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## ACCEPT GOD'S WAY

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*By our logic, there is a way  
Which mankind sees as being "right" -  
It's by our works, that's how we pay -  
Or else we face eternal night!*

*For some, karma guides how we live -  
Some ask have we obeyed God's Law?  
Some weigh how much money to give.  
Some think have we confessed each flaw?*

*None of these works atones for sin -  
(And we sin nearly every day.)  
It's by God's Way that we get In -  
(Not by bowing five times to pray.)*

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*God sent His Son as Sacrifice -  
(For the wages of sin is death!)  
Jesus alone paid the whole price -  
(To satisfy God's Holy Wrath!)*

*We want to know what part we play  
In gaining our own salvation.  
We come by Faith-for it's God's Way  
To gain His Justification!*

*King Solomon wrote: "There is a way  
which seems right unto a man, but the  
end thereof are the ways of death."*

[Proverbs 14:12

from The King James Bible]

## RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

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It does no good for us to Pray  
"Father forgive me," every day -  
*Then cling to guilt and show no trace  
That we're receptive to His Grace!*

*For God's Mercy is not imposed  
On persons who are not disposed  
To be receivers of His Love.  
Words/Deeds must mesh like "hand-in-glove!"*

A dour-faced Christian bowed in guilt  
Is like a stream that's clogged with silt.  
*For in our failure to receive  
We could be asked: "Do you Believe?"*

Our Christian witness is not true  
If we are always sad and blue.  
*When His Forgiveness we receive  
God grants "Full Pardon"- (not reprieve)!*

*Now Justified - declared sin free -  
Our lives should shine for all to see!  
With smiles of Joy we meet each gaze -  
Our very lives should sing His Praise!*

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at  
Ephesus: .. *Praise to the Glory of His (God's)  
Grace. Wherein He hath made us acceptable to  
the Beloved (Jesus). To Whom we have  
redemption through His Blood,  
the Forgiveness of Sins, according  
to the Riches of His Grace .....* "  
[Ephesians 1:6-7 from The King James Bible]

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## **WE ARE SOMEONE'S MIRACLE**

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In "The Samaritan story"  
Jesus shows three types of mind-set:  
*"Compassion" to "Predatory"-*  
*"Generous" to "All You Can Get!"*

The Robber said: *"What's yours is mine."*  
He used force to get his way.  
Getting riches was his design -  
People's possessions were his prey!

By what he did the Priest resolved -  
*"What's mine is mine"* - and I'll not share!  
He thus refused to get involved  
Portraying one who doesn't care.

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*"What's mine is yours"* someone declared -  
*(A much despised Samaritan)!*  
He nursed the one who was impaired -  
Paid for his care ere he was done!

"Who is my Neighbor?" Jesus asked.  
Who Lives Unselfish Care and Love,  
*"What's mine is yours"* - are words That Last  
*Throughout Eternity above!*

"...But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed,  
came where he was: and when he saw him, *he*  
*had compassion on him.* And he went to him, and  
bound up his wounds ...and brought him to an inn  
and took care of him ...he took out two pence  
and gave them to the host and said unto him:  
Take care of him ...I will repay thee."

[Luke 10:33-35 from The King James Bible]

## SPIRITUAL REBIRTH

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*As we view it, a "godly man"  
Visited with Jesus one night -  
If works could save, he fit "The Plan"  
But Christ set this false notion right!*

*"You must be Born Again!" He said  
To Nicodemus, a "good man."  
You live, but your spirit is dead -  
Rebirth is by the Father's Plan!*

*Just as Moses set a brass snake  
High in the camp of Israel -  
By God's Kind Grace and for our sake  
Christ died for us in great travail!*

*All Who gazed at the snake were healed -  
(Acting in faith had set them free.)  
Rebirth through Christ is here revealed -  
(Our Act of Faith can make it Be!)*

*For each of us is born in sin  
The consequence of Adam's Fall.  
We're dead! We must be Born Again  
Through Jesus' Blood, Who died for All!*

*Jesus told Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, a  
visitor to Jesus: "As Moses lifted up the  
serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son  
of Man be lifted up ..... For God so loved the  
world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that  
whosoever believes in Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life!"*

[John 3:14-16 from The King James Bible]