

Thank You Officer!

Those of you in law enforcement are often taken for granted, maligned, unappreciated, and yes, abused and killed. There was a time in America when law enforcement personnel were held in high regard by just about everyone and, they received the respect they deserved. Every day you, as a law enforcement officer, go about your duty of trying to enforce the law and, in the course of doing so, it is not unusual for you to assist a motorist or pedestrian in need. Many kind deeds by an officer are never publicized for whatever reason. More and more officers are abused and sometimes killed for no other reason than that of being a police officer. Certainly, you do pay a price for being a police officer as does your family; so, to you and your family we want to say a very big, **THANK YOU!** There are multitudes of people all across this great country of ours that really appreciate your service in spite of a bunch of radicals. As a police officer, you are called upon to go to a place you would rather not go, to perform a duty that you would rather not have to perform, but you do your duty and you go. Thank you for your dedication to your job and the sacrifice you make.

There is another person who has made a great sacrifice, not only for those of us here in America, but for people all over the world. That person is Jesus Christ, the One identified in the Bible as the Son of God, the Messiah (anointed one). As God the Son, Jesus Christ left Heaven and took to Himself the form of man for one specific purpose and, that purpose was "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." {Luke 19:10} He did this because "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" {Romans 3:23} and as a result we were/are sentenced to die, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." {Romans 6:23} In spite of our sinful condition we are told, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} This literally means that while we were still in our sinful condition, Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary for us. Boy, talk about a great love that knows no limitation! The last part of Romans 6:23 reads, "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." God offers us eternal life instead of eternal damnation, and that is what this next verse is about for we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." {John 3:16} None of us have any assurance of how long we will live but, we do have this promise from God, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." {2 Peter 3:9} All of this means that no matter who a person is or what that person has done, God still loves them (NOT their sin) and He wants to forgive and save them. What **MUST** that person do to get the forgiveness for sin? It is so simple! All they need to do is to repent (this is an absolute must) and by faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, ask for God's forgiveness and for Jesus to come into their heart and save them. Why the blood? Because it was the death **AND** the shed blood of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary that was and still is the full and final payment for our sin debt. God has promised that, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." {Romans 10:13}

It is so encouraging to read in God's Word, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:11-13}

My friend, as a police officer, I do not know who you are or where you are serving but this one thing I do know, your service to the respective community is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you very much for your service and, a *special thank you* to your family for sharing you with the community. I do not know if you know my Jesus as your personal Saviour but, if you do not, then I would in the humblest way possible, encourage you to repent and trust Him today - before it becomes eternally too late. I sure would like to see you in Heaven one day!

Thank you for serving as a law enforcement officer and for taking the time to read this little pamphlet.