



TESTIMONY OF A UNION PIPEFITTER

I was raised in a strict Catholic family. We were made to attend church every Sunday. I didn't know the true meaning of religion or understand this religion. Since I was ignorant of religion, it meant nothing to me.

All through high school I told my parents that when I leave their house there would be no more church for me. This held true except for special occasions.

For the next 32 years I did pretty well what I pleased with no regard to church or even much thought about God. I wasn't a terrible person even though I committed some sins that I was truly sorry for. I never concerned myself with going to heaven or hell. I thought life was good the way it was, and I was probably good enough to get to heaven when the time came.

At the age of 49 I started looking at my surroundings and what was happening in this world. I didn't like what I was seeing and feeling. Everywhere you looked people were doing evil things. It has become a dog eat dog world. Corruption was great and morals were lost. What was this world coming to?

So my wife and I decided to better ourselves by going to church. We attended a couple of different ones and decided that Pollard Baptist was the one that fit us to a t. We started attending regularly on Sunday which grew into Sunday School and then Wednesday services, too.

Then I started to see God's world and realized what He wanted of me. In His eyes we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God and because we are all sinners we are destined to die.

Finding there is a better world and life ahead (and how easy it is to reach) made me want a different road in my life. But what a giant step I needed to take. Would I live up to this new way of life? The more I attended church the more I learned and the easier it became. That's when I realized all I have to do is put my life in God's hands (have faith) and let His

will be my way. Be willing to trust and obey and walk in the path Jesus provides.

On February 26th, 2000 I placed my heart and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, to show and lead me to His home in heaven. And He has for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

I now realize what Jesus has done for me and what He is going to do for me in the future.

Without Him I have nothing, for He made everything and all belongs to Him. So repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out. I BECAME A CHILD OF GOD!

Now I look through a Christian window at life and accept all that comes along. I know the Lord sends all I need when I need it.

I don't have to prepare myself for judgment day. I AM READY.

I thank God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit for giving me a new and better life. I'm more at ease, more acceptable, and much happier since He came into my life.

I opened my heart to the Lord who opened His heart to me by sacrificing His only Son, so my sins could be forgiven and allowing me everlasting life with Him in heaven.

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