

Rapture Resources

*I have told you ahead, so when it comes to pass you may believe.
John 14:29*

Claire's Testimony of Wondering about to Knowing God

I was born into a loving Catholic family. Everyone I knew as a small child was Catholic. I went to a parochial school until I was in 9th grade, with the exception of a year, 8th grade, at a public school. As a Catholic, I was taught respect for God, and a certain fear of God who would consider your soul as doomed if you broke the rules of the church.

Somehow I had a devotion to Jesus as a small child. I really didn't associate God the Father as being the same character as Jesus Christ, and I didn't understand anything about the Holy Spirit. By the time I went to college (at a Catholic University) I was really questioning the teaching of the church, and then flat out discarded them. The other part of the equation was that I wanted to follow the "lusts of the flesh," which I embraced wholeheartedly.

Married at age 19, I quit college and joined Steve in Germany where he was stationed with the US Army. We smoked hash with abandon, took LSD occasionally, drank lots of beer, and skied whenever we could. After Steve was discharged from the Army, we travelled to Austria and spent the winter skiing, then off to Ibiza, Spain, for a few months. We travelled on a sailboat to Senegal, and then to the Canary Islands. It was there we ran out of money and returned to the USA.

I gave up drugs when I was accepted into nursing school, not because of any feeling it was wrong, but because it was a felony in my state, and I wouldn't be able to be a nurse if caught. We began our family. Our wanderlust was not over, and we moved to Hawaii. It was there that the Lord began to pull on our hearts.

We really did want to succeed in life, but didn't know how we were going to do it. We became Amway distributors, and our association with other distributors and our sponsors taught us that there are priorities of life that make you successful. They all said, God must be first, then your spouse, then your children, etc.

I knew I wasn't right with God. At a big evangelistic meeting, I heard the Gospel, the Good News of salvation. I learned that I could be right with God, and know Him for myself. When the minister gave an invitation to receive Jesus as Lord, to receive forgiveness for my sins, which were many, I almost ran down to the platform! I did the simplest thing: I said a prayer and asked God to forgive me, and I dedicated my life to Him through Jesus as Lord. The Bible says that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

I KNEW that I had been born again. I began to see things differently. Shortly after being born again we heard Hal Lindsey speaking about end time prophecy, and we began to read the newspaper in light of prophetic events.

That was 25 years ago, and my testimony today is that GOD IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE. He has kept our family safe and loving. He has brought me along in knowing Him through His Word, the Bible, and through His Holy Spirit guidance in my life.

It has truly been an adventure of faith, and he is not done with me yet. I have learned more and more about the love of God, and there is no end to that love. Now I don't know how anyone can live being separated from God, and alienated from the One who created them and loves them enough to forgive them through Jesus Christ.

Give your life to Jesus today-you'll never regret it.