

## God's Pumpkins

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

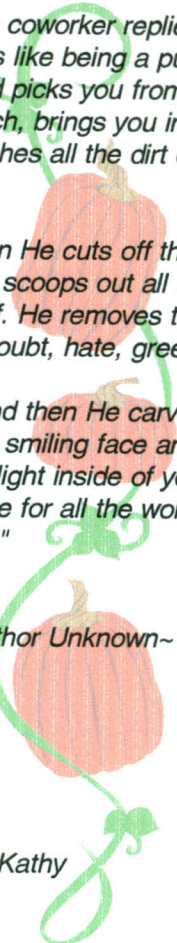
The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.

Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.,

...and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

~Author Unknown~

Ms. Kathy



No earthly joy is acquired without tears.

-- Filipino Proverb

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14, NIV).



From Genesis to Revelation, Gods methods are people--calling one at a time. You, too, can be one that God uses. As the unknown poet wrote:

One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream.  
One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring.  
One smile begins a friendship,  
One handclasp lifts a soul.  
One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame the goal.  
One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room.  
One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom.  
One step must start each journey,  
One word must start each prayer.  
One hope will raise our spirits,  
One touch can show you care.  
One voice can speak with wisdom,  
One heart can know what's true.  
One life can make the difference,  
You see it's up to YOU!

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, thank you that you use individual people through whom to do your work on earth. I am available. Please use me to be one person to make a difference in the world in which I live--for time and eternity. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus name, amen."

## Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
3 he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
[1] I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
6 Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

