MY STORY OF HOW I FOUND JESUS AND WHAT HE'S DONE AND IS DOING FOR ME

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I agonized constantly trying to find the answer with many tears for three long years. I tried other churches and found the same thing, nothing. Then when my children left home I prayed for each of my children that God would really lead them to find their way to Him, and little did I know that my own children would lead the Way! My three children started going to a church called Pentecostal Assemby and starting faithfully going to ALL the church services. They came home saying "You must be born again and be baptized in Jesus Name." Despite myself, this got me wondering what all this meant.

Then my daughter, Debbie came home one day after church and said, "Mom, I was baptized in Jesus name and I spoke in tongues! " My sons, Sam and Joe were baptized too. I had the strangest feeling come over me. Then it wasn't long before I just had to go to church too and find out what it all was about.

I heard for myself about being born again and and being baptized by immersion in Jesus name and they showed me in the Bible it was true. I listened and did a lot of pondering and searching my heart.

I had a lot of tradition that I was taught to fight thru about what my childhood church taught was the truth. None of it was backed up by the Bible, so I was moved to believe the truth in the Bible, by God, I know now. I responded and obediently was baptized in that wonderful name of Jesus. Then I started praying to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. I was a little anxious at first, but then relaxed as I started to pray for this wonderful Gift.

The Holy Spirit was very gentle and didn't force Himself on me but just waited until I was ready.

This took me 3 months of praying fervently at times, until I was filled with the Holy Spirit one wonderful day, and He filled me with such Joy and Gladness! I felt like a whole new person...I hugged everyone around me for the intense joy. I really studied the Word of God after that, and came to church every service for the wonderful Bible teaching and worship.

I went there nine years and started going to another good Pentecostal church...but somewhere along the way I got discouraged and stopped reading my Bible for instruction and guidance and comfort and sticking with it no matter what and got depressed and lost my joy. I gave up and fell away for two years. I would just sit there and do nothing but stare at the t.v. with no interest in anything.

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Then I got Parkinsonism with symptoms like Parkinson Disease. I lost most of my bodily functions. I couldn't hardly walk, was in a wheelchair, couldn't dress myself or feed myself, take my own shower, write or even dial a phone and my mind was gone. I was confused and imagined things and could hardly talk. God wasn't in all my thoughts except towards the end of my sickness, I was grieved because I wasn't doing anything for the Lord. It took me a year, but God healed me from Parkinsonism! I still didn't come back to God. I read one romance novel after another to fill my days.

Then one day I picked up the Bible and started to read and have not stopped reading it since! I got rid of all my novels and came back to God with everything I had in me!

He fills me with joy unspeakable as I serve Him with praise, thanksgiving, and obedience, trusting Him thru all my trials and being determined not to ever give up!

I thought I had found Him before but now I have REALLY found Him! I just can't get over it! I keep ooing and aweing about it! He's REAL! I know, I know He's REAL!

He's always doing something for me and in me!

He answers ALL my prayers and gives me almost everything I ask for, He heals ALL my diseases, mends my broken heart, and most of all forgives my sin and I am saved!

He loves me faithfully! I just need worship Him and I feel His awesome Presence, filling me with joy unspeakable!

I can't wait to get up in the morning to see what He is going to do in my life today!

SINNER'S PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, Have mercy on me, a Sinner. I believe in You and that your Word is true. I believe that Jesus is the Son of the Living God and He died on the Cross so that I may now have forgiveness for my sins and eternal life. I know that without You in my heart my life is meaningless.

I believe in my heart that you, Lord God, raised Jesus from the dead. Please Jesus forgive me for every sin I have ever committed or done in my heart. Please Lord Jesus forgive me and come into my heart as my personal Lord and Savior today. I need you to be my Father and Friend.

I give you my life. Please help me to live for you now and I ask you to take full control from this moment: I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

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