



Anna Dellis Testimony

Hi Everyone,

My name is Anna Dellis. All my life I thought I was a good Christian person who hadn't done any big evil sins, but I was living a big lie. My life was in a lot of chaos and I didn't understand why! So I decided to read God's Word the Bible to find out how God's plans fit into my life. I started to read the 10 Commandments and realized that it didn't matter which sin you do, to God sin is all the same.

I was brought up in the Catholic Church with migrant parents who were born in Italy, who really didn't understand the Bible because they were never taught it and grew up in WWII. They both finished school at 13 years of age.

As I got older, I realized that nobody really answered my questions about 'Jesus'. I also started to realize the Catholic church worshipped too many saints and seemed to worship Mary more than Jesus. I also woke up to the fact that they were doing the opposite to God's Word. It would worry me because I felt torn between my culture and the Bible. So one day I decided to pick up my original KJV Bible from when I was an 8 year old child, and felt that this was the best one to read. When I married my husband, who was a Greek Orthodox, things got even more confusing. The 2 priests from each of our churches told us we were being married in the same religion. I started to think that can't be true, because both religions had different sets of rules. The Greek priests could marry but the Catholic couldn't. That set my blinks on! So I decided I needed to "seek and ye shall find" like I read in Luke Ch 11:9, which led me to believe both these religions follow man's rules, not God's.

One year after I got married, I was having problems conceiving. Then when I did, something was wrong with the pregnancy and had to have an early ultrasound to find out what was wrong. The doctors told me my daughter had problems and that I should terminate the pregnancy. I felt so afraid and alone. I told them I wanted to keep her because I knew God would not approve of me terminating a human being. In God's commandments he tells us "Thou shalt not kill". At 6th months of

pregnancy I then developed pre-eclampsia – a condition of high blood pressure and poison in the blood. The doctors told my family I needed a Caesar done right away or both my daughter and I would die. In the same month, my sister also had a still born baby boy who died in her womb at 8 months. But thanks to the Lord Jesus He gave my daughter and I another chance at life.

My daughter Samantha is 18 years old. I still struggle to look after her. She has Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Some of you have met her because I bring her here on Sundays. I would appreciate everyone's prayers for her. She is truly a lovely young lady who thank God can walk and talk (sometimes too much) but I thank the Lord I have her.

If I would have died at that time, I would have gone straight to hell because I wasn't a born again Christian. At the time I felt my marriage was under a great attack and didn't understand why. Statistics show that marriages with disabled children are under a great strain and that 80% of people get divorced. I constantly felt no inner peace in my heart, just constant worry and knew I needed a Saviour in my life – The Lord Jesus Christ!

One night in June 2008 while I was in my bedroom thinking about all the things that have happened in my life, I decided to give my life to Christ. I got on my knees and said to Jesus, "That's it. I've done everything my way. Now it's time to change and do things your way. I have had enough of life without God." So that's when I became a born again.

I started to watch the Christian channel on TV. David Jeremiah, from a Baptist Church on TV explained what it meant to be "born again". It was the first time I really had heard and understood what it meant. He also explained that you needed to find a good Bible believing church. So that's when I started searching. My husband knew Chris Dhiacou from Condell Park Bible Church so I started visiting there at

first. Through him I met 'Lucky' who is Angelo from this church. He invited us to come and visit your church.

I was impressed how friendly everyone was and how the service is run, with God's Word in everyone's hand and the great teachings Pastor Bill and the church does.

I stand here today to be a testimony of God's goodness in my life and would like to follow the Lord and be baptized and serve in this church.

Thank you all for listening