

One day when I was eight years old I was riding my bike to school (it was the 70's and you could do that back then, even without a helmet!).

I was feeling bad that I had lied. So I asked GOD to forgive me and I trusted that He did. At that age my understanding of GOD was that He existed, He loved me, and He sent His only Son Jesus so I could be forgiven of my sins. At least, that's what my Grandma told me and I believed her.

Having this faith will one day get me to heaven when I die. Jesus Christ is my Savior!

That day on my way to school after I had prayed I was done with the guilt. I can't remember what happened after that but that exchange with GOD was so embedded into my heart and mind that I cannot forget it.

Being forgiven was real to me.

Then, and now.

At 8 years old my understanding could be summed up as ...

“GOD is there to forgive me.”

Now, 50 years later I'm wishing I could still have such simple faith as I did back then.

BUT ... as an adult I'm thinking there's more to it than that. This reminded me of what Paul wrote:

*“When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.”*

1 Corinthians 13:11-12 NLT

SO ... What “more” would I add to it today?

“GOD is there to forgive me because He delights in me.”

David wrote Psalm 18 as an old man. He had lots of history with GOD. Many ups and downs. And what does he say?

*“ ... He rescued me because He delights in me.”*

Psalm 18:19 NLT

David's faith foreshadowed GOD's delight in His Son.

*“One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on*

*him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, 'You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.'"*

Luke 3:21-22 NLT

THAT TRUTH sounds too good to be true. But it isn't. Jesus died on the cross to prove it.

