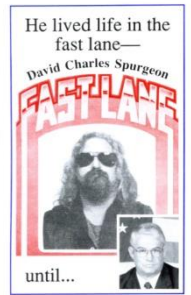




Remember Calvary!

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Dear praying friends,

Greetings in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Although this is one of the wettest springs I can remember, it helps me not to complain when I recall the enormous suffering going on in Oklahoma right now because of the tornados. I really have no right to complain about anything, anyway. Ezra 9:13 says, “ And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this...” I am continually reminded how good God has been to me, and it provokes me to try to be better to Him, though I often fail. I am glad He never does.

It has been an eventful year so far. At a mid-week revival service at Bible Baptist Church in Las Vegas, NV, a teenage girl walked in the church and captured the attention of everyone there. To say she had a “hard” look about her would be an understatement. It was apparent early on that she had no desire to be there, and her activity during the preaching verified that. To her credit, about half way through the message she began to listen, and even acknowledged during the invitation that she would indeed go directly to hell when she died. There was absolutely no indication she intended to do anything about it, though. On the contrary, her up-raised hand seemed almost defiant. The service ended and most everyone left, but her grandmother tarried, talking to Susan. As I sat on the edge of the platform, watching this girl, praying for her soul, she began to approach me. She sat down next to me, and began to tell me her story, having the impression I could probably relate to her more than anyone else in the building. She was definitely right about that. I came to find out she was 18 years old and a member of a very rough Latino street gang, the very name of which is too profane to put in this letter. A recent methamphetamine bust had scattered most its members and she ended up at her grandparent's home, looking for a place to stay for the night. Of course, they said, “On one condition...”

Slowly but surely, her countenance began to soften. She allowed me to open the Bible several times to address serious concerns of hers from the Word of God. She didn't get saved, but she did promise to seriously consider everything about which we spoke. I prayed for her soul, Susan prayed for her soul, everyone I could get in touch with that night prayed for her soul to come to Christ before the devil got her for all eternity. Not really expecting to see her ever again, I was elated the next evening when Susan informed me prior to the service that she was back and wanted to talk again. She did not really want to talk, though. She wanted to get saved! It made my year to see the Lord break through the darkness of this girl's heart. Please pray for Christina.

In the week that followed, the Lord also saved a former Outlaws Motorcycle Club member to whom I had preached and witnessed, as well as another Latino gangbanger, along with his wife. We saw about a half dozen others come to Christ since the last letter, including several precious teenagers. Talk about being on cloud nine.

Please pray for Charity Baptist, our home church. Pastor Tom Gresham resigned on Easter Sunday, so at the moment we are in a bit of a transition. Pray for Brother Gresham as he seeks the Lord's will for his life. I was home for most of the month of May and I must say, the spirit at our church is excellent. Brother Patrick Murphy is doing an exceptional job of keeping the ship on course.

We are eagerly looking forward to our annual camp meeting. Some fresh faces are on the roster this year. Consider this your personal invitation to come be with us at the Gem City Jubilee on July 21-25.

Brother Dave
2 Corinthians 5:17

**Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our
Saviour Jesus Christ.....**