

**IS IT TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE**

Part 4

Ed Smithson

Sows like wallowing in the mire. Dogs like returning to their vomit. Most people have not seen that. I have. People like to sin, until sin becomes odious for them and that will not happen until they are converted, really converted, to Christ.

So we must lay a good foundation for living the Christian life. Faith is that foundation. "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen." (Heb, 11:1) "By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous." (vv 2-4)

It is faith in God, that He has always been, that the world and all things were created by Him. We must deeply believe that His word is recorded for our benefit, that we will only be happy if we follow His instruction. "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in Jehovah his God" (Psa. 146:6) "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, And the man that getteth understanding." (Prov. 3:13)

The world says, "come here, do this and be happy" but it only lasts momentarily, then the consequences begin. There are myriads of people who can vouch for the fact that the consequences are much worse than the pleasure gained for the moment. You can remove the nail from the board but the hole made by the nail will always be there. Efforts to get back to the Bible are appreciated but is it too little too, too late? We should have been doing it all along.

One cannot be a Christian on his own. He must have a deep and abiding faith that things will work out for his benefit. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it." (1 Cor. 10:13 Emphasis mine)

"So belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Rom. 10:17)

(More next time.)

***And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.***

(Ephesians 4:32)

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:1-5)

**MEETING UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK**

**Listen on AM Radio 880 KKMC in Salinas, California**

*2nd Friday of each month @ 1:30 pm*

Bible Classes..... 9:00 A.M.  
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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Singing, & Prayer..... 6:30 P.M.

# Welcome

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters!



## This Week's Sermon's

A.M. - Worship - Lord's Supper

P.M. - Mistakes of a Fool

**This is why I love my job**

Kristy Woodall



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (BNC) by Kristy Woodall — A policeman was posted outside his door. This angry young man in the emergency room would soon be having surgery for two gunshot wounds. Due to circumstances, his family was not allowed to be with him.

He was frustrated and wanted to be heard. I listened and sympathized and could see the anger for what it was—fear. He was alone before surgery and afraid. I asked if prayer would offend him. The chip on his shoulder fell off as he thanked me.

Hours later, after surgery, I was called once again to draw his blood. As I entered, he smiled. Before I left, he thanked me through tears and told me that God answered my prayer.

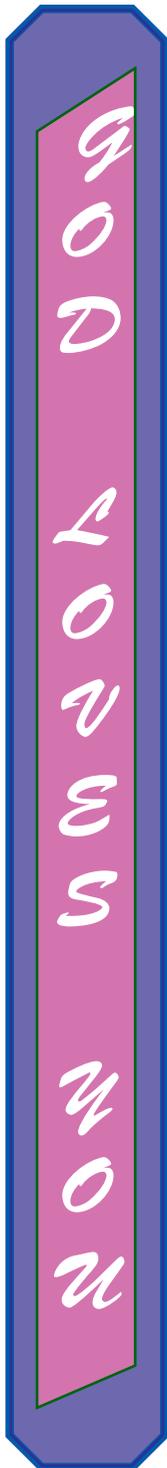
My heart swelled for this young man whose life seems to be on a fast track to destruction. His own choices probably put him in the hospital.

Simple sincere compassion and a redirect to Christ could possibly, just maybe, point him in the right direction. I was given the opportunity to make a small difference in his life today.

THIS is why I love my job.

Kristy currently lives in Albuquerque, NM where her husband preaches with the North-east church of Christ.

“LET US REMEMBER THAT, AS MUCH AS HAS BEEN GIVEN US, MUCH WILL BE EXPECTED FROM US, AND THAT TRUE HOMAGE COMES FROM THE HEART AS WELL AS THE LIPS, AND SHOWS ITSELF IN DEEDS.”  
(THEODORE ROOSEVELT)



### True or False

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Those who give themselves over to vile affections are “worthy of death.” (Romans 1: \_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Because of sin, every responsible person needs the gospel of Christ! (Romans 3: \_\_\_) “For \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_, and come \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Paul says we are “justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 1:24) Consider: “Justified” is a legal concept, meaning: “Total approval from the judge.” We are declared innocent or guiltless when we evidence our faith/trust in the Savior. Your past doesn't matter. You can be saved. Souls are saved by His grace! You will never have enough money or works on your own. You are not going to be good enough. Redemption is said to be “in Christ Jesus.” Are you in Christ -- in His body -- in His “blood-bought” church (Acts 20:28)? The choice is yours. Do you truly believe?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. On Pentecost, when the apostles started speaking in “other tongues,” or languages they had not previously known, they were mocked and accused of being deceived. (Acts 2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Peter told the crowd of thousands, assembled at the Passover in Jerusalem, that they had killed Jesus, yet, God raised Him from the dead, called Him back into heaven and made Him “both Lord and Christ.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Peter's sermon provoked a tremendous response! Unbelievers became believers and asked, “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37)

### Announcements

1. Brother Jordan will be giving the invitation this Wednesday evening.
2. Romans Class this coming Wednesday evening. Chapter 2 part 2.

**Today after the morning service - Fellowship & Potluck - Please join us!  
Evening sermon after the Potluck!**

~ On the Prayer list

**All of Us** - for spiritual growth and good health.  
**David Ryal** - preacher at Morro Bay for healing for his health issues.

**Have a blessed week!**