant you your heart desires "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find...for anyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds..."{Matthew 7:7-8}....ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete {John 16:24}."For nothing is impossible with God" {Luke 1:37}. God will never force you to him but He has given you a willing heart to make a choice to serve Him "Be Shepherds of God's flocks...not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be...eager to serve {1Peter 5:2}. The devil knows he will be forever condemned, it came to the world to deceive as many as it could to its side because it does not want to be punished alone "...Satan (devil) will be released from its prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth..." {Revelations 20:7-8.10}, which it is already doing and this is why we let you know the true light." The god of this age (the devil) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" {2Corinthians 4:4} Due to the way the devil has blindfolded many people, its impossible for everyone to enter God's kingdom "for many are invited but few are chosen"{Matthew 22:14}. Now you are privileged to be counted amongst the few and be a believer, why not accept Jesus today and build a solid relationship with Him and be wise like the repented Peter who knew it was wise for him to go back to his father for forgiveness after years of unwise decisions. This is exactly how your creator wants you to return back to Him now that you know the truth 'then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" {John 8:32}.

Prayer of salvation;

If you are willing and convinced that Jesus Christ died for your sins and that God loves you, say this little prayer with conviction in your heart {And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:27} DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, FORGIVE ALL MY SINS AND MAKE ME A NEW CREATION, I ASK YOU TO BE THE LORD OF MY LIFE BECAUSE I BELIEVE YOU SENT YOUR SON JESUS TO DIE FOR ME AND THAT I AM RENEWED BY HIS BLOOD SHED ON CALVARY, TAKE CONTROL OF MY LIFE. {AMEN}