

Faith Worketh by Love



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Chapter 1 PITFALLS TO FAITH

They are not missing it in knowing what the Word of God says.

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They *are* missing it by not knowing how to walk in love.

The Lord gave me this teaching as I was praying and asking Him questions about faith people who are not getting answers to their prayers.

Faith is the hand that takes the things we need from God. Everything Jesus purchased for us on Calvary can be obtained by faith.

This includes salvation, healing, the fullness of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, the fruit of the spirit, and victory over the world, the flesh, the devil, and all the powers of darkness. All of these things come to us by faith—but it must be faith that works by love. "*Faith worketh by love...*"

Faith teaching has been strong for many years now. We have been hearing faith, healing, prosperity, and all of these great truths preached from the Word of God.

I realize that teachers sometimes overstate certain things to make a point, but we are in danger of becoming overbalanced in the area faith. We are not getting some of the other basic teachings that should go along with having faith.

Many people have the mistaken idea that just because you are walking the faith walk, you are never going to have any trials. They didn't get that idea from my father, Kenneth E. Hagin, who is considered the modern-day father of faith.

If you study his material carefully, you will discover that concept never came from him. Some people who are teaching his material are saying things he never said—things they cannot back up with the Word of God.

One of the reasons why faith is not working for some of you is because you do not have a full understanding of what the Word of God says. Faith that works by love will measure up to all of the standards set down in the Word of God.

I, too, could take several Old Testament Scriptures, add some New Testament Scriptures, and "prove" that it is right to do just about anything. But that doesn't make it right! I can create any doctrine I want by pulling Scriptures out of context—but I can't prove this so-called doctrine if I take the preceding and following verses in context.

Part of the love walk is being able to stand up and preach with a truth what God's Word says, not some doctrine created from isolated Scriptures.

For a while, because of this kind of wrong teaching, people got so much into "confession" that they couldn't even make a statement in fun, and yet the Lord seems to have a good sense of humor! Certainly we need to be careful about our confessions, but we need to be even more careful about our daily lives.

You see, we become so accustomed to doing certain things in the natural that we never realize these things are hindering us in the spiritual— things like losing our temper! To make faith work in our lives, we must protect ourselves in every area.

Bible teachers say we must have faith to please God, but they casually pass over the teachings that *faith works by love*, and God is love.

When I was a boy, there were a few more subjects I used to hear preached. One was the power in the blood. Another was this subject of love. All of these doctrines must fit together.

If we are to live in line with God's Word, we must not only be a faith child of a faith God, but we must be a love child of a love God.

Bible teachers have left it for people to pick up this teaching themselves, but they have not. Too many Christians do not have any knowledge about walking in love. We need to understand all facets of it. The love of God needs to ooze out of us so much that when we walk into a room, people will know we are living in love!

If we are going to make this faith house strong, we must make its foundation strong. It is time we began to teach the *full* Gospel, not just part of the Gospel. It is time we began to teach the love walk.

Most people do not like to hear about the love message, and most preachers do not like to preach about it, because it is not "exciting." It searches deep into the hearts of the listeners. Exciting messages and times of rejoicing are wonderful, but if we Christians are to mature, we must keep our feet on the ground.

The kingdom of God has been damaged by people who have heard the faith message once and then have run off without knowing what they were doing or how to use what they had heard. Before long, they came crashing down and couldn't understand why. Then some pastor had to try to show them from the Word where they went wrong—if they would listen.

Similarly, when some people start studying the love message, they try to

digest too much at once. They run off on a tangent with it and get it all out of proportion. This is the enemy's way to thwart us from receiving God's best: love. However, if taken in the proper dosage and tempered with the Spirit of God, a study of God's love can show you the best way to live.

(I realize I am presenting the other side of the faith message, but it is time somebody did. This will show some of you why things are not happening in your lives—things you have been confessing and believing for.)

I'm going to make a statement here I want you to think about: You can be in the family of God, walk with God, and still not walk in the perfect law of love. (It is like being in the family of God and not walking in faith.)

Many Christians, as Paul says, will make heaven, but they will not have any reward. Paul was referring to people who never grow in various areas of their Christian walk and never attain to a high degree of spirituality. All of our works will be tried by fire (1 Cor. 3:13).

Read about the Corinthians. Never was there a more carnal group of Christians! That is why we get so much of our teaching out of the epistles to the Corinthians; Paul had to deal with so much carnality among them.

I'm sure if we began to be honest with ourselves and began to measure ourselves with God's love, every one of us would have to mark a big "F" (for failure) on the top of our personal score sheet.

Failed! Do you know why? Not because we are failing willfully, but because the Gospel has not been fully preached to us as it should have been.

We can't do anything about the past. That's history. But we can change the future. As for me and my house, we are going to secure all the promises of God, because *faith worketh by love*.

The kind of love I mean will take the Word in your mouth and your faith and will turn them into a steamroller for God! Nothing will be able to stand in your way—nothing whatsoever. You will roll right over obstacles. If the devil stands in your way, you will turn on the love and roll right over him, praising Jesus all the while! You will begin to see things happen.

The Bible says demons believe and even tremble—but they never receive anything. Why? Because they don't have any love. They are filled with hate and fear.

Because we must have faith that works by love, it would be well for us to see how that kind of love gets started, and what its characteristics are.

Proverbs 10:12 says, "*love covereth all sin*." First Peter 4:8 says, "*charity (or love) shall cover the multitude of sins*." Put these two Scriptures together,

and they say, "Love covers all sins, even when there is a multitude of them."

Love must begin to work with the sin problem. Love will not work for you until you are born again and the love of God has covered your sins.

Notice the phrase "the multitude of sins." How many is a multitude? Don't we usually use the word "multitude" when there are more elements to something than we can name?

Think of it: This real, genuine love of God will cover, hide, and put out of sight more sins than we can even name. What a tremendous thought!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son " (John 3:16). For what? To cover our sins. That's the first area of love. God's love covers sin.

Many people today are saying, "You need to confess every sin you've ever done." They talk about "inner healing." They say, "You need to go back and drag out all of the sins from your past and confess them."

No, you don't! All you need to do is get the love of God to cover that multitude of your sins in the New Birth. Dragging up all your old sins will not do you any good; it will just bring condemnation on you—and you've got enough of that already with the sins you can remember at this moment.

Chapter 2 LIVING FIRST CORINTHIANS 13

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

—Galatians 6:1

"*Ye which are spiritual*" means all of us, because we are spiritual. We are the children of God. We have been covered with the blood. "*Restore such an one in the spirit of MEEKNESS*" (one of the fruit of the spirit) "*considering thyself, lest thou also be TEMPTED.*" In other words, unless you show love in some of these areas, you might be taken in by the same things.

The first thing most people want to do when they hear of somebody being overtaken in a fault is to reach for the telephone! They don't want to cover that fault with love and silence or restore the individual; they want to talk about him and his fault.

Then, in the next breath, they say, "Oh, Lord, I want to confess that I have that money I need." Well, it's not going to work! They don't have love working in their life—and faith works by love. If we do not operate in the fullness of love, then our faith will not operate in its fullest capacity.

As we saw in First Peter, love covers a multitude of sins, including all those we can't even name. Think of it: Love covers sin—and sin is the worst thing in our universe! Sin separates us from God. God's love covers that sin.

We learn something about His love from The Love Chapter, First Corinthians 13. (This chapter actually is part of the discourse of First Corinthians 12, 13, and 14. They are one. They should not have been divided into three chapters.)

When you consider Chapter 13 in context, you will see that even the gifts of the Holy Spirit must be operated with love, or they become empty.

In Chapter 13, "love" is translated "charity." Verse 7 says "*love beareth all things.*" Another translation reads "love covers all things with silence." Thus, God is saying that love not only *hides* the sins and evil of others; it *refuses to speak of them*.

If we tell of the evil someone has done, or we criticize, judge, condemn, or murmur against him—no matter who he is or what he has done—we are proving we are not walking in love. Why? Because love covers with silence.

Jesus showed perfect love when He forgave those who were responsible for sending Him to the cross. He prayed, "*Father forgive them; for they know not what they do*" (Luke 23:34). That was *love personified*.

Some people think God has given them "the gift of exposing." Human nature is that way. Even though we know God has forgiven a person, some people never can forgive him.

I knew a young man not long ago who was doing a tremendous job for God when somebody came into his congregation and said, "Do you know what your pastor did before he was saved?" He exposed the pastor's past.

The man accusing the pastor was *supposed* to be a good Christian. (When someone does this, I question his standing with God according to the Word.)

How often a stupid remark from some so-called Christian has caused problems for people. Without realizing it, the accuser is bringing destruction on his (or her) own head, because he is not walking in love.

We must not let our mouths talk about people. We must cover sin and evil with a love that silences our mouths. While this God-kind of love covers the sins of others with silence, it does not cover *our* sins and wrongdoings with silence. We must confess them to the Father.

God says in Proverbs 28:13 that we will not prosper if we cover our sins: *"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."*

Frequently we put God's plan in reverse. We want to use love to cover up our own wrongdoings, but we want to expose someone else's. We rationalize by saying, "Oh, I'm not condemning him; I'm merely making an observation." Then we say, "I'm confessing that the Lord is going to meet all my needs." Well, we might as well forget about that confession and find some way to meet that need ourselves, because we just cut the lifeline between God and us. We violated the law of love.

First Corinthians 13 also tells us that love *"suffereth long, and is kind."* It *"envieth not... vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up"* (v. 4). From this Scripture we are told that love works by being kind even under *long, continued* suffering—deep suffering brought on by someone else. I don't mean suffering or disease brought your way by the devil; I mean suffering caused by other people. I mean remarks said about you.

Horrible remarks are made about people when they choose to serve Christ and follow in the fullness of the Word of God. Some people are even excommunicated from their churches and communities.

Many RHEMA students suffer long because someone they know is continually telling them how stupid they are to leave their homes and come to school. After a while, this can start to hurt.

This is where love really has to work, because you must love those people, keep your mouth shut, endure, and be kind.

Perhaps you will encounter the very person who was responsible for getting you kicked out of your church. Walk up to that person, smile, and say, "Hello. How are you? We love all you people in the church. I just want to tell you how much we love and appreciate you."

Of course you would like to say, "Why don't you keep your mouth shut? You don't know what you're talking about." But that is not the love way.

You must pray, "Lord, bless them. Lord, help them. They don't know what they are doing. Help them because they do not understand."

I had to learn this myself when people said nasty things against my father's ministry—the ministry I am tied to by my very birth. They even have called it a "faith cult."

Now, it is difficult enough for me to say, "Lord, forgive them" when people take verbal shots at me, but when they start accusing my family, that's another story. It is very difficult to "suffer long" when things are said against my father. I know he has done what God asked him to do through the years, and he has done without many material comforts because he would not compromise.

I have learned that if I am to maintain any kind of faith walk, I must put down my carnal nature. The secret is letting the love of God work within my spirit.

Yes, slanderous remarks are hurtful, and if you are not careful, you will cut off the people who said them about you. If you see them at a convention, you manage to be busy talking to somebody else. When they start walking in your direction, you conveniently have to stop in the bookstore, or you conveniently see somebody you think you know across the auditorium—and you take off between the seats to get out of the aisle they're coming down. Love does not do that.

One of the hardest things I ever had to do was stand in an exhibition hall and talk to a young minister who had made hurtful remarks about me.

When I was getting started in the ministry, this young minister would hardly speak to me. Now he was inviting me to come and preach in his big church.

It would have been so easy to have told him off, but the next week my pocketbook would have suffered. I live by faith. I am responsible for believing for the operating expenses of RHEMA Bible Training Center (I

have many others believing with me, too). I know that if I start walking out of love, my faith will be hindered. It will not operate to its fullest capacity.

I can make all the confessions I want to. I can quote the Bible day and night. I can fast and pray—and I still won't get anything if I'm walking out of love!

The Word of God says faith *worketh by love*. If we're not walking in love, our faith won't work!

As we study the fruit of the spirit, we find that we cannot have any of the fruit of the spirit in operation until we have love. I think this is the reason love is listed first in Galatians 5:22. It is the foundation on which the rest of the fruit of the spirit rests.

When "faith people" wake up and start checking all areas of their lives, they will find certain areas in which they are not really walking in love—and these areas are hindering their faith from operating to its fullest capacity.

Love envieth not.... Love does not desire position, honor, power, benefits, favor, esteem, or blessings that others have. Love is more interested in what it can do to help others get more than what it has itself.

When you begin to operate in this realm of love, you cannot help but receive for yourself. When you are involved in helping somebody else, you automatically will be promoted, because promotion comes from God. It is just like when you come into God's law of prosperity. According to the Word of God, it happens for you.

The kind of love I'm talking about does not get upset when other people get good things—it gets excited. It rejoices. (I realize that when you start teaching like this, the world thinks you are crazy, but that is the kind of love we must have if our faith is to work.)

Love is not puffed up Love does not think more highly of itself than it should. It doesn't think, "Why did the pastor put *him* (or her) in that position? I've been around longer than he has. I've got more gifts of the Spirit in operation than he does. I don't understand it. I've got better ideas than he does."

No, love does not think "I know more." Love says, "I'll get behind this person and work. Even though I know more than he does, I'll feed him ideas and make him look good, because I know things that will help this group grow." (The problem with human nature is that people don't want to share their ideas because they want to get all the credit themselves.)

The charismatic movement today has more problems in this area of love than any other. I'm talking about pure love—the love of God—not somebody's thought-up doctrine. I'm talking about the kind of love outlined in Philippians 2:3,4, "*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in*

lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

I have never seen this kind of pure love work in discipleship (submission) groups, because there always are several persons who are considered better than everybody else.

Yes, we must have leaders in the Body of Christ, but we must "*submit one to another*" (Eph. 5:21) in love. We must not esteem one person better than another, and we must not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. This can bring us down in a hurry. Many people have been brought low because of this.

Some people have lost everything they had. People have said, "The Lord had to take it all away from them so He could work out something in their life." No, that is not what happened. The reason they lost it is because they didn't know how to love, and this opened the door for the devil. He came in and wrought havoc in their life. God didn't have a thing to do with it. He could not keep the devil from destroying them, because they were not walking in love.

Love seeketh not her own

Romans 12:10 tells us, "*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another.*" When we get so busy preferring everybody else and unselfishly helping them obtain blessings that we forget about ourselves, that's when we will find honor, success, and promotion for ourself.

Many ministers would like to preach in one of our large seminars or Campmeetings. It is worthwhile to check the histories of those who do. You will find they have been interested in helping others succeed—sometimes at the expense of their own ministry.

Other people have gotten started because of my Dad's ministry. They'll even admit it. They have preached his sermons almost verbatim from his tapes.

Dad just says, "Bless God, more power to them. If they can preach it better than I can, that's great." *In honor preferring one another*

Somebody once asked me what the secret of my father's success was. I replied, "One of the secrets of Kenneth E. Hagin's success is that he walks in perfect love.

"He is not afraid to prefer his brother before himself. He is not afraid of another person's ministry. And I'm not talking about a little ministry that is

just getting started; I'm talking about well-known ministries.

"He is not afraid to sit down, take the back seat, and let another minister take his own service.

"This is the faith that works by love!"

I have been in services where the Spirit of God started to move on someone and the scheduled speaker got nervous. He didn't want anyone to disturb "his" service. He said, "This is MY meeting, bless God, and nobody is going to get up on that platform but ME!"

This quenched the Spirit. The speaker's message went over like the proverbial lead balloon. *Love seeketh not her own....*

It is all too easy to seek your own and strike out at people. It's easy on the job sometimes to step on somebody else to get a promotion. Sometimes it's easy to make another person look bad. It's easy to say, "Hey, foreman, look at what *I've done!*" *Love seeketh not her own....*

It's easy to do this with God, too. "Now, Father, you know all the things I've been doing for You. I drove 100 miles this week just teaching prayer groups. You know I've been giving so much time and money." Without realizing it, you are saying, "It's time You did something for me." But love does not seek her own. Love is interested in helping.

Love is not easily provoked.... That means love does not get angry easily. Psalm 119:165 says, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." The words "offend" and "provoke" are interchangeable.

Love is not easily provoked even when people say, "The reason Hagin is going to work for his Daddy is because he hasn't got any other place to go." Is not easily provoked!

Love responds, "Lord, help them. They don't understand what they're doing. Forgive them, because they are putting themselves in jeopardy."

When I was active in high school sports, our coaches quickly found out just what to say to motivate each fellow on the team.

They knew they could easily provoke me by telling me I was a fair player, but I could not surpass my opponents. They would say, "Now, Hagin, you are going to have to do the best you can. Try to hold your own. There is no way you can overtake them."

When I was running, the track coach used to do that all the time, and when I was playing wide receiver, the football coach used to tell me I could not beat some of the defensive backs. I would be so provoked that when I got to the game, I guarantee you, I was going to show them all!

The devil, too, knows how to get us provoked. We even think we're being

spiritual. We say, "Bless God, I'm going out there and I'm going to do such-and-such." That is not the spirit of meekness or gentleness. How are you going to have meekness or gentleness if you don't have love?

Love thinketh no evil.... Love covers evil with silence and will not speak of it. It refuses to think about it. Sometimes you can't help what you overhear—but you can refuse to repeat it or think about it. Cast it out of your mind. Love thinks on the truth, the good, the lovely.

My father-in-law tells a story about a man who never said anything bad about anybody in his whole life. He just wouldn't.

Then the worst man in the community died. There wasn't anything good about him at all. He was mean, and he had lived the worst life of anybody.

Everybody was standing around the casket waiting for this first man to come by. What would he say about the deceased?

Finally he came. He stood and stood and looked and looked.

The others couldn't stand it any longer. "Well, what do you think?" they asked anxiously.

He gazed into the casket. Finally he looked up and said, "Well, he had *pretty teeth*, didn't he?"

He had found something good to talk about! If you have to stand there until you can find something good to say about somebody, do it. Even if it's nothing more than, "They have a nice part in their hair," or "Their glasses are very becoming." Say *something* good.

Paul talks about this in Philippians.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Do not entertain bad thoughts about anybody. It will hinder your love, and this will hinder your faith—and this will keep you from receiving what you need from God.

Love endureth all things What does "endure" mean in this case? It means to go through all kinds of trying, hurtful, evil, slanderous experiences calmly, sweetly, silently, lovingly, uncomplainingly, as if they weren't happening.

"Endureth all things" means putting up with just about anything. Did you ever realize how much a pastor has to endure? He has to put up with all of you who sit in the congregation—and all of

you have your own little idiosyncrasies.

Some of the worst things that have ever happened to a person have not

been to be shot with a gun, hit with a fist, or cut with a knife. They have been the result of the long tongue of other Christians!

The same individuals who take their tongue and cut somebody to ribbons will come to church the next night, get up, and testify about how much they love God. Then they will quote the Word of God and say, "My God shall supply all my needs. By His stripes I am healed."

They will make all the right confessions and wonder why no money comes in and why sickness stays with them.

It's very simple. They are not walking in love. And when you are not walking in love, the law of faith is not going to work for you.

Do you want perfect faith? Learn to walk in love. When you begin to walk the love walk, your faith will be perfected.

Do you want guaranteed answers to your prayers? Learn to walk in love.

God is love. He has imparted His love to us. If we learn how to operate in the law of love, the law of faith will work in us, because *faith worketh by love*. (The law of faith will not work in us *until* we operate in the law of love.)

My faith works because I have love. I do not have love because I have faith—it's the other way around. I have *faith* because I have *love*. This is the kind of faith God has. This is the kind of faith that will avail.

Yes, making confessions of faith is good—we've got to do that—but if you stop and find out where you can love more, you will begin to see your faith work more.

Find a place to start showing love. That means more than just giving someone a hug. It may mean helping some bum in the gutter. That's the way love is. Instead of trying to *get* love all the time, *love gives*.

I look around to see how I can help someone obtain something they need. Faith works by love, and as I make my love work, my faith will bring me more and more.

Sometimes we get so excited about faith that we act in presumption instead of real faith. Faith that is not founded on a good foundation always will act in presumption. Faith founded on the Word of God always will act in line with God's Word and will not do anything foolish.

Chapter 3 DREAM FAITH DREAMS!

The God-kind of faith—the "possibility faith" I describe in my book by this title—is tempered by love.

You can't do anything without love. The gifts of the Spirit will not operate properly if you don't have love. You will not have faith enough to combat Satan if you don't have love.

But when you get this kind of love, you will not be content to be mediocre, stay in a corner, and barely make it to heaven. You will be a success even when you are not trying to be!

Think of all the marvelous, blessed things God has prepared for us! We could sit and dream and dream and dream of them.

Dream faith dreams! When you put the love of God to work with your faith and your confession, you will watch those dreams turn into spiritual realities!

Can you afford not to walk the love walk? Can you afford to hold one bit of malice? Can you afford not to love your neighbor as yourself? Can you afford not to have self-love?

Did you know that you cannot love other people *until* you love yourself? God said you must love your neighbor *as yourself*. People protest, "Oh, I don't want to be arrogant. We're supposed to be humble!" There is a difference between being arrogant and loving yourself—a great deal of difference. You can be arrogant and still not think much of yourself.

You should know who you are in Christ, what you are in Christ, and what you have because of Christ. If you know these things, then you know that believers are kings who sit in heavenly places with Christ. That will give you a good self-image!

Do you know what is wrong with many marriages? Two people who can't even love themselves are trying to love one another. How can they love their mate if they can't love themselves?

Jesus showed ultimate love when He took a piece of bread at the Last Supper, dipped it into the common dish, and fed it to Judas with His very fingers (John 13:26)—knowing all the while that this man was betraying Him! That is love. According to the custom of their day, the highest act of love one could perform was to feed bread like this with your own fingers to a friend.

Another demonstration of Jesus' love is seen in Matthew 23:37, when He wept over Jerusalem, the city that had persecuted Him more than any other—

the city He loved more than any other.

Notice how Jesus honored Peter, who had lost his nerve and denied knowing Jesus. Jesus distinguished Peter from the other disciples in the message the angel delivered (Mark 16:7): *"Go your way, tell his disciples AND PETER...."* That is love.

We as Christians are called to love the unlovely. Most of us, however, want the unlovely to straighten up first. THEN we are willing to help them. But it isn't going to work that way.

This God-kind of love will spill over into your job, your school, and every other aspect of your life. Not only will you reap spiritual benefits; you will reap natural benefits you've never thought possible. Your fellow employees will think you are one of the most wonderful people in the world, and they will see to it that you get the benefits and promotions you deserve.

Yes, when you get your life and your actions lined up with the Word of God and you place a strong guard on your tongue, you soon will find the love walk becoming automatic.

When someone provokes you and you feel that old nature start to rise up inside of you, you will find yourself saying, "Praise the Lord. I love you." You will find yourself growing spiritually.

You will wake up one morning and find that good things are happening to you. Promotions are coming. The money you need is coming. Everything you need is coming to you.

Then it will dawn on you that while you are walking the love walk, you are not having to *make* all these good things happen—they are happening automatically as you walk in love.

Your faith is strong, and faith worketh by love —God's love—that love that covers everything.

This is the way to perfection in Jesus Christ.

A Sinner's Prayer

To Receive Jesus As Savior

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the Name of Jesus.

Your Word says, "*... him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*" (John 6:37).

So I know You won't cast me out, but You take me in.

And I thank You for it.

You said in Your Word, "*... 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 BE SAVED.... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*" (Rom. 10:9,13).

I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

I believe He was raised from the dead for my justification.

I am calling upon His Name—the Name of Jesus—so I know, Father, that You save me now.

Your Word says, "*... with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*" (Rom. 10:10).

I do believe with my heart, and I confess Jesus now as my Lord.

Therefore I am saved!

Thank You, Father!

Signed_

Date_