

Johnny

When Johnny saw that Gomer was getting a cup of coffee, he asked me if he could have a cup. (What I gave these men was a spoon of instant coffee). I told him, "Sure, you can get some coffee; but what about you: Have you ever accepted Jesus as your Lord and personal Savior?"

Johnny said that he had accepted Jesus twice. He said that, at one time in his life, he had been on-fire for the Lord. He said that he believes that he will go to heaven when he dies, because he trusts in Jesus.

He then told me that he had been at Parchman from 1972 until 1978. He said that he got into some trouble over at Unit 10 back in the 1970s. He said that someone had kicked his eyelid off. He also said that he got stabbed.

In recounting the incident, he told how the physician had sewn his eyelid back on his eye.

He said that the doctor told him that it would hurt him worse to deaden his eyelid with anesthetic than to just go-ahead and sew the eyelid back-on. Johnny said that one of the nurses put her hand on his chest, and he could feel to power of God through her hand. He said that after that experience, he was able to relax and allow the doctor to sew him up.

He said that he had been released from prison shortly after this incident, and was able successfully to stay out of prison for over 30 years.

I recommended to Johnny that he read his Bible every day, and I told him that a good way to do this is to pick a time-of-day, every day, to read Scripture.

He thanked me for the cup of coffee.