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He was so shocked by the horror of his experience in that church bus that he didn't tell anyone for 50 yrs. except for his wife. He was quite young at the time. But one day he prepared himself and got up and nervously started to tell of his experience that the Lord had given him about what Hell was like, just a taste of it. And here is his story as best as I can remember it.

He and his brother were working on the church bus with something to do with gas. Now you know gas is very dangerous and easily catches fire.

It was in Winter and there was snow on the ground so they had all the doors of the bus shut which you are never supposed to do when you are working around gas, but they didn't realize the doors of the bus were all closed at the time.

Well, all of a sudden the gas ignited and caught fire...like Boom! And Harmon became an Inferno Onfire, and He was simply engulfed in flames! And as his brother threw big rags on him, while he was on the floor of the bus, to try to put out the flames on Harmon and this is how he described it:

"I was totally helpless and in Intense Heat and Pain and Fear engulfed me! And he heard the Holy Spirit say, "DON'T BREATHE!" I am going to show you some of what Hell is like. And Harmon was supernaturally helped not to breath! In his helplessness and pain, the Holy Spirit showed Harmon that in Hell you are completely helpless and the hopeless of it all! And that your all your senses were even more clear then when you are on earth!

He was so lonely for his wife and he wanted to tell her what was happening, and he knew that there was no way to do that.

This all seemed to be such a long time that he was in this, but it turned out to be just a few minutes...Can you imagine being there forever and ever! The horrible pain from the intense heat was unrelenting and he was so completely helpless with no ability to even move. Harmon perceived from this, that it was pitch black here, with no Presence of Jesus, and Intense Heat, Intense Thirst, You were unable to talk with anyone, and there was No Hope of every getting out of there or dying for relief; Where, Jesus said, not even a Worm cannot die!

It would be too late to make a choice for Christ; and there was no room for excuses, For example: Oh, Lord, I didn't realize that I needed to make You my Lord and Savior; or, I was planning to, but I thought that I had Plenty of Time!

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If you saw that a person's house was on fire wouldn't you fervently rush over there to try to save them? Well, when people don't know Jesus, assume that their house is On-Fire, friends! Helping spread God's love and sharing the Good News of Salvation could very well make All the difference in people's lives between them being saved or not saved! When you love on someone, and tell them about Jesus, someone else will come along and add to what you told them, and so forth...Here a little, there a little.

Jesus is calling all of us to take every opportunity to tell people about His deep love for people, and for us to help point the way to Salvation in whatever way we can. And, there are so many ways to do that friends...You could give out tracts, or leave them where they can be found...take people to a Spirit-filled church, help them get a Holy Bible, give them Bible studies, visit the sick and the poor, and the dying, with words of comfort and love, and share how very much Jesus loves them, too! All can freely come to Jesus no matter what they have done! No one has done anything too BAD to receive forgiveness for their sins! Jesus Christ has paid it All! and there is always Room at the Cross for all who come to Him and repent! Jesus said, "He that cometh to Me, I will in No Wise Cast out!" John 6:37

"For the wages of sin is death: but the Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23
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Jesus said, "I am the Door: by Me if any man (or woman) enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9

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Jesus said, "I will give unto him that is Athirst of the Fountain of the Water of Life Freely!" "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Revelation 21:6
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