



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"Are you a true believer or are you just wearing the uniform?"

I Can't Swim

I can't swim. That is right; I do not know how to swim. I remember my parents sent me to the old pool at the YMCA for lessons. Then one summer, they sent me to the outdoor pool at Pleasureville for lessons, but it was hopeless. I do not have the faith and trust to put my head under water. I don't have the willingness to let my heart believe in my training. To this day, I do not like getting into the ocean, a boat or even a kiddie pool. Where my son lives, there is a big in ground pool which I was never in; but his kids are in all the time. Last year while at their house, my seven year old granddaughter said, "I'll save you Grandpa, if you fall in."

When my father was in the Navy, his best shipmate could not swim. While in the Navy, they tried and tried to teach him. Their method of training included letting the person nearly drown. He completed basic training and performed his duty with the Navy's best ship and crew. But being a part of the Navy and wearing a sailor uniform does not make one a swimmer. Those four years, little did they suspect, he was totally hopeless in the water. Then after being discharged, he was hired to be a travel inspector for AAA and again travelled over water by ship and plane to various countries rating facilities. Being a non-swimmer, I do not know why a person would even think of joining the Navy then get a job knowing that if the ship or plane went down, they would perish.

Just like his Navy buddy, there are those who identify themselves as being Christian or religious. They go to church, walk the walk, talk the talk, and do great works. They know Bible verses and might even have been baptized. They could be a spiritual leader. They may even be fooled themselves. However, if their life would end, they would be without hope and heaven. The Lord will say to them "I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

I confess that I am helpless in the water. I have the head training but never took that leap of faith to trust myself to swim. What about you? Do you have the knowledge but never made that confession of your helplessness and by the act of faith accept what Jesus did on the cross for you? You see, I can avoid water that is above my head but you cannot avoid death from the One Above your head. If you need help or have questions about salvation please let me know. It is much easier and safer than swimming. "Lord, I am sinking in sin and without You I cannot get up."



*"But Lord have we not and in Thy name done many wonderful works?"
... "I never knew you, depart from me,
ye that work iniquity." Matt 7:22,23*

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believer or are you
just going through
the motions and
wearing the
uniform?*



*"For whosoever shall call
upon the name of the
Lord shall be saved."
Rom 10:13*

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