

## A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

### *“Ye Must Be Born Again”*

Within a few months of my birth, I was **baptized** in a Presbyterian church.

As a child, I regularly **attended Sunday school**.

During my teens, I was **confirmed and received communion** in a Lutheran church.

Preparing for confirmation, I memorized, recited, and **believed the Apostles’ Creed**:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Everyone who knew me would agree that **I was a “nice” girl**.

**But**, according to the Bible, ...

### **I WAS NOT SAVED!**

Had I died before 1974, I would be in hell right now—suffering *constant* torment. **Fortunately**, by reading a book that I bought in

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a Christian bookstore, **I learned what to do**, so, on June 3, 1974:

*I knelt down, bowed my head,  
and silently prayed  
(something like this):*

**“Jesus,  
come into my heart and save me  
so I can go to heaven when I die.”**

Immediately, I knew that God had answered my prayer. Peace flooded my soul, and **I was sure that I was saved**—that my name had been written in the “Lamb’s book of life.”

If you truly desire eternal life, you, too, must ask Jesus to save you. No one can ask *for* you. You must do it yourself.

As you know, death has many faces. It can come slowly, with much suffering, as during starvation or following a long, painful illness (Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, etc.)—or it can come suddenly, with little or no warning. Examples include accidents (plane crashes, car crashes, etc.), medical emergencies (heart attacks, gunshot wounds, etc.), natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc.), and intentional destruction (arson, terrorism, war, etc.). One need only watch the news to see the various ways in which lives can end.

You have the opportunity right now to be saved, and you may never get a second chance. Please don’t put it off!

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Note: My gospel tracts contain Bible verses to help you understand how and why we must be saved. If you haven’t done so already, I urge you to read one or more of them ([www.mansioninheaven.com](http://www.mansioninheaven.com)). I hope they’ll be a blessing to you.