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The man then said: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,2 but Christ paid the price for your sins, and if you'll trust him as your Lord and Savior right now, right there where you are sitting, he'll save you, and you'll be assured that no matter what, you'll be in heaven with him when this life ends, which could be tonight."

At that moment in time I realized that the reason I could never find the peace I sought after, was because I was a lost soul, without God and without any eternal security. I knew if I died that night, in that state, I would surely end up in hell.

I didn't get up, bow down, kneel down, "go forward" and repeat a canned prayer, but sitting right there in that seat amidst all those people, I just quietly trusted Christ from my heart.

That was 30 years ago, and I can say without reservation, that in the midst of all kinds of tribulation and trouble, happiness and sadness, poverty and prosperity, the inner peace that I had always sought after through external means but could never get, has been my permanent and enduring possession, and that is because it is God's peace, the peace He gives to them that trust him.

What I never understood throughout all those years in my lost state, was that the void we are all born with, the one we attempt to fill up with external things and experiences, can only be permanently filled by God. Scripture says it is the "peace of God that passes understanding," and only those who have it understand it and experience it.

My question for you reading this tract is: do you possess the peace of God that passes understanding? Have you ever trusted Christ and his payment for your sins? Are you assured, if death fell on you tonight, that you would wake up in heaven?

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