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"I am crazy about my mom and she was my salvation until Jesus became my Savior!"

Salvation came as a process for me over many years, not in a 'one moment' experience. When I was a little girl, I went to tent revivals with my Grandmother Finch and they preached 'hell-fire and damnation'. I "GOT SAVED" many times over! I was baptized when I was 8 years old, but that was not when I was saved. To tell you the truth, I don't know when, I only KNOW that I am. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Satan had his way with me for about 30 years and that during those 30 years—when I was running from God—I knew that I believed in Him, but I did not want Him to be Lord of my life, just my Savior.

When I was about 28 years old—that was a time when I was totally out of the will of God. It was a very dark time in my life spiritually, I was 'in the world;' it seemed like so much fun! But, there was a moment, as I was walking down a hotel corridor, very alone and very high and somehow, somehow, I asked God 'not to let go, please God, don't let go'. I really did mean it. I recognized how dark and evil the lifestyle of drugs, sex and rock-n-roll all felt. You see, Satan is very clever to use all those things to woo a young girl into thinking that she was having a real life. Thank God that somewhere in my life, at some point, God heard one of my prayers and He answered it too, because here I am. I love Him, and I KNOW that He loves me. I know Him and His faithfulness toward me has made me BELIEVE HIM instead of just "in" Him! I have come a long way, but I still have a long way to go. I know that I do wrong things (sin), but I also know that I am forgiven (past, present and future) solely on my believing that He bore my sin (all the sin of the world) on the Cross, "once for all!" His death paid my sin debt in full and now I have right standing with God, I'm justified! His blood cleanses me from all unrighteousness. I am a child of God and a co-heir with Christ. I have eternal life because I believe He was raised from the dead, the only begotten Son of God, therefore I will be with Him forever. He cannot lie, He keeps His promises and He is coming again! Thank You LORD Jesus for my salvation, for my hope and a FUTURE!