

CONVICTED

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Unfortunately, there are people
Who don't understand or see
The importance of the sacrifice
Jesus made at Calvary

Christ's crucifixion paid the price
For the sins of all mankind
And reconciled us with Almighty God
Forever and for all time

What this means to us believers
Is God forgave the wrongs we've done
And by His Grace, gave us Salvation
Through the shed blood of Christ, His Son

Once we accept God's gift of salvation;
God's promise we know is true
We must choose to reject sin and its darkness
So the light of God's Grace can shine through

So, until we've been convicted
We will never understand
Our sinful nature's power
That makes us do as it commands

Be advised, it isn't easy
To look into the soul
Since the devil keeps distracting us
As he fights us for control

But our Lord gives us the courage
To look deep within ourselves
So we can see the imperfections
Which deep inside each person dwells

Like, the things we do, we know are wrong
That we often try to justify...
By saying, "but no one else gets hurt..."
Which we all know is a lie

Coming face to face with things we do
Is sometimes not a pretty sight
Despite how we may look to others;
As they don't see us in *Truth's* light

There's no way to escape the truth
And at best we just delay
Confronting what we know needs changed
Which we'll have to do some day

We know when we're convicted
Like we know when we're in *Love*
It's profound and unmistakable
Like a surging, rushing flood

It was not until I was convicted
That I understood my life of sin
And of my need to be repentant
Before my new life could begin

My sin had led me to a desperate place
Full of sorrow and despair
Though in appearance I seemed normal,
As if I didn't have a care

Regardless, my life was out of focus
This I knew to be the truth
Once I took a long look at myself
Deep inside, I saw the proof

The guilt and shame that I'd been holding
Hit me like an avalanche
There was nowhere else for me to turn
I knew I'd need a second chance

When confronted by my selfishness
And slavery to my base desires
I stood convicted in the light of Christ...
Which is something He requires

Jesus made me look at my behavior
And did so without force
He showed me I could have a better life
But first I'd need to change my course

So, I put my trust in Jesus
And with His Love I overcame
He took on all my burdens
So I wouldn't be the same

Through Christ I gained true freedom
To sin, I'm no longer a slave
God's Grace has the power to do this
And to all who will trust Him, He'll SAVE

That's why I'm always smiling
It's from the Joy that fills my heart
God wants us to reach out to Him
And hopes today we'll start

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If you're doing things you know you shouldn't
And you feel you've lost your self-control
Trusting God can help you get it back
And He'll also cleanse your soul

If you know the life you're living
Won't lead you to the Lord
Do you know where you are heading?
And the cost to get there; can you afford?

See, every life has value and purpose
For God's own, Christ paid the price
Won't you *please* let Him redeem you
For YOU, He made that sacrifice