



Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](http://www.abidingabove.org),

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We certainly praise the Lord for you and for your prayers!

In our last newsletter, I mentioned the revival I would be preaching in Arkansas. I want you to know God blessed our time there. We saw many of God's children come to the altar for prayer and to surrender their wills to God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

*On Sunday morning I shared my personal testimony, which set the tone for the rest of our meetings for the week. I shared about my fruitless Christian experience until I was about 26 years of age. Then, **I began to understand the grace of God!***

*From the grace of God, **I began to understand that Christ lived in me. Later I began to see that I was eternally in Christ.** I learned this from simple Bible lessons. The same lessons we promote on our website www.abidingabove.org*

If you have never done our lessons you have missed a great blessing. Start today!

Simply write to us and we will start you on our study course for free. You study at your own pace in the privacy of your own home. We do this with you through the mail. Consider signing others up also. Just send us their name, age, and address.

After a wonderful Sunday morning of worship, and time with the pastor and his family, it started sleeting and snowing. Eventually the pastor and deacons decided for safety reasons to cancel the Sunday evening revival service. This was followed by cancellations for Monday and Tuesday evenings. Very unusual! I have never had this happen before. But, we know God has His reasons and His plans.

*We decided to make up one of the nights we missed by having a lunch session on Thursday. I preached a message from **Ephesians 4:30-32** called "**An Unforgiving Spirit.**"*

*According to this passage we are to ... **be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.***

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Think about this, while Jesus was hanging on the cross, bearing the sin of mankind, men were spitting at Him and mocking Him. Yet, the only thing Jesus said about them was, **“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34**

Do you know what happens to the people that God forgives? **They wind up in heaven.** Jesus was asking that the Father would bring some of His murderers, those who hated Him, to be with Him forever. The pastor told me, **“that message ignited revival.”**

That night I preached a message entitled, **“ Though None Go With Me,”** a discipleship message from our Lord’s Great Commandment to go and make disciples. When I gave the invitation to come forward, many people came down to pray at the altars. I gave an invitation to come forward and pray the **Selfer’s Prayer.**

The Selfer’s Prayer:

Dear Father,

I recognize that I cannot live the Christian life in my own strength or out of my own resources, that I have been a Selfer and a total failure in and of myself.

Because of my inability to live the Christian life, I now give up on my self-sufficiency and do hereby commit my life unconditionally into Your hands and I choose to allow Christ to live His life through me. I give up my rights and expectations, and give you permission to make me into the kind of person You want me to be as I make an absolute surrender to You.

I believe Your Word that I have been crucified with Christ. I believe I was buried with Christ and have been raised with Him to newness of life and am now seated in the heavenly places at the right hand of the Father in Christ Jesus. Father, I choose as an act of my will to claim Christ as my life, my power, my identity.

I thank you that my identification with Christ makes me totally acceptable and that my need is met by Christ Jesus. I yield myself totally to the indwelling Christ as an act of obedience. Do with me whatever You choose. I am asking You to make Your truth a reality in my experience. Glorify and manifest Your Son in my life. I am trusting in You to do what I can’t do, quit what I can’t quit, and most of all, to be what I can’t be. I thank You for renewing my mind and healing damaged emotions as You transform my life and live Your life through me. I thank You for saving me from sin and from my wicked self and for the victory which is now mine through Him in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Signed

Date

Prayer Provided by Grace Fellowship International

This is a prayer that a friend of mine felt led to write out many years ago. His name is Charles Solomon.

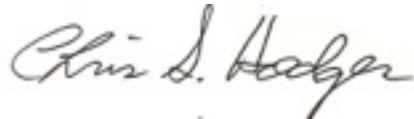
If you would like a copy of this prayer, suitable for framing, just write to us and we will send you one.

God is still using us on radio and through the internet to...***Share the gospel with every person, encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.***

Thank you for praying, thank you for giving. We need you!

We are praying for God to open more doors for the broadcasting of Abiding Above with Chris Hodges, our daily radio program. Please help us in this by giving the most generous donation you can. May God bless you and continue making you a blessing!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodges".

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Colossians 3:1-3