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“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” Romans 8:17

In Amish Homes

On a trip to a wedding in Indiana, I had the opportunity to speak to Glen again whom I mentioned in a letter a couple of years ago. He knows me because his cousin Rachel was married to my brother Jonas. Rachel had brain cancer and passed away several years ago. The first time Glen met me he was very “stand-offish” toward me because I’m one of those “once-saved-always-saved” guys. After speaking with a bishop on this subject, I realize they do not teach that believers are the children of God. Soon after I began talking to Glen he told me of the importance of living a godly life to claim salvation. I shared several scriptures on being children of God and the promises God makes to His children. He began asking questions and soon told me that he never understood those scripture passages I shared. His face lit up as he understood and said it made complete sense to him. A few weeks later, I had the privilege of meeting him again and it was obvious he had a change of attitude toward me by his warm handshake and big smile.

On another trip to a wedding in Kentucky, I visited with several folks at dinner the evening before the wedding. My friend Vernon’s daughter was getting married. A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to share my testimony with Vernon. He became very excited about it and said that he remembers hearing about a big “uproar” in the community we came from. Vernon and his brother John are cousins of a Yoder family Miriam and I grew up with. John is a bishop at their church. At dinner I met their parents and a couple more of their brothers. Levi was one of their brothers who befriended me and soon engaged in a spiritual conversation. He told me he was in an Old Order Amish church district, and he doesn’t agree with all the teaching there. I asked him if there has been a time in his life that he can point to, as receiving a saving knowledge of Christ. Then he told me that for many years he was confused about specifics on the new birth and got desperate to know he was saved. Through much prayer God showed him to believe in Jesus only. He continued telling me of some traditions they practice that he is not fond of. I told him that I only know of one biblical way of having our sins forgiven and that is through the blood of Christ. He agreed and told me that in his group of men there is a strong influence toward following a certain minister, but he does not want to follow him. He said he is following the Bible and not all these different fellowships with their different rules.

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