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In Jesus Christ

The classic book, *Oliver Twist* by the renowned author, Charles Dickens tells the story of a boy who grew up in a workhouse living a life of abject poverty and hopelessness. Yet the story resolved with a quiet sigh of relief. After all the troubles Oliver went through, he soon found out that he was born into a heritage of some substance. He lived happily after.

While the book explores themes of the trials and temptations people experienced during the time of the writer and how Oliver's own case evolved round his birth and his right to a well deserved heritage, we may equally agree that all these in many ways have become our own very life story.

### **Life Realities**

You and I can tell the story of trials and temptations we go through in life; questions that we ask, sometimes with deep feelings of distress and hopelessness. Many are the afflictions of life that trouble us and like Oliver, we wonder and wander about in quests for answers: when will troubles cease?

The answer lies in our heritage – who we were, are and should now be. Once upon a time, we were a people created by God in Adam and Eve, in God's own image and commissioned to rule over all that were created by God. Man had everything and lacked nothing. Greater still, he

enjoyed fellowship with the God that created him, until he contravened the law of God through sin. Then he became naked and subject to the harsh realities of life without God and the brutal oppression of the devil whose personal quest is to 'steal, kill and destroy' (Romans 3:23).

### **A Way Out**

But there is good news. Yes we once had a heritage but we now have a greater heritage. Just as in Adam and Eve man sinned and fell short of the glory of God; in Jesus Christ, man is reconciled to God:

*(For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life - John 3:16)*

Through Jesus Christ, the Son of God – the Way, the Truth and the Life, you can be forgiven and reconciled back to God, Your Father.

### **Taking Steps**

Knowing that a life without God's grace exposes you to perils beyond your control and drives you to a world of sin that leads to eternal death, why not take the right step now and follow Apostle Peter's advice in the Bible:

*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19).*



... Again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews:4:7)