

If you feel your need of forgiveness, why not come to Christ this very day? Confess your sins and let God lift the load of guilt and shame. He will freely forgive and forget your sins. His invitation is "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." *Isaiah 1:18*.

One of the most eloquent prayers ever offered was that of a man seventy-eight years old. He simply prayed, "Dear Lord, be merciful and forgive all of my sins, and I will be much obliged to you. Amen." In this way he found forgiveness through Christ. We can be certain that God heard and answered this prayer, for it came from the depth of the man's heart. You may receive Christ as your Saviour today and make certain of complete forgiveness. Will you join the penitent publican in his petition, "God, be merciful to me a sinner?"

If this is your prayer also, please place a check in the square. ☐

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About Sin and Its Curse

***Always pray before opening your Bible.
Find the text in your Bible and write the answer.***

Caryl Chessman gained nationwide recognition when, as a convicted kidnapper on death row, he waged a stubborn legal fight for his life.

By one legal maneuver after another Chessman succeeded in postponing the fearful day when he would lose his life. For months and years he was able to stall for time. During this period of waiting he thought he should be released. At last the final appeal was made and turned down. His last chance of pardon had been exhausted. There was no more hope! Down to the last minute he held on to a thread of hope that he would be saved. But that failed, and he was executed. The courts had found him guilty, and the state carried out the sentence.

This man desperately fighting for every hour of life reminds us of the plight of the sinner without Christ. When we committed the first wrong act, we passed under the sentence of death. If we do not receive mercy, and if we are not pardoned, we will not only die the first death, but we will be consumed in the lake of fire at the end of this world's history. In the Bible this is called the "second death." *Revelation 20:14*.

Life is very precious, and most men will do almost anything to try to prolong the few short years they are granted. When we think of eternity, without pain, sorrow, sickness, or death, how much more anxious should we be to make certain we do not lose eternal life. If every person were as earnest in seeking eternal life as Mr. Chessman was in