



Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

October 2013

Thank you for praying for me as I preached a revival at New Hope Baptist Church. We saw many come to the altar and pray in total surrender to God's control of their lives.

I was also able to fellowship with pastors from the Dyer County area at a Pastor's Conference. Please pray for your pastor wherever you may be. These are desperate days in our nation and therefore in our churches. People are leaving the church weekly in all denominations out of apathy and are being deceived by things that only stroke their human emotions. Pray for those pastors who still teach God's Word from what we call the Bible. Encourage your pastor to not give up. Pastors are leaving the ministry everyday and going back into secular work because they are finding more acceptance and less abuse in the secular world. Pray. Pray. Pray!!!

My friend, this is time for revival! Revival is for those who are saved, those people who have come to the realization that they are carnal and need to be spiritual men, women, boys, and girls! I believe the greatest need for our nation is for God's Church, its pastors and people to become acquainted with the Holy Spirit in a new and intimate way. When this happens, we will see the power and the fruits of genuine revival. The people of God stand in desperate need of the power of God! I often quote Major Ian Thomas whose preaching and writing ministry has blessed thousands. He said concerning the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the children of God, *"It's like oil in a lamp, gas in a car; Christ is in the Christian!"* I do believe genuine spiritual revival will happen when Christians come to realize, ***"I am in Christ and Christ is in me."***

For many years now, as I preach revivals, God has led me to use a "Sinner's Prayer" with those who are lost and a "Selver's Prayer" with those who are saved but trying to control their lives. Here are the prayers I use:

**The Sinner's Prayer:**

*"Dear God, I know I am a sinner and am separated from you and need forgiveness for my sins. Thank you for paying for my own sins on the cross on my behalf. I am placing my trust in Jesus to make me right with You and provide the forgiveness I need for my sins. Thank you, Jesus, for dying for me and taking me to Heaven when I die. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."*



## 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.*

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**Signed**

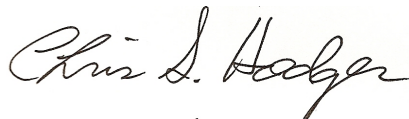
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Abiding above,



Chris S. Hodges

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Colossians 3:1-3