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The Pen of a Ready Writer

*...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the Pen of a Ready Writer (Psalm 45:1).*

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My Dad's MILITARY BIBLE

On December 26, 1942, my Dad was issued a pocket New Testament. It is the "National Edition of The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, conformable to the edition of 1611, commonly known as the Authorized or King James Version. Published by National Bible Press, Philadelphia, it was made especially for the Gideons. Chaplain C. E. Wilch signed this copy, given to John Louis Hughes.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt wrote a letter dated January 25, 1941, to the Armed Forces. It is printed at the beginning of this New Testament, and reads as follows: *As Commander-in-Chief I take pleasure in commending the reading of the Bible to all who serve in the armed forces of the United States. Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and diverse origins have found in the Sacred Book words of wisdom, counsel and inspiration. It is a fountain of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul.*

At the front of this "Sacred Book," the lyrics to several well-loved hymns have been printed. They include *Onward, Christian Soldiers; Jesus! Lover of My Soul; Rock of Ages; How Firm a Foundation; and, Nearer, My God to Thee*. Two patriotic songs are also present: *America* and *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

The Book of Psalms follows the New Testament. On the back flyleaf and endpaper are instructions on *How to Become a Christian*. **Come:** *Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out (John 6:37).* **Receive:** *As many as received Him, to the gave He power to become the sons of God (John 1:12).* **Believe:** *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life (John 3:36).*

Christ Forgives All Who Ask. All Sinners: *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).* **Every Sin:** *The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7).* **How Justified:** *Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).* Instructions are included to confess Christ before men (Romans 10:9) and to trust Him daily.

Forty-eight years later, in 1990, my Dad followed those instructions. He bowed on his basement floor and received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour!

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No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus!

As we walk along life's journey, the only successful way is with Christ. I praise God that he saved me at the age of twelve. As I journey through this life, I know that *No One Ever Cared for me Like Jesus.*

There is no other friend so kind as He. Over the past four years this song has come to my mind many times:

I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus, / Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true; / I would tell you how He changed my life completely, / He did something that no other friend could do.

No one ever cared for me like Jesus, / There's no other friend so kind as He; / No one else could take the sin and darkness from me, / O how much He cared for me.

All my life was full of sin when Jesus found me, / All my heart was full of misery and woe; / Jesus placed His strong and loving arms about me, / And He led me in the way I ought to go.

Have you put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ? If you have, do you tell others what you think of Christ? Is Christ your friend? Has He changed your life completely?

Let Christ do something no other friend can do. No one ever care for you like Jesus!

YOU Are INVITED!

Pastor Dale Duckett, Barnette Grove Baptist Church, hosts the South Carolina Baptist Fellowship on August 2, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The church is located at 5523 Hwy. 187 Anderson, SC

Redemption Baptist Church on August 8th

Pastor Ralph Byars has asked me to preach. The church is located at 24314 Hwy. 221 N., Enoree SC.

***If the Son
therefore shall
make you free,
ye shall be free
indeed!***

(John 8:36)

The Council of Jerusalem, AD 50 –

Acts 15 records the first Church Council. The issue was with regard to salvation: Can a man be saved without circumcision or without the keeping of the Law of Moses – its sacrifices, holydays, dietary commands, etc. (Acts 15:5)? The Council concluded that such teaching was subversive (Acts 15:24).

Along the way to that decision, they declared the following: [1.] that the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe (Acts 15:7); that God gives them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto the Jews (Acts 15:8); [2.] that the Lord put no difference between Jew and Gentile, purifying their hearts by faith (Acts 15:9); [3.] that the Gentiles shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, as were the Jews (Acts 15:11); [4.] that the Gentiles, as the Jews, abstain from pollutions of idols, from fornication, from things strangled and from blood (Acts 15:20); and [5.] that neither circumcision nor the keeping of the law of Moses were necessary for salvation (Acts 15:23-27).