God's Message to You. 7.

It was an inhospitable prison to which Christians, constrained by the love of Christ, were given permission from the authorities to visit and distribute small copies of the New Testament among the prisoners. However, the thinness and the size of the New Testament paper was utilized by many prisoners to tear out, roll tobacco, and make cigarettes. When smoked, the cigarette stubs were scattered around the prison compound and one day, out of idle curiosity, a prisoner picked up a cigarette stub and read on the small piece of paper: *"**For God so loved the world.**"*

"**Whoever could love such a rotten world as this**?*"* he thought, then as days passed, he reasoned: *"*If there is such a God as this, then I want to know Him.*"* At which time, God sent another 'visitor' to the prison who lovingly explained that: *"**All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.**" "**The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**"* Romans 3:23, 6:23. And, *"**that through death He might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is, the devil**"* Hebrews 2:14.

Upon hearing these Scriptures, the prisoner gladly repented and joyously received Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and rejoiced that, *"**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day**"* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) for: *"**Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation**"* 2 Corinthians 6:2.