

## Judy O'Farrell. Testimony of Salvation



I had the privilege of being born into a family where both parents were Christians and grew up attending church and Sunday School. When I was four years old, I attended a vacation Bible school and remember hearing about hell and realising that if I died, I would go to hell.

Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death . . ."* I knew that I was a sinner and destined for hell. Romans 3:23 *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*

I went home and talked to my mum and she showed me from the Bible God's plan of salvation. I already knew I was a sinner, but she shared with me how Christ came and lived a perfect life without any sin, but that He went to a cross and died in my place paying the punishment for my sin. He was buried, and on third day He rose again miraculously from the dead and is seated now in Heaven.

Romans 5:8 – 11 *"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."*

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever*

*believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

I Corinthians 15:1 – 4 *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"*

I prayed and asked for God's forgiveness for my sins, trusting in Christ's work on the cross and His shed blood which paid the price for my sin. Now not only do I no longer have to fear an eternity in hell when I die, I instead can look forward to being with God in heaven knowing that my sins have been paid for and forgiven!

I John 5:11 – 13 *"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."*

### Desire to serve God

Since the moment I was saved I have always had a desire to please and honour God. The very first thing I wanted to do was to be baptised, and six years later I followed the Lord in believer's baptism.

I have had the great privilege of a godly Christian home, school and church surrounded by Biblical teaching and positive influences on my life. As a teenager I began to consider my life more seriously and

committed my life to God desiring to serve Him.

Many opportunities have since arisen, firstly being able to help in Sunday School as a teenager, and also being involved in music ministries. I have been blessed to be a part of the Awana ministry of our church for the past eight years, as well as being involved in soul winning ministry, nursing home ministry and, more recently, the prison ministry through Faith Baptist Arabic.

God has abundantly provided for me throughout the years and His hand was evident in the provision of the job I have had for the past three years. I have enjoyed my work and made many friends with my colleagues, but believe that God would now have me enter Bible college. I am excited about the prospect of being surrounded by godly Christians and learning about God and His Word. I do not know what God has planned for me in the future, but I desire to serve and honour God with the life He has given me, and I know that God will guide and direct me as I seek to follow Him.