

My name is Gene Anderson. In 1987 I was sent to prison for "natural life" for killing a man. The man was killed because he was a "hindrance" to me obtaining something I was obsessed with: getting my own island and military force.

The crime was easy to commit. But the day after, while looking at myself in the mirror, my conscience was tearing me up. "What have you done?" I kept thinking. But instead of changing for the better, I hardened my heart and the remorse soon left. A year and a half later, thinking I had got away, I was arrested. While sitting in a county jail holding cell I kept thinking, "Is this how my empire is going to end?" I also tried to convince myself that this was just a nightmare and that I would soon be waking up. But this was real. Once in my cell I did something that I had never done before - I picked up a Bible and began to read it. I started at GENESIS 1:1: "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH..." As I continued through the rest of the Chapter, I thought that those were

the most awesome words that I had ever read.

I had no serious "religious" background whatsoever. But as the Bible says, "THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK AND POWERFUL ..." (HEB. 4:12). And it began to work in me.

After about a month my need for Salvation was fully realized. I needed forgiveness, and I knew that only JESUS CHRIST could provide it. I knelt beside my bunk and asked the LORD to forgive me for all of my sins - and HE did!

Even though I was feeling miserable because of all the evils I had done, I knew that I was given a new life and that I was not the same wicked man that I used to be. I was a "new man" (2 COR.5:17).

The evidence for this miraculous change is beyond explanation. My hatred for those who "betrayed" me was gone. GOD had given me a value for human life. HE can do the same for you. No one is too bad that GOD cannot forgive him. JESUS paid the price for all sins. But you have to ask.

The courts tell me that I am supposed to die in prison. Even if I do, what is this life compared to eternity? "FOR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?" (MAT. 16:26).

– Gene Anderson –

**Recognize your condition as a sinner.**

Romans 3:23 *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"*

**Realize the punishment for sin.**

Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death..."*

Luke 13:3 *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"*

**Understand the payment for your sin.**

Romans 5:8 *"But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

**Call on the name of Jesus Christ.**

Romans 10:13 *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Romans 10:9-10 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt*