

**Jesus Always Forgives**  
*The Testimony of Brother Calvin*



I prayed to my Father in Heaven and He gave me a new life and a new beginning with His son Jesus Christ. At the age of 15, I was baptized and was walking with God in my life. As time passed, I began to have problems at home with my stepfather. It got so bad that I had to be put in a foster home. It was about this time that I stopped going to school and to church. I thought that I did not like it and did not enjoy being in school or church. I began hanging around with some new friends in the street. We would go out drinking and getting high on drugs. Then we began to take people's cars and go joy riding. We ended up in jail. The judge gave me five years probation. I got out of jail and got me a job. I went back to church and moved in with my girlfriend. By then I had a baby on the way. So I got a car and then I was back in the streets getting high and drinking. Then I stopped going to work as I should. One day I got a letter from my probation officer saying he needed to see me. I went to see him and he had me locked up. The reason was that I had moved in with my girlfriend, but I did not let him know. They took me before the judge and the judge gave me the five years to do in prison. Well, I did 18-months and got out. I had my life right with Jesus again and was back with my family and doing well.

Three years passed. I now had three kids, a nice woman, a job and a car. However, I was laid off from my job, because I was the last one they hired. My mind was whirling...I have to get money to pay my bills. I went to church and prayed like always. I told the Lord my problems. I went job looking for two weeks. I kept praying, but nothing happened. I told the Lord, "I cannot wait for you any longer. I have to have money to pay my bills." So when people would go to work, I would go into their houses and steal their TV or whatever I could sell to make money. I went into this house and they had five guns. I took them all. I kept one of the guns for myself and sold the other four. Shortly after that, I was stopped for drinking and driving. I had forgotten that I had the gun with me...now back to jail I go. When I went before the judge this time, he gave me five years for the gun and the time I had left on probation. Now I am doing eight years.

This time when I get out of prison, I will go to a halfway house. The reason for that is that my mother died, my two brothers were killed and my children's mother won't have anything to do with me. The only friend and family I have is Jesus and I will not lie to you. I have turned my back on him many times, but Jesus forgave me and gave me a new life and a new beginning...all over again. Therefore, where ever you are out there in the world or in prison, if you are a Christian, don't turn your back on Jesus as I did. Jesus will answer your prayers, but you have to wait on His time. Believe in your heart that He will answer you and He will.

Moreover, Momm did not lie when she said that there are inmates in prison who don't have anyone to write them, visit them, or care for them. I am one of them...but I'm more blessed than many. You see, I have Jesus who cares for me; I have a new life and a new beginning I am saved by His grace.

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