

I did go to this church on a Sunday morning. I found that people there had been praying for me. While I was at the service, I observed what people were doing and thought it strange that these same people who had prayed for me also clearly enjoyed singing hymns of worship to God. I met with my priest and asked many questions. I was disappointed that he did not open the Bible for answers. My search for God continued.

MY SEARCH FOR GOD CONTINUES

Some ladies from Mukwonago Baptist came to my house asking if I was born again. I gave the answer I got from my priest and said, "I am born again every day." They said that was not what the Bible says.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

That verse from Psalms really made me think. I needed to find the truth to my questions from the Bible. Over the years I continued to go to my Catholic church, but I did go to Bible studies and Vacation Bible School at the Baptist church. While I was waiting for my husband to make a decision about which church to attend, I found myself still searching for the truth.

TRUTH SETS ME FREE

When my third child was born, we followed our traditions and had her sprinkled at the Catholic church. At the ceremony, the priest talked about a limbo place called purgatory where people went before going to heaven. Since I was studying the Bible, I knew there was no such place mentioned in God's Word and decided to attend Mukwonago Baptist the following Sunday, where I knew they were teaching from the Bible. I went by myself at first and then started taking my children. As I listened to the Scriptures, I became convinced that I was a wicked sinner who deserved hell. After several weeks of attending Mukwonago Baptist and reading my Bible, I looked to Jesus Christ to become *my Savior* on Sunday, October 6, 1996. Since that day I

have had eternal life. In the words of I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

LOOKING BACK

For five years the Lord graciously worked in my heart before I finally received His free gift of eternal life. I see now how very selfish and stubborn I was, trusting in human beings instead of God. How foolish it was not to immediately respond to the truth that God was showing me! My soul and my children's souls could have perished at any moment and we would have been unprepared for eternity. I urge you: when you know the truth, don't wait for someone else, for it could eternally cost you your soul.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Mark 8:36

MOVING FORWARD

Wanting to identify with Christ, I was baptized by immersion on Sunday, October 26, 1997, at the Mukwonago River. Reading and obeying the Bible became my desire, and I found that sharing the glorious gospel with others was a blessing! Jesus Christ can change your life like He did mine.

TRIALS

In October of 2007, while expecting my eighth child, I received startling news: I had breast cancer. My struggle with this cancer was an arduous one, but when things looked the bleakest, God showed Himself real. Our son was born in November, and we named him Josiah, meaning "God heals" in anticipation of what God could do for me. My church family united with us in prayer, and although I had wrestled with stage four cancer, the doctors eventually found me cancer-free.

[During this time, Jane's passion became seeing others reached for Jesus Christ. How thrilled she was when two of her children, for whom she had prayed, came to know the Lord personally as their Savior! She became a vibrant example of unashamedly telling others of her precious Lord.]

In June of 2010 I began experiencing excruciating headaches and discovered in August the presence of one large and numerous other cancerous tumors in my brain. As I gazed into the faces of my loved ones before my surgery in August, I did not know if these were my last moments on earth; but I confidently rested my case with the One Who has known all perfectly from the beginning.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

After several months of chemotherapy, the cancer in my brain was gone. But about one month later, the cancer came back with a vengeance and numerous tumors were present again. Toward the end of March 2011, I was given 2 - 4 months to live.

[At this time, Romans 14:8 became especially precious to Jane and gave her a vision to see beyond whatever plans she might have for her life. This text reads:

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
Romans 14:8

Jane knew she was God's, and He would do as He saw fit in her life. In fact, she wrote in August 2011:

"I don't know what plans God has for my life, but I am going to trust Him and take one day at a time. He made me and has a plan for my life. I can trust Him implicitly, for I have life with Christ that will

only continue, regardless of where my body happens to be.” On April 24, 2012, Jane went to be with her Savior whom she loved. Her life and death will continue to impact many. As the Apostle Paul, Jane could say|—

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
Philippians 1:21

THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Are you confident that, should you die today, you would also have eternal life? You can know for yourself, for I John 5:13 promises that you “may know that ye have eternal life.” While many today are trusting their own deeds to earn for them a place in heaven, the Bible is clear—none of us is good enough to meet God’s standard. Matthew 5:48 demands, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.” Regardless of how “good” you may appear, you cannot measure up to God’s yardstick: perfection. In fact, Isaiah 64:6 says, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Regardless of how righteous you may consider yourself, see instead God’s standard.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

THE PENALTY OF SIN

Not only do we miserably fail when compared to God’s righteousness, we also deserve the penalty He has prepared for sin, as stated in Romans 6:23a, “For the wages of sin is death.” Revelation 21:8 clarifies the extent of this death when it describes, “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” While you and I deserve this penalty, God, in love, sent Jesus to offer us eternal life.

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

Because Jesus Christ is perfectly human and divine, only He—the perfect, sinless Sacrifice—could break the curse of death put on humans by Adam’s sin. Christ alone satisfies God’s standard of perfection, for He was made “to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). When Christ hung upon the cross, God the Father laid all the sins of mankind upon Him, and Jesus took the penalty of death that we deserve. “It is finished” was Christ’s final cry, and at that moment, the entire penalty for sins was paid for by His death. Three days later, Jesus rose from the grave proving that He does have victory over sin, death, and hell!

THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Just as I did, you too can come to this Christ, Who died for you, rose again, and lives today at the right hand of God. Acts 17:30 explains that God is commanding “all men everywhere to *repent*”—which means to change their mind about their sin. You must understand that you are a sinner who deserves hell and could never do anything to merit for yourself eternal life. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: *Not of works*, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). You must put your complete dependence upon Jesus Christ to save you from sin and hell. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31). Why not turn from your sin to this living Savior and embrace His gift of eternal life today?

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:22

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Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Morning Service
Sunday 6:30 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service



I was raised in a Catholic home and went to church every Sunday. By the age of 25, I had attained what I wanted since I was a little girl—marriage, a house, and a child (in that order). Even though I had all these things, I was not happy. My second child was born but had health problems. His first year of life consisted of many doctor visits and many filled prescriptions. How could this be? I cried out to God to heal my son and said I would search Him out if He answered my prayer. After God put help in my path, my son was healed. Now my search for God had begun.

MY SEARCH FOR GOD

I remembered my promise to God and decided to find answers. My priest was unavailable, so I called a church up the road (Mukwonago Baptist Church). The pastor gave me verses from the Bible to answer my questions. He asked my name and invited me to church.