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✿ Of all the godly friends and acquaintances I have met.

When I was first saved, it became apparent that I could no longer fellowship with many of my old friends, because their lifestyle would be detrimental to my spiritual growth. It was hard making the decision to leave old friendships, and I had to break off many relationships. I was sure that I would be lonely, but I quickly learned that being born into the family of God would mean that I now had a very, large family with many brothers and sisters. All of my dearest friends now are also Christians.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."
John 15:14

Getting saved does not guarantee one will not have problems in life. All have problems; there is no avoidance of them. Being a child of God does have a lot of benefits; including many that will help you through life's difficulties. There are many, many blessings in being born-again. It is the best thing that could ever happen to anyone!

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Saved and Excited

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"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

Sometimes, after being saved for a period of time, we take our salvation for granted. The joy of escaping Hell may have "worn off;" and as we go through another day we say, "Ho hum, I'm saved, but what's the big deal."

Reading verse 45, I saw five words that reminded me how special and blessed I am, and others are, to be saved. Those words are "... his life a ransom for many."

To renew your excitement about your salvation (if you are saved), think for a minute what a ransom is. When a crime is committed and a person is kidnapped, sometimes the kidnapers try to make money. They offer a person the opportunity to rescue the



snatched person for a high price. Often they warn that if their requests are not met, that that person will never be seen again and will probably be murdered.

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I'm Glad I'm Saved because ...

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Being saved is one of the greatest experiences one can ever have. There are many good things that come along with having God's promise of Heaven. I am so glad that I am saved because:

✿ **I am going to Heaven.** All through the Bible there are many verses telling its readers how they can know for sure that when they die they will go to Heaven. All they need to do is trust that Christ's finished work on the cross is payment for all their sins. As unworthy as all are, we can know for sure that we are going to Heaven.

"That if thou shalt confess with

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They do not go to a person that hates the one they took. They send a message to one that loves the kidnapped person so much that they would sacrificially give anything to get that person back.

Jesus was reminding us here, that we are all kidnapped by sin, and unless someone had paid the price, we all would perish. We would spend an eternity in Hell! It is a sad, sad truth; that we are all hell-bound, because of our sin.

In this case, the ransom required to save a person from his terrible end was not money or possessions. The only payment that would be acceptable was the blood of a sinless person.

Now the good news! There is one that loves you so much, that He would pay the price to save you. It just so happens that He is the only one in the whole world that qualified as being sin-free. He was willing to pay the ransom with His life for yours. It is Jesus, God's only Son, that stepped forward willing to pay the price. Not only was Jesus willing to be a ransom for you, but He wants to pay the ransom for all that will ask Him.

Now, how can anyone not be excited about salvation after that

realization? There is someone that loves you so much that He will rescue you from an eternity in Hell, if you just ask Him to.

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thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Romans 10:9

✿ **I'm tired of being on the losing side.** We have all probably experienced being the last one picked for a sports team; making a decision that turned out to be the wrong one; or found out that a politician that you really thought would stand where you wanted him to stand did not do what he said he would. It has been very disappointing to be in a situation that was certainly the wrong one due to our wrong choices.

God knows the truth in all situations. Unless He allows them for our spiritual growth, we will have fewer disappointments in our life if He is leading. Our Father knows best and is more than willing to share His wisdom with us if we ask. We are born into the winning side, when we are saved.

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put

on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:54-57

✿ **It has been so exciting to be saved and serving.** Before I was saved, I thought the Christian life was boring and uneventful. Now that I am saved, I realize it is the most exciting, action-packed life I ever could have hoped for. *"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."*

Psalms 68:19

✿ **I love to see God work.** One of the best things about being saved is seeing the mighty things God has done. From seeing what seemed impossible answers to prayers; to hearing the people that should have died in a week are still living many years later; and even hearing how God has healed and mended a hopeless, family problem. His hand is not slack in accomplishing miracles on a daily basis.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37

✿ **I love to see prayers being answered.** Before I was saved, I knew I was supposed to pray every day, and I did; but I never

saw any answered prayer, and thought that was how it was supposed to be. After I got saved and started to pray, I saw that things were different. I learned that prayers did go up to Heaven, and all were answered. Some prayers were answered quickly; some were answered after many, many years. Numerous prayers

were not answered the way I preferred, but God does answer prayer.

"I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1

✿ **I looked for truth my whole life, and I am happy now I have finally found it.** We have all followed the wrong advice sometime, and have seen the failure it has brought. We may have felt the frustration of following the multitude, and then discovered it was the wrong direction. Our opinions and the opinions of others, although often well intended, are not always the truth. People and circumstances can be misleading and even deceitful. God, however, is the only One that knows the truth. No one can hide it from Him. The most wonderful thing is He is more than willing to give it to you, or let you read it in His Word. You need only look to Him and trust Him for it. *"All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies."* Psalm 25:10

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"Jesus, THANK YOU so much for what You have done for us!"