

**Welcome & Intro :: New member, very troubled****New member, very troubled - posted by vts (), on: 2010/8/17 16:57**

I am very troubled. Is this the right place to look for help? Thank you.

Re: New member, very troubled - posted by TimmyJoe, on: 2010/8/17 17:17

Jesus is a very present help in time of need!

But maybe we can help too, what ya need?

Re: New member, very troubled - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/17 17:19

I would hope that you would be able to find out how to find help in Christ in any difficulty from any member here. At best this is all any believer can do, point you to where the water is.

We can point you to the water but we cannot make you drink.

We can guide you to the light but we cannot take your blinders off for you.

We can share the love of God, but we cannot place it in your heart.

We can direct you to the cross, but we cannot make you kneel.

We can show to you the sheep-fold, but cannot grow your wool.

We can help you understand the differences between us, but we cannot bring you to the unity of the faith.

We can show you what faith looks like, but we cannot give it to you.

We can show to you the sheep-gate, but cannot fit you through it.

Jesus alone is your help. Jesus alone is your answer. But you must seek him upon His grounds, and upon his rock. The shifting sands of your personal interest must be abandoned. There is no difficulty which does not find its solution in Christ in some way shape or form.

If your need however is practical, and you are already a believer, then there may be some believers here who live in your locale.

If prayer is what you need, let us know we will pray.

More information may be helpful though...

Re: New member, very troubled - posted by vts (), on: 2010/8/17 17:44

I have professed to be a Christian for a long time. But, starting at 19, I began a life of sin which has continued until the recent past. I would repent now and then, struggle, and fall back into sinning. I hope the devastation I have experienced over the past 16 months is God chastening me. My sinful practices were suddenly exposed in a public way, I was thrust into alcohol and benzodiazepine rehab, and lost my license to work. I am very thankful all this happened to me. I want to know if God doesn't forgive people who say they are Christians and sin anyway.

Over this past week, I suddenly saw the sum of my life, each sin, and the accumulation of them. I am realising things that have never crossed my mind before, and now I want to forsake sin, all of it forever. Is it too late for me?

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/17 18:00

There are so many warnings in scripture about turning away from a faulty or false faith. If it was not possible to turn to Christ after living as a prodigal son, then lots of the Bible needs to be torn out.

Jesus will in no wise cast out anyone whom turns to him VTS. Seeing your sin for what it is can be the beginning of a radical walk with Jesus Christ.

Lay your burden at his feet, repent of your sin. He has shown you this not to dangle his love out of your reach, it is rather to show you what you really are and who he really is, and what He took upon Himself in order to redeem you.

Do you realize that he became you? While you were an enemy of the gospel...

David walked in reprehensible sin, worse than you have confessed, and he found a place of repentance and saw the day of our Lord. But David's repentance is not your repentance. You must have your own. You must respond to Christ's call for your life to be his. We can pray for you. I am sure that there are many who would share the word with you over the phone here. You can email me a number where I could get a hold of you (check profiles for email addresses, or personal message someone for their email) I am sure I speak for every member of this website when I say that we want to see you victorious in Jesus Christ over your sin.

I too walked in sin post a confession of faith, but Christ forgave me, and causes me to grow still...

Re: - posted by vts (), on: 2010/8/17 18:09

Thank you for your gracious answer. I am very upset right now, and would not be able to talk on the phone. I am trying to keep my composure since my 15 yo daughter is at home. I can't seem to get the P.m.function to work for me.

Re: - posted by TimmyJoe, on: 2010/8/17 18:16

...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

Praise God you are concerned for your present state.

Go to your knees in repentance, and ask God for forgiveness and mercy.

Then put all your faith, your confidence, your trust in Jesus Christ, that the price He paid, on the cross, was more than enough to save you!

Finally, rejoice, and thank Christ for what He's done, and go and sin no more. Turn from it, learn to despise sin, hate sin, abhor it!

I professed to be a christian when I was young, then about 16 I got into alcohol and partying. But thank God that when I was 20 years old, God woke me up and showed me His grace and mercy in Jesus Christ!

With love,
Timmyjoe

Re: - posted by vts (), on: 2010/8/17 18:18

To TimmyJoe and Areadymind,
I can't get the P.M. to work, I am so sorry.
Virginia

Re: - posted by TimmyJoe, on: 2010/8/17 18:19

yea it says error.

Re: New member, very troubled - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/8/17 18:29

And the mighty yoke of this world is broken with humility. I know exactly what you are going through, come to Jesus He will give you strength.

I ran into the Holiness and Justice of God and came to realize that I was a wretched sinner even after "conversion" I assure you there is hope for you if there is hope for me. Something that I cling to though is in James 2:13 "For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."

God's desire is that all men would come to Him and be saved. God desires to show you Mercy. This is not to take advantage of His mercy and if you are truly awakened then you dare not take advantage of something you don't deserve. Put your faith in Christ Jesus and believe He can forgive you. Forsake sin and beg God to free you from its grasp.

I know exactly what you are going through though I walked with this on me for 2 months seeking God's mercy and finally found it in Christ Jesus and what He did on the cross. I will be praying for you that you come to the Knowledge of Jesus Christ and be zealous for Good works in Christ Jesus.

God Bless,
Matthew

a - posted by dougm1955 (), on: 2010/8/17 22:45

AMEN.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/18 0:22

The Holy Spirit is speaking to you vts because Timmy Toe quoted the exact verse I did not have time to type out for you this afternoon, but as I prayed for you today this was the verse that kept ringing out in my mind. I never cease to be amazed at how the body of Christ works, and his Spirit speaks through it.

My email address is bereanreceiver@gmail.com if you cannot get the PM deal to work.

Re: - posted by vts (), on: 2010/8/18 0:34

With this cloud of witnesses, I will boldly tell you more of my problem. I have such severe depression and OCD, I am constantly in a turmoil and crisis of faith, and then fear as I described, then crisis of faith, and it doesn't stop. I can't pursue a commitment due to this crippling doubt. I will believe, then I have trouble believing, and so on ad infinitum. I see a physician, but it is very difficult to find a Christian psychiatrist. I am miserable and tormented, and afraid I will die before I have saving faith. Please if you would all pray for me - I am hanging onto my tiny faith. Please help me.
Virginia

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/18 0:40

Will do...

Re: New member, very troubled, on: 2010/8/18 1:29

Dear sister Victoria,
I just read your thread, and I want to engage in dialogue, tomorrow in the light of day, but I just want to say two things, first, you are not alone in your struggles, and second, you KNOW Jesus does love you with an ardent passion, and in His love, I say good night, sleep well. God bless your authenticity and transparency, Neil

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2010/8/18 3:10

Virginia,

Are you still drinking or on any type of drug? If so, you need to pray and ask the Lord to take it away. I will be praying for you dear one.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/18 8:34

If there are any mature sisters available to offer themselves in service to Virginia here it would also, I am sure, be appreciated. I am also positive too that my wife would be more than willing to spend time with you over the phone. But even if any of us were to do so it would be as I originally stated. You must depend upon Christ.

I am also praying that you find a group of mature, healthy believers to fellowship with.