

ME AND THE LORD

An old time country preacher is quoted as having said, "Me and the Lord done it all. I done all the sinnin' and He done all the savin'." This statement may not reflect much in the way of linguistic polish but it is eloquent in its substance, for it puts things in their proper perspective. Modern religion says man has something to do with his own eternal salvation, while the Bible shows it to be all of grace. Popular religion says man must take the first step, but the Bible says the Lord takes the first step, and that step is to quicken (give divine life) to those who are dead in sin (Eph. 2:1, 4, 5). Without the first step man will never take any steps. When men start walking spiritually it is too late for them to get life--they already have it, otherwise they wouldn't be walking. And if that just makes good common sense, it's because it is the truth.

---Elder Ralph Harris