

My Testimony

As a child, I and my 2 sisters and four brothers were sent to Agherton Church of Ireland Sunday School in the morning, followed by church. In the afternoon we went to Heathmount Gospel Hall. As a teenager I stopped going to Heathmount but still went to Agherton Church. After my first marriage we attended Portstewart Presbyterian Church and when our children were born I took them with me. Due to my husband's work, I was unable to attend both morning and evening services. One Sunday I left for church but found myself outside Heathmount Gospel Hall. How I ended up there I do not know, but I soon realised that the Lord had led me there. With the sound teaching you would think I would have had no hesitation in accepting the Lord as my Saviour, but no, I thought, I have plenty of time.

2nd Corinthians chapter 6 v 2 states: "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation".

One night I wakened and thought my husband had spoken to me but he was asleep. This happened a second time and I remembered the story of Samuel. He thought Eli had called him (1st Samuel Chapter 3). I knew then that it was the Lord speaking to me. There and then I knelt and asked the Lord to come into my heart and be my Saviour.

This was on 22nd May 1977. What a lovely feeling to know that you are a child of God and someday I will meet Him in my eternal home.

On the 28th June 1978 I was baptized in Heathmount Gospel Hall, by Mr Dan Laverty from Ballylintagh Gospel Hall. The first thing I did, after telling my family, was to tell my work colleagues. I was a bit nervous but the Lord was with me and most people were happy for me. As a Christian you are not immune to troubles, and believe me I have had them. However, I think of the hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus." Why do we hesitate in taking our troubles to the Lord? I do so now, and have learned to know He will deal with them.

Tears...yes I have shed many, but as Revelation Chapter 7 Verse 17 says, "And God shall wipe away all tears."

I have a framed card which states: "Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today, that You and I together can't handle." What more assurance do we need?

Another little gem I have: "Lord in the hush of early dawn, when all the world lies sleeping, I place my life and all I love into Thy gracious keeping."
At the present time I seem to always be rushing around and I have this little card:

"O Lord Thou knowest how busy I must be this day, If I forget Thee, do not forget me."

The Lord does not bring us into the valley to make us bitter, but to make us better. He will bring you through, and you will come out on the other side, tried, but purified. You will not worry, because He is the Lord of all wisdom who directs your life.

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