

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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To Continue: What's in it for me from another angle.

As with all other humans I knew as a youngster I was missing something. It was not food, clothes, or shelter. I had the love of parents and family. However, that was not enough. There was still a need I could not express. Then one day the Holy Spirit came to my heart and convicted and convinced me I could not overcome my sinful state without help outside myself.

When I met Jesus, He was the only one who could take away that longing from my heart. I accepted His love and grace and my heart was filled with more joy and peace than I could ever explain. Wonder of wonders, He accepted me just as I was. He had already paid the greatest price ever known in this world so I could be saved and, not me only, but whosoever will. It is so wonderful to declare that I belong to the family of God. I am so blessed to be one of the blood bought throng.

There are more great benefits than I can possibly tell. When I wake up in the morning I see the handiwork of God. I see the sun, the colors of the leaves, and the faces of those I love. Thank God for being able to see.

I hear the birds sing and the voices of those around me. I hear wind in the trees. I hear beautiful music, special songs such as "I Met the Master" or "How Great Thou Art". Thank God I can hear.

I smell food as it cooks. I smell the rain soaked earth and the pine needles as they float to the ground. Thank God for the sense of smell.

I find such comfort in knowing, just as He promised, Jesus is always near. I know I am in the world but not part of the world. The turmoil of this life may cause me to falter but never lose sight of my beloved Savior. This is only a very short list of the wonderful walk I have with Jesus. All this and heaven too! As I sit down to a good meal on Thanksgiving let me be aware more than ever what's in it for me.



May God bless your Thanksgiving greatly!

