



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"You may not get a name change but you will get a life change by accepting Christ."

So Long Joey

When I first got saved in 1970, I listened and listened and listened to the records of Dave Boyer. His music was so spiritually uplifting. Some of his music still comes to my heart. I personally knew Dave's brother, mother, teachers, friends, baby sitter and the person who helped him get into Christian music. I grew up in the same church that his father started. I also ran sound for Dave's concerts a few times.

But Dave was not always a Christian performer. As a teenager, he became the Master of Ceremonies at the "500 Club" in Atlantic City. He changed his name to Joey Stevens and success came quickly. He performed with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Milton Berle. He also appeared with Martin & Lewis on the Today Show.

The life of a young, promising performer saw the dependence for drugs and alcohol ruin a marriage and career. In 1965, Dave decided at that point to end his self-inflicted miserable life. He began his journey to the railroad tracks in the town of Marietta, where he was going to kill himself. Confused and in pain, Dave called his brother who was a pastor at his late father's church. After hours of praying together on that fateful night, God reached down to Dave and touched his soul. Joey Stevens was laid to rest forever, and Dave Boyer was reborn through the Lord.

Since 1966, Dave Boyer has been bringing the word of God in music to hundreds of thousands of people in all corners of the country and to several Presidents in person. A book and DVD was made about Dave Boyer's conversion. Here is a [clip from the video](#). Here is his [website](#).

I, Charles Stambaugh, also grew up in a Christian home. I was taken to good churches since the day I was born. I was not a rebellious boy. I never really got in trouble. But I was still a sinner and was on my way to hell. While alone in my room, during the ninth grade, I read that "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom 3:23 It was then I called on the name of the Lord and I was born again.

Weather, you had a sinful life like David or not so like mine, you still need to become a new creation. It is a free gift. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom 10:13

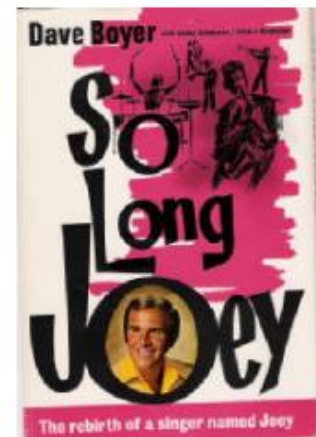



*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
2 Cor. 5:17*

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*"Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same*

*He touched me, Oh He touched me,
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole."*



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