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MAKING IT HOME SAFE IN THE GAME OF LIFE

I love all kinds of sports and athletic competitions. I am not quite as bad as the fellow I heard about who watched so many football games on TV that his wife said to him, "You love football better than you love me." Without taking his eyes away from the TV, he said, "That may be so but I still love you better than I love basketball!"



This being October, the baseball World Series will be taking place. I want to show how to be saved using baseball terminology. There are three things for you to understand if you are going to be saved. When a baseball player hits a ball, even if he hits a homerun, he must touch all three bases if he is going to arrive safe at home plate.

In the 1925 World Series between the Pittsburg Pirates and the Washington Senators, "Goose" Goslin hit a ball off the top of the fence and it bounced back into the outfield. By the time they threw the ball back in, Goslin had rounded the bases and arrived at home plate. But he was called out because he missed touching first base. Keep these three bases in mind because they represent three things that are essential to arrive home safe in heaven!!

I. First Base - Admit that you are a sinner. The Bible says in Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." That means all of us have sinned. I have sinned. You have sinned. What is sin? I John 3:4 says, "Sin is the transgression of the law." When we break the Ten Commandments, that is sin. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

II. Second Base - Acknowledge that Christ died for you! Now we call that a sacrifice. A sacrifice in baseball is when you advance because someone is out. Listen, the greatest sacrifice was not in some World Series game, but the greatest sacrifice was made at Calvary some 2000 years ago!! Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Jesus took all of our sins upon Himself at the cross. Then Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

III. Third Base - Accept Christ as your Lord and Savior! Every thing you get you have to get one of four ways:

1. Buy it
2. Work for it
3. Steal it
4. Someone gives it to you



- * You can't buy heaven, there is not enough money to buy your way into heaven
- * You can't work for it. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done"
- * You can't steal it. Jesus said if you try to get into heaven any other way than through Him, you are a thief and a robber."
- * Therefore, you must accept the gift which God offers you. The Bible says in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

IV. Home Plate - Arrive Home Safely If you have touched all three bases, one day you will arrive safe in heaven.

Listen, it may be later in the game of life than you realize. This may be the last Gospel ball you will have pitched to you. This may be the last time you will stand at the plate. The Bible says in Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."



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THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS!

The month of September has been a fantastic month. I have seen over 300 precious souls trust Christ as Savior and Lord. Your continued prayers and support help make this possible.

As you read this newsletter I will be in a city wide crusade in Carrollton, Mississippi with twenty-five churches in an old fashion tabernacle. This is an opportunity to see this region changed for Christ!! Please keep praying!

Schedule:

Oct 2-6	Carrollton Crusade	Carrollton MS
Oct 9 AM	Trinity Baptist Church	Augusta GA
Oct 9-12	Blue Springs Baptist	Rutledge TN
Oct 16-19	Long Heights Baptist Church	McKenzie TN
Oct 23-25	Temple Baptist Church	Simpsonville SC
Oct 30 AM	Upstate Bible Conference	
	Fairview Baptist Church	Corryton TN

Bible Conference

Sun AM & PM
Mon Night
Tues Night
Wed Night

Long Heights Baptist Church

Dr. Don Whitt
Dr. Fred Luter
Dr. Steve Gaines
Bro. Ken Whittten



*Don't Miss
Home Plate!*